

(b) A governing body shall act as the district council for the district and may carry out the duties vested by law or which are reasonably necessary.

(c) A governing body shall refer every proposed district to the section of waterways improvement of the Department for a report and evaluation of benefits to be achieved by creating the proposed district. The Department shall review the proposed district and submit a report to the governing body containing recommendations on feasibility and need for the proposed district. The report shall include the area within the district, the work or project to be carried out within the district pursuant to § 8-707, and the estimated cost for the work or project recommended.

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The Department shall carry out the administrative duties concerning the waterways improvement districts. In addition it shall:

(1) Review proposals and petitions to establish waterways improvement districts and report to the governing body on each proposed district as provided in § 8-705;

(2) Provide engineering design for waterways projects, and supervise, or provide supervision for these projects;

(3) Clear debris, aquatic vegetation, and obstruction from waters of the State;

(4) Provide liaison with the United States Army Corps of Engineers on projects under § 107 of the Rivers and Harbors Act;

(5) Prepare requests for appropriation of funds necessary to pay the State's share of the cost of projects; [and]

(6) Administer the Waterway Improvement Fund to provide interest-free loans to any governing body for a waterway improvement project as provided in § 8-708(d) of this subtitle;
AND

(7) ADMINISTER THE WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO ANY A GOVERNING BODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNER, OR GROUP OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS, WITH LAND ABUTTING A CHANNEL ADJACENT TO A MAIN CHANNEL OR HARBOR FOR DREDGING THE ADJACENT CHANNEL AS PROVIDED IN § 8-708.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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