

DESIGNATE A PRIORITY LIST OF watersheds for the purpose of flood control planning and management and establish a schedule for completion of studies of [all] THESE watersheds.

(b) The Department, in cooperation with the subdivisions and the Departments of State Planning and Agriculture, shall conduct studies of the watersheds DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (A) which shall define at least (1) the existing magnitude and frequency of flood events, (2) the magnitude and frequency of flood events based on planned development, and (3) alternative management techniques according to their effectiveness in controlling floods and minimizing flood damage. The studies shall address at least the 100-year flood event. BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY DELEGATE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARRYING OUT ALL OR PART OF THE STUDIES OF PRIORITY WATERSHEDS TO THE APPROPRIATE SUBDIVISIONS.

(h) There is a comprehensive flood management grant program within the Department of Natural Resources.

(1) SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE PROCEEDS FROM ~~THE STATE DEBT--CREATED--TO--FUND--THE--COMPREHENSIVE--FLOOD--MANAGEMENT GRANT--PROGRAM--FOR THE STATE DEBT CREATED TO FUND THE COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR A--GRANT--TO SUBDIVISIONS--TO--CONTRACT--FOR~~ STUDIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (B). THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE GRANTS TO SUBDIVISIONS FOR WATERSHED STUDIES WHEN THEY ARE DELEGATED THAT RESPONSIBILITY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (B)--. ~~UPON REQUEST OF A SUBDIVISION, PROVIDED THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE STATE DEBT ARE NOT USED TO FUND THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS.~~

[[1]] (2) Subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works the Department may provide grants to subdivisions for flood control and watershed management capital projects, provided that the projects are consistent with the plans and implementation prepared and adopted in accordance with this subtitle, and provided further that each flood control and watershed management capital project:

(i) Is undertaken as part of a comprehensive flood management plan prepared and adopted by the subdivision; and

(ii) Is not inconsistent with any State or interjurisdictional flood management plan.

[[2]] (3) The amount of any ~~CAPITAL--PROJECT~~ grant made by the Department shall be matched by a minimum amount of 50 percent of local funds for a project. The Department may provide up to 50 percent of the nonfederal share of the funding for a project which meets the criteria of this subtitle.