161G.3 Mississippi river basin healthy watersheds initiative.

- 1. The department shall implement a voluntary program to assist in improving the health of the Mississippi river basin, including water quality and wildlife habitat.
- 2. The department shall implement the program consistent with requirements of the United States department of agriculture in its administration of the Mississippi river basin healthy watersheds initiative.
- 3. To the extent allowed by the United States department of agriculture, the department of agriculture and land stewardship may do all of the following:
- a. Provide for conservation systems that manage and optimize nitrogen and phosphorus within fields to minimize runoff and reduce downstream nutrient loading.
- b. Assist agricultural producers with a system of practices that will control soil erosion, improve soil quality, restore and enhance wildlife habitat, and manage runoff and drainage water for improved water quality.
 - c. Avoid, control, and trap nutrient runoff and maintain agricultural productivity.
- d. Partner with landowners to implement a range of land stewardship practices, including but not limited to conservation tillage, nutrient management, and other innovative practices.

2010 Acts, ch 1191, §23; 2012 Acts, ch 1023, §26 Referred to in §161G.2