

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

CHAPTER 130

An Act to amend and reenact § 10.1-1700 of the Code of Virginia, relating to soil and water conservation districts.

[H 1668]

Approved March 6, 1997

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 10.1-1700 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 10.1-1700. Definitions.

As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Open-space land" means any land in an urban area which is provided or preserved for (i) park or recreational purposes, (ii) conservation of land or other natural resources, (iii) historic or scenic purposes, (iv) assisting in the shaping of the character, direction, and timing of community development, or (v) wetlands as defined in § 62.1-13.2.

"Public body" means any state agency having authority to acquire land for a public use, or any county or municipality, any park authority, any public recreational facilities authority, any soil and water conservation district, or the Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority.

"Urban area" means any area which is urban or urbanizing in character, including semiurban areas and surrounding areas which form an economic and socially related region, taking into consideration such factors as present and future population trends and patterns of urban growth, location of transportation facilities and systems, and distribution of industrial, commercial, residential, governmental, institutional, resort, and other activities.