

(3) DEVELOP CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS TO ENSURE UNIFORM AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION, DELINEATION, FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT, AND MITIGATION OF NONTIDAL WETLANDS;

(4) EVALUATE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES ON NONTIDAL WETLANDS AND GRANT OR DENY PERMITS OR OTHER APPROVALS OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES;

(5) CONDUCT WATERSHED STUDIES AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NONTIDAL WETLANDS PROGRAM;

(6) PREPARE, ADOPT, AND PERIODICALLY REVISE GUIDANCE MAPS OF NONTIDAL WETLANDS;

(7) ADOPT STANDARDS FOR PLANNING, REGULATING, RESTORING, CREATING, AND ENHANCING NONTIDAL WETLANDS;

(8) PURCHASE, RESTORE, AND CREATE NONTIDAL WETLANDS;
AND

(9) CONDUCT PERIODIC MONITORING, CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT, AND EVALUATION OF ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

†B) (C) BY DECEMBER 31, 1989, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT FINAL REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THIS SUBTITLE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-111(A) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

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(A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY DELEGATE ALL OR PART OF ITS AUTHORITY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO ANY COUNTY THAT ENACTS A NONTIDAL WETLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM BY DECEMBER 31, 1990 CONSISTENT WITH THE THAT MEETS AT LEAST THE MINIMUM STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) A DELEGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE EFFECTIVE FOR MORE THAN 2 YEARS, AND MAY BE RENEWED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL 2-YEAR PERIODS.

(3) AFTER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING AND UPON A FINDING THAT THE COUNTY PROGRAM IS NOT BEING ADMINISTERED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WITHDRAW PROGRAM DELEGATION.

(B) ANY REGULATED ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN BY A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE AND, INCLUDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE OF A NONTIDAL WETLAND PERMIT BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE UNIT IS NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.

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