

(5) TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE USE OF RECLAIMED WATER IN ORDER TO CONSERVE WATER SUPPLIES, FACILITATE THE INDIRECT RECHARGE OF GROUNDWATER, AND DEVELOP AN ALTERNATIVE TO DISCHARGING WASTEWATER EFFLUENT TO SURFACE WATERS, THUS PURSUING THE GOAL OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT TO END THE DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS AND MEET THE NUTRIENT REDUCTION GOALS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AGREEMENT.

(c) (1) The Department shall cooperate with local governments, agencies of other states, and the federal government in carrying out the objectives of subsection (b) of this section.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONSULT WITH THE STATE PLUMBING BOARD, AS APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE OBJECTIVES OF SUBSECTION (B)(5) OF THIS SECTION.

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(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENCOURAGE THE USE OF RECLAIMED WATER AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO DISCHARGING WASTEWATER EFFLUENT INTO THE SURFACE WATERS OF THE STATE.

(B) RECLAIMED WATER MAY BE USED FOR IRRIGATION OF:

- (1) FARMLAND;
- (2) GOLF COURSES;
- (3) ATHLETIC FIELDS;
- (4) TURF;
- (5) LANDSCAPING; AND
- (6) ANY OTHER USE THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH BUFFER AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF RECLAIMED WATER UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) FROM POTABLE WELLS AND SURFACE WATER INTAKES, UP TO 100 FEET;
- (2) FROM INTERMITTENT AND PERENNIAL STREAMS AND RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, UP TO 25 FEET; AND
- (3) FROM SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUNDS, UP TO 50 FEET; AND
- (4) FROM PUBLIC ROADS AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LINES, UP TO 25 FEET.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to affect the ability of a commercial car wash that used reclaimed water in its operations before the effective date of this Act from continuing to use reclaimed water in its operations on or after the effective date of this Act.