

Departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture [and], the Office of Planning, and other appropriate State [agencies] AGENCIES, shall prepare a flood management plan based upon an evaluation of the alternative management techniques and other findings included in studies conducted under subsection (b) of this section. Each flood management plan shall be consistent with the purposes and provisions of this subtitle.

(f) The Department and the subdivisions shall coordinate activities under this section with all related [programs] PROGRAMS, including the national flood insurance program, the sediment control program, and the State water pollution control and abatement programs.

(g) (1) Each subdivision shall implement the flood management plan for its watershed. If a subdivision so elects, the Department, in consultation with the subdivision, shall prepare the [rules and] regulations to implement the flood management plan. The subdivision shall adopt these [rules and] regulations. If a municipality elects[,] and the county agrees, the county, in consultation with the municipality, shall prepare the [rules and] regulations. If the county does not agree, the Department, in consultation with the municipality, shall prepare, if requested, the [rules and] regulations. The municipality shall adopt the [rules and] regulations prepared for [it] THE MUNICIPALITY. Implementation of the flood management plans shall begin within [one] 1 year after they are completed.

(2) (i) Baltimore City and Baltimore County shall include in the flood management plan for the Jones Falls watershed and adopt [rules and] regulations prohibiting any person from erecting any new residential structure or any substantial residential structural changes which would constitute any amount of encroachment into the 100-year floodplain of the nontidal Jones Falls, and requiring all new nonresidential structures or improvements, except flood control projects, to be elevated above the 100-year flood elevation. However, these restrictions may be construed not to apply to any public works project of Baltimore City, Baltimore County, or the State[;].

(ii) In issuing any manner of permit or approval to any person to modify or renovate any existing structure or to modify the use of any open land area in the 100-year floodplain of the nontidal Jones Falls, Baltimore City[,] or Baltimore County[,] shall impose conditions to require that risk of injury to persons or property shall be minimized to the greatest extent practicable.

(h) (1) There is a comprehensive flood management grant program within the Department [of Natural Resources].

[(1)] (2) Subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, the Department may use proceeds from the State debt created to fund the comprehensive flood management grant program to pay the entire cost of watershed studies pursuant to subsection (b) OF THIS SECTION. The Department may provide grants to subdivisions to pay the entire cost of watershed studies when the Department delegates that responsibility pursuant to subsection (b) OF THIS SECTION.

[(2)] (3) Subject to the approval of the Board of Public [Works] WORKS, the Department may provide grants to subdivisions for flood control and watershed management capital projects, and for the capital costs related to design, purchase, and