

**§ 143-215.74F. Program authorized.**

The Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources may establish a Stream Watch Program to recognize and assist civic, environmental, educational, and other volunteer groups interested in good water resources management and protection. The goals of the Stream Watch Program are to encourage volunteer groups to adopt streams and other water bodies and to work toward their good management and protection; to increase public awareness of and involvement in water resources management; and to promote cooperative activities among volunteer groups, local government, industry, the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, and other agencies and entities for improved protection and management of water resources. (1989, c. 412, c. 727, s. 218; 1997-443, s. 11A.119(a).)

**§ 143-215.74G. Applications.**

The Department may accept and approve applications to affiliate with the Stream Watch Program from volunteer groups willing to adopt a specific body of water and to conduct at least one project each year to promote the protection of the adopted body of water or to increase public understanding of water resources. (1989, c. 412.)

**§ 143.215.74H. Assistance.**

The Department may provide technical, organizational, and financial assistance to stream watch groups from such resources as may be available to the Department. (1989, c. 412.)

**§ 143-215.74I. Projects.**

The Department may encourage and assist stream watch groups to carry out projects for stream cleanup and restoration, stream surveillance and water quality monitoring, public education, the establishment of trails and greenways, recreational use of water bodies, and other activities in furtherance of the goals of the Stream Watch Program. (1989, c. 412.)