

- (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.

[(9)] (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.

8-9A-04.

(b) The Department shall evaluate the effects of changes in the character of the watersheds. In order to assist the Department, the subdivisions shall provide the Department with information on local development, changes in land use, and other physical changes. The Department is the depository for all flood-related data and activities with regard to the provisions of § 8-9A-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(d) The Department shall report every [two] 2 years to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on January 1 concerning the progress of the implementation of this subtitle. The report may contain recommendations for:

- (1) [improvements] IMPROVEMENTS to [the] THIS subtitle[.];
- (2) [actions] ACTIONS needed to improve implementation of the subtitle[.]; and
- (3) [amendments] AMENDMENTS to the flood hazard area maps.

8-9A-05.

(a) Each subdivision shall take measures to enforce the provisions of this subtitle within its jurisdiction, including the enactment of a local law prescribing a civil penalty in the form of a fine not exceeding \$500 for each day of violation of any local law [it] THE SUBDIVISION enacts to implement this subtitle. The local law shall provide that each day upon which a violation occurs or continues constitutes a separate offense. The local law shall provide that the total civil penalty may not exceed \$10,000.

(b) If a subdivision fails to enforce any provision of this subtitle, including any ordinance or local law the subdivision enacts pursuant to [it] THIS SUBTITLE, or if the subdivision does not possess the authority to correct a violation of this subtitle, the Department may request the Attorney General to take appropriate legal action to correct the violation.

8-9A-06.

By mutual agreement, the Department may delegate all or part of [its] THE DEPARTMENT'S responsibilities under this subtitle to a subdivision if the Department determines that the subdivision has the technical and financial resources to fulfill the responsibilities to be delegated.