

of watersheds for the purpose of flood control planning and management and establish a schedule for completion of studies of these watersheds.

(b) (1) The Department, in cooperation with the subdivisions and the Department of Agriculture and the [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning, shall conduct studies of the watersheds designated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section which shall define at least:

- (i) The existing magnitude and frequency of flood events;
- (ii) The magnitude and frequency of flood events based on planned development; and
- (iii) Alternative management techniques according to their effectiveness in controlling floods and minimizing flood damage.

(d) (1) By July 1, 1990 each subdivision, in cooperation with the Departments of the Environment and Agriculture, the [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning, and other appropriate State agencies, shall prepare a flood management plan based upon an evaluation of the alternative management techniques and other findings included in studies conducted under subsection (b) of this section. Each flood management plan shall be consistent with the purposes and provisions of this subtitle.

(h) (8) Before making a grant, the Department, in cooperation with the [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning, shall review the flood control and watershed management operations of the applicant subdivision to assure that the flood control and watershed management operations are in compliance with this subtitle.

(9) The Department, in consultation with the [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning, shall adopt regulations necessary for the administration of the grant program. These regulations may include:

- (i) A determination of statewide and interjurisdictional needs and priorities;
- (ii) Standards of eligibility for applicants and projects;
- (iii) Criteria for recognition of tidal and nontidal areas;
- (iv) Engineering and economic standards and alternatives; and
- (v) Procedures for filing and processing contents of applications.

(10) Each project application shall be submitted to and reviewed by the State clearinghouse of the [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning in accordance with established clearinghouse procedures.

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(j) On issuance of a certificate the Board shall file a copy of that certificate with the Secretary to the Board and the Secretary of State. Copies of the certificate shall be sent by the Secretary to the Board to: