

and of other State agencies. The program shall serve as a guide to the Department in the performance of its duties as hereinafter provided.

7. The Department is authorized and empowered to make or cause to be made, such surveys, maps, investigations and studies of the water resources of the State as it may deem necessary to provide it with sufficient information to formulate a program, and to perform its duties. The Department is further authorized to contract for research or scientific investigation with the Natural Resources Institute of the University of Maryland, the Chesapeake Bay Institute of the Johns Hopkins University or other appropriate research organization.

8. The Department is authorized to conduct a joint study with the State Departments of Game and Inland Fish and Chesapeake Bay Affairs in order to define the boundaries of tidal and non-tidal waters within the jurisdiction of the State. The boundaries of said waters as determined by the study shall be set forth in regulations promulgated by the Department.

9. In addition to the powers and duties stated herein, the Department shall exercise those responsibilities reasonably necessary in carrying out the intention of this article.

Other Powers and Functions

51. The Department shall be responsible for and cooperate with the federal and local governments in developing and carrying out a long range program for controlling flood waters in the State and, in addition, shall serve in a liaison capacity to said governments in all matters pertaining to flood control.

52. The Department shall provide technical assistance to local governments and other State agencies in interpreting flood information and in drafting local land use and other regulations pertaining to areas subject to flooding. The Department shall review plans for local public works and shall further exercise regulatory control over all such works in or on the waters of the State as provided for in Sections 10 through 21, inclusive, of this article.

53. The Department shall administer such financial assistance for flood control as may be made available for this purpose.

54. When the General Assembly shall determine that it is necessary to acquire interests or rights in real property for sound and proper land and watershed management and for other purposes in the public interest, the State may acquire such interests or rights by purchase, gift, grant, bequest, devise or lease, the fee or any lesser interest, development, right, easement, covenant or as provided elsewhere in the laws of Maryland. To achieve these purposes, the Department may receive, expend, and otherwise administer any contributions, donations or appropriations which may be made available by the United States, State of Maryland, other political communities and/or private persons.

Appeals

55. Any person or party aggrieved by a final decision of the Department, whether such decision is affirmative or negative in form, or by any rule or regulation of the Department, may file a sworn