

**8410.0090 ASSESSMENT OF PROBLEMS.**

Each plan must contain an assessment of existing and potential water resource related problems using a combination of analysis of land and water resource data collected under part 8410.0060 and through the identification of existing or potential problems by residents or local, regional, or state agencies. During the development of the assessment, the watershed management organization shall request a brief assessment of existing problems affecting the organization from the plan review authorities, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Agriculture based on data, plans, and other documentation in their possession. The organization should solicit comments from residents and local officials in the watershed district for information about problems that may be primarily local in nature. The organization's assessment shall include a discussion of the relationship of locally identified problems to problems identified by the plan review authorities, provided the information is received within 45 days of the organization's written request. The assessment of existing and potential problems as determined by the organization must, at a minimum, include the following topic areas:

- A. specific lakes and streams with water quality problems;
- B. flooding and storm water rate control issues within and between communities;
- C. impacts of water quality and quantity management practices on recreation opportunities;
- D. impacts of storm water discharges on water quality and fish and wildlife resources;
- E. impact of soil erosion on water quality and quantity;
- F. general impact of land use practices and, in particular, land development and wetland alteration on water quality and water quantity;
- G. the adequacy of existing regulatory controls to manage or mitigate adverse impacts on public waters and wetlands;
- H. the adequacy of programs to:
  - (1) limit soil erosion and water quality degradation;
  - (2) maintain the tangible and intrinsic values of natural storage and retention systems; and
  - (3) maintain water level control structures;
- I. the adequacy of capital improvement programs to correct problems relating to:
  - (1) water quality;
  - (2) water quantity management;

- (3) fish and wildlife habitat and public waters and wetland management; and
- (4) recreational opportunities; and

J. future potential problems that are anticipated to occur generally within a 20-year period based on growth projections and planned urbanization identified in local and regional comprehensive plans. The assessments must include a discussion of the relationship between locally identified problems and the problems and goals identified in county, regional, state, and federal plans that are brought to the attention of the organization.

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