

UTILITIES AND OTHER PUBLIC CAPITAL INVESTMENTS; (3) FLOOD WATERS DISREGARD JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES; AND (4) THE PUBLIC NECESSITATES MANAGEMENT OF WATERS AND FLOOD HAZARD AREAS FOR THE OBJECTIVES OF PREVENTING AND ALLEVIATING FLOOD THREATS TO LIFE AND HEALTH, REDUCING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ECONOMIC LOSSES, AND TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, PRESERVING THE BIOLOGICAL VALUES ASSOCIATED WITH THESE LAND AND WATER RESOURCES.

(B) THE POLICY AND PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE TO ASSIST IN THE GUIDANCE OF DEVELOPMENT TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACTS OF FLOODING; TO DELINEATE INTERIM FLOOD HAZARD AREAS AND DESIGNATE ALLOWABLE USES WITHIN; TO PROVIDE STATE GUIDELINES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN MANAGEMENT OF FLOOD HAZARD AREAS; TO PROVIDE FOR COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT; TO FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS FOR FLOOD CONTROL; TO ENCOURAGE AND PROVIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS TO MANAGE FLOOD-PRONE LANDS IN A COMPREHENSIVE MANNER; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE BIOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF THE WATERSHEDS OF THE STATE.

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(A) BY APRIL 1, 1977, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE MAPS TO SHOW INTERIM FLOOD HAZARD AREAS.

(B) IN PREPARING INTERIM FLOOD HAZARD AREA MAPS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

- (1) SOIL DATA.
- (2) MAPS OF FLOOD HAZARD AREAS PREPARED BY THE FEDERAL INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION, THE U.S. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE, THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.
- (3) HISTORICAL INFORMATION RELATING TO PRIOR FLOODING.
- (4) IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS AS AREAS OF TIDAL OR NONTIDAL INUNDATION.
- (5) ANY OTHER STUDIES PROVIDING PERTINENT INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN THE MAP PREPARATION.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING WITH THE FEDERAL INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION TO ~~[[ASSUME]]~~ ASSURE CONSISTENCY IN THE MAPPING PROGRAMS OF THE TWO AGENCIES.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE A COPY OF THE MAP OF THE INTERIM FLOOD HAZARD AREA LYING WITHIN ANY SUBDIVISION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY OR OF BALTIMORE CITY IF THE AREA LIES WITHIN BALTIMORE CITY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH A NOTICE OF THE FILING IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE INTERIM FLOOD AREA LIES. THE NOTICE