

(14) 1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COMMUNITY, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

(15) 2 MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC INTERESTED IN STREAM QUALITY, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

(C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL COORDINATE WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE STAFFING FOR THE TASK FORCE.

(E) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

(1) STUDY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON STREAMS, IMPACTS ON STREAMS, AND METHODS TO PREVENT THOSE IMPACTS AND IMPROVE STREAM QUALITY, INCLUDING:

(I) INFORMATION FROM ONGOING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE WATERSHED TARGETING INITIATIVE OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM; AND

(II) INFORMATION FROM CASE HISTORIES OF STREAM IMPACT, INCLUDING JABEZ BRANCH IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

(2) DEVELOP OPTIONS FOR A COORDINATED, COOPERATIVE PROCESS INVOLVING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, AND CIVIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE STREAM ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY STATEWIDE. THE PROCESS MAY INCLUDE:

(I) FORMALIZED COORDINATION AMONG STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES;

(II) ESTABLISHMENT OF A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR COMPILING INFORMATION ON STREAMS, EXISTING AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS, AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE STREAM QUALITY;

(III) CREATION OF A MECHANISM FOR PRIORITIZING STREAMS DESERVING ATTENTION;

(IV) PROMOTION OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND CIVIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS; AND