

(ii) The estimated economic benefit to the participating farmer from use of the best management practice; and

(iii) Other relevant factors as determined by regulation.

(2) State cost sharing funds may not be used to reestablish agricultural practices which have deteriorated due to the negligence or mismanagement of an applicant.

(c) The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT shall implement the cost sharing program for a project with the technical assistance of the appropriate soil conservation district. Technical representatives of the soil conservation district shall prepare or approve all design, construction, maintenance or other plans for best management practices and shall provide the necessary degree of layout and construction supervision.

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(c) (1) The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT shall jointly promulgate rules and regulations to implement this subtitle. However, rules and regulations solely involving internal management of the cost sharing program need only be promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture. The Department of Natural Resources shall be consulted prior to any rule making effort to assure coordination with its sediment control and related watershed programs.

(2) All rules and regulations promulgated under this section shall be approved by the Board of Public Works prior to the use of the proceeds of State bonds in the cost sharing program.

(3) The Department of Agriculture and the Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT may enter into agreements with appropriate federal and local governmental entities to assist in administering this subtitle.

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[(b) (1) The Secretary shall appoint an assistant secretary for environmental programs.

(2) This Assistant Secretary serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.