

CHAPTER 103F

PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES

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103F.105 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY.

(a) The legislature finds:

(1) a large portion of the state's land resources is subject to recurrent flooding by over-flow of streams and other watercourses causing loss of life and property, disruption of commerce and governmental services, unsanitary conditions, and interruption of transportation and communications, all of which are detrimental to the health, safety, welfare, and property of the occupants of flooded lands and the people of this state; and

(2) the public interest necessitates sound land use development as land is a limited and irreplaceable resource, and the floodplains of this state are a land resource to be developed in a manner which will result in minimum loss of life and threat to health, and reduction of private and public economic loss caused by flooding.

(b) It is the policy of this state to reduce flood damages through floodplain management, stressing nonstructural measures such as floodplain zoning and floodproofing, flood warning practices, and other indemnification programs that reduce public liability and expense for flood damages.

(c) It is the policy of this state:

(1) not to prohibit but to guide development of the floodplains consistent with legislative findings;

(2) to provide state coordination and assistance to local governmental units in floodplain management;

(3) to encourage local governmental units to adopt, enforce and administer sound floodplain management ordinances;

(4) to provide the commissioner of natural resources with authority necessary to carry out a floodplain management program for the state and to coordinate federal, state, and local floodplain management activities in this state; and

(5) to provide incentives for communities to participate in the national flood insurance program and for citizens of Minnesota to take actions such as purchasing and maintaining flood insurance to reduce future flood damage to private property.

History: 2Sp1997 c 2 s 17

103F.141 RULES.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 2Sp1997 c 2 s 32]

103F.378 MINNESOTA RIVER BASIN JOINT POWERS BOARD.

Subdivision 1. **Duties.** The Minnesota river basin joint powers board, established under section 471.59 for the purpose of coordinating efforts to improve water quality in the Minnesota river and achieving the goal of making the Minnesota river suitable for fishing and swimming by the year 2005, has the following duties:

(1) coordination of comprehensive cleanup goals for the Minnesota river by coordinating the work plans of the 12 major watersheds and the member counties of the joint powers board, state agencies, and the University of Minnesota in cleanup efforts and submission of periodic river cleanup plans for submission to the governor and the legislature;

(2) advising on the development and use of monitoring and evaluation systems in the Minnesota river and the incorporation of the data obtained from these systems into the planning process;

(3) conducting public meetings of the board on at least a quarterly basis at locations within the Minnesota river basin;

(4) conducting an ongoing information and education program concerning the status of the Minnesota river, including an annual conference on the state of the Minnesota river;

(5) providing periodic reports and budget requests to the governor's office and the chairs of the agriculture and environment and natural resources committees of the senate and the house of representatives regarding progress on meeting river water quality management goals and future funding required for this effort;

(6) advising on the development of projects within the 12 major watersheds that are scientifically sound, have landowner support, and reduce inputs of pollutants into the Minnesota river basin; and

(7) administering the distribution of project implementation funds for the 12 major watersheds by approving projects, identifying matching components for each project, and tracking the results achieved for each project.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1996]

History: 1997 c 216 s 92