

**103F.505 PURPOSE AND POLICY.**

(a) It is the purpose of sections 103F.505 to 103F.531 to restore certain marginal agricultural land and protect environmentally sensitive areas to:

- (1) enhance soil and water quality;
- (2) minimize damage to flood-prone areas;
- (3) sequester carbon;
- (4) support native plant, fish, and wildlife habitats; and
- (5) establish perennial vegetation.

(b) It is state policy to encourage:

- (1) restoration of wetlands and riparian lands;
- (2) restoration and protection of marginal, highly erodible land, particularly land adjacent to public waters, drainage systems, wetlands, and locally designated priority waters; and
- (3) protection of environmentally sensitive areas, including wellhead protection areas, grasslands, peatlands, shorelands, karst geology, and forest lands in priority areas.

**History:** 1990 c 391 art 6 s 71; 1992 c 415 s 1; 2009 c 172 art 2 s 12; 2009 c 176 art 1 s 31; 2023 c 60 art 5 s 16