

567—70.1(455B,481A) Scope of title. The department has jurisdiction over all floodplains and floodways in the state for the purpose of establishing and implementing a program to promote the protection of life and property from floods and to promote the orderly development and wise use of the floodplains of the state. As part of the program, the department regulates floodplain development by three alternative methods: establishment of regulations for specific stream reaches by issuance of floodplain management orders (see 567—Chapter 75); approval of floodplain management regulations adopted by local governments (see 567—Chapter 75); and approval of floodplain development on a case-by-case basis where areas or projects are not covered by the first two methods (see 567—Chapter 71). Any person who desires to construct or maintain a structure, dam, obstruction, deposit or excavation, or allow the same in any floodplain or floodway has a responsibility to contact the department to determine whether approval is required from the department or a local government authorized to act for the department.

Minimum statewide criteria for most types of floodplain development are listed in 567—Chapter 72. Special requirements for dams are listed in 567—Chapter 73.