

every condition set forth in the grading permit, the soil conservation district shall be notified.

8-1402.

Because the quality of the waters of this State is vital to the public and private interests of its citizens and because pollution constitutes a menace to public health and welfare, creates public nuisances, is harmful to wildlife, fish and aquatic life, and impairs domestic, agricultural, industrial, recreational, and other legitimate beneficial uses of water, and the problem of water pollution in this State is closely related to the problem of water pollution in adjoining states, it is State public policy to improve, conserve, and manage the quality of the waters of the State and protect, maintain, and improve the quality of water for public supplies, propagation of wildlife, fish and aquatic life, and domestic, agricultural, industrial, recreational, and other legitimate beneficial uses. Also, it is State public policy to provide that no waste is discharged into any waters of this State without first receiving necessary treatment or other corrective action to protect the legitimate beneficial uses of this State's waters, and provide for prevention, abatement, and control of new or existing water pollution. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AS APPROPRIATE, shall cooperate with the agencies of other states and the federal government in carrying out these objectives.

8-1405.

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene OR, FOR THE PURPOSES OF § 8-1406 THROUGH § 8-1411.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ~~OR EITHER DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO SEDIMENT POLLUTION~~ shall have and may exercise the following powers and duties:

(1) General supervision over the administration and enforcement of this subtitle and all rules, regulations, and orders promulgated pursuant to it;

(2) Develop comprehensive programs and plans for prevention, control, and abatement of pollution of the waters of the State;

(3) Advise, consult, and cooperate with other units of the State, the federal government, other state and interstate agencies, affected groups, political subdivisions, and industries to further the purposes of this subtitle;

(4) Accept and administer loans and grants from the federal government and other sources, public or private, to carry out any of its functions;