

8-1004.

The operating budget of the Department [shall] MAY contain [a general fund] AN appropriation FROM THE FUND sufficient to provide technical and administrative services required to implement §§ 8-1002 and 8-1003 of this subtitle, including but not limited to, review and evaluation of requests for assistance in shore erosion control; supervision over construction of approved projects; and inspection of completed projects to insure adequate maintenance. Costs of the services enumerated in this section [are not] MAY SHALL BE REIMBURSED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY THE PROPERTY OWNER AND MAY NOT BE considered part of the construction cost of the project[, and shall be borne solely by the State].

8-1005.

(a) There is a "Shore Erosion Control Construction Loan Fund." The Department shall administer the Fund [solely] to provide interest-free loans to persons, municipalities, or counties for design and construction of shore erosion structures; ~~AND MAY UTILIZE THE FUND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS UNDER § 8-1004 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~ The Fund shall be maintained by:

(1) Repayments of principal on loans made from the Fund, with the repayments made through a benefit charge the State levies on privately owned property benefited by shore erosion control projects. The benefit charge shall compensate the State for net project construction cost. The benefit charge shall be levied at a uniform rate over a period not exceeding 25 years;

(2) REPAYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS UNDER § 8-1004 OF THIS SUBTITLE; and

~~(2)~~ (3) Annual appropriation of general funds to restore the Fund to a level sufficient to carry out an effective shore erosion control construction loan program during the succeeding year.

A property owner whose project is approved is eligible to receive an interest-free loan covering 100 percent of the first \$60,000 of project construction cost, 50 percent of the next \$20,000 of project construction cost, 25 percent of the next \$20,000 of project construction cost, and 10 percent of the part of construction cost exceeding \$100,000. However, where two or more property owners are included within a shore erosion control project, the land of each property owner is considered a separate shore erosion project for the purpose of computing net project construction cost under this formula.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved April 10, 1990.