

(7) To receive a grant, the subdivision must participate in the national flood insurance program.

(8) Before making a grant, the Department, in cooperation with the Office of Planning, shall review the flood control and watershed management operations of the applicant subdivision to assure that the flood control and watershed management operations are in compliance with this subtitle.

(9) The Department, in consultation with the Office of Planning, shall adopt regulations necessary for the administration of the grant program. These regulations may include:

- priorities;
- (i) A determination of statewide and interjurisdictional needs and priorities;
 - (ii) Standards of eligibility for applicants and projects;
 - (iii) Criteria for recognition of tidal and nontidal areas;
 - (iv) Engineering and economic standards and alternatives; and
 - (v) Procedures for filing and processing contents of applications.

(10) Each project application shall be submitted to and reviewed by the State clearinghouse of the Office of Planning in accordance with established clearinghouse procedures.

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(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) (1) "Agricultural activity" means aquaculture and farming activities.

(2) "Agricultural activity" includes:

(i) Plowing, tillage, cropping, seeding, cultivating, and harvesting for the production of food and fiber products; and

(ii) The grazing of livestock.

(c) "Best management practices" means conservation practices or systems of practices and management measures that:

(1) Control soil loss and reduce water quality degradation caused by nutrients, animal waste, toxics, and sediment; and

(2) Minimize adverse impacts to the surface water and groundwater flow and circulation patterns, and to the chemical, physical, and biological characteristics of a nontidal wetland.

(d) "Department" means the Department of [Natural Resources] THE ENVIRONMENT.