

meeting the goals and deadlines under § 5-906(j) of the Environment Article and specific measures for resolving those gaps by January 1, 2010;

(2) In accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, submit the action plan to the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee by January 1, 2009; and

(3) On or before January 1, 2010, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, submit a report to the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee demonstrating that the measures identified in the action plan have been implemented to achieve compliance with the goals and deadlines under § 5-906(j) of the Environment Article; and

(b) On or before January 1, 2011, convene a work group consisting of interested stakeholders to review and assess whether the Wetlands and Waterways Program, due to the enactment of this Act, successfully improved the level of service to the regulated community, including:

(1) Reviewing the number of new positions assigned to the Program;

(2) Reviewing the Program's progress in improving permit turnaround time frames and permit backlogs and any enhanced services provided to the regulated community as a result of this Act;

(3) Analyzing the long-term funding needs of the Wetlands and Waterways Program;

(4) Determining whether the application fees provided by this Act are adequate to support an effective program; and

(5) On or before December 1, 2011, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, reporting the findings and recommendation of the work group to the Legislative Policy Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.