

- (1) [to] TO assist in the guidance of development to minimize the impacts of flooding;
- (2) [to] TO provide State guidelines and technical assistance to local governments in management of flood hazard areas;
- (3) [to] TO provide for comprehensive watershed management;
- (4) [to] TO facilitate implementation of projects for flood control;
- (5) [to] TO encourage and provide for local governmental units to manage flood-prone lands in a comprehensive manner;
- (6) [to] TO provide for the biological and environmental quality of the watersheds of the State; and
- (7) [to] TO establish a grant program to assist local jurisdictions with implementation of those capital projects included within the comprehensive flood management plans which are adopted and approved in accordance with [the] THIS subtitle.

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(a) By January 1, 1982[,], the Department, after consultation with and consideration of recommendations submitted by subdivisions and the Department of Agriculture and the Office of Planning, shall designate a priority list of watersheds for the purpose of flood control planning and management and establish a schedule for completion of studies of these watersheds.

(b) (1) The Department, in cooperation with the subdivisions and the Department of Agriculture and the Office of Planning, shall conduct studies of the watersheds designated pursuant to subsection (a) OF THIS SECTION which shall define at least:

[(1)] (I) [the] THE existing magnitude and frequency of flood events[,];

[(2)] (II) [the] THE magnitude and frequency of flood events based on planned development[,]; and

[(3)] (III) [alternative] ALTERNATIVE management techniques according to their effectiveness in controlling floods and minimizing flood damage.

(2) The studies shall address at least the 100-year flood event.

(3) By mutual agreement, the Department may delegate the responsibility for carrying out all or part of the studies of priority watersheds to the appropriate subdivisions.

(c) As a part of the study undertaken under subsection (b) OF THIS SECTION, the Department shall delineate the flood hazard areas on maps showing areas of tidal and nontidal inundation.

(d) (1) By July 1, 1990[,], each subdivision, in cooperation with the