

EROSION, POLLUTION, SILTATION AND SEDIMENTATION, AND LOCAL FLOODING, ALL OF WHICH HAVE ADVERSE IMPACTS ON THE WATER AND LAND RESOURCES OF MARYLAND. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTENDS BY ENACTMENT OF THIS SUBTITLE, TO REDUCE AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF STORMWATER RUNOFF AND TO SAFEGUARD LIFE, LIMB, PROPERTY, AND PUBLIC WELFARE.

## 8-11A-02.

BY JULY 1, 1984, EACH COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITY SHALL ADOPT ORDINANCES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. THESE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLANS, IF ANY, DEVELOPED UNDER SUBTITLE 8-9A OF THIS TITLE FOR A PARTICULAR WATERSHED, SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 8-11A-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AND SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.

## 8-11A-03.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE AND SHALL CONSULT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FROM TIME TO TIME CONCERNING THE IMPACT OF STORMWATER ON WATERS OF THE STATE.

(B) BY JULY 1, 1983, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH ESTABLISH CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN MARYLAND. THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE,--BUT--ARE---NOT---LIMITED---TO, PROVISIONS-WHICH:

(1) INDICATE THAT THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS WILL BE TO MAINTAIN AFTER DEVELOPMENT, AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE, THE PREDEVELOPMENT RUNOFF CHARACTERISTICS;

(2) MAKE ALLOWANCE FOR THE DIFFERENCE IN HYDROLOGIC CHARACTERISTICS AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT NEEDS OF DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE STATE;

(3) SPECIFY THAT WATERSHED-WIDE ANALYSES MAY BE NECESSARY TO PREVENT UNDESIRABLE DOWNSTREAM EFFECTS OF INCREASED STORMWATER RUNOFF;

(4) SPECIFY THE EXEMPTIONS A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY GRANT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBMITTING A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN; AND

(5) SPECIFY THE MINIMUM CONTENT OF THE LOCAL ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED WHICH MAY BE DONE BY INCLUSION OF A MODEL ORDINANCE.

~~(c) --BEFORE--THE--ADOPTION--OF--THE--INITIAL--RULES--AND REGULATIONS--REQUIRED--UNDER--THIS--SUBSECTION,--THE--DEPARTMENT SHALL--HOLD--AT--LEAST--1--PUBLIC--HEARING--2--PUBLIC--HEARINGS--IN~~