



1 governments in providing financing for water and wastewater infrastructure  
2 owned and operated at the local level.

- 3 (3) Determine funding strategies for water and wastewater infrastructure,  
4 including sources of funding, the appropriate mix of grants and loans, and  
5 funding allocation based on statewide priorities. As part of this component,  
6 the statewide strategic plan shall identify how best to fund the State match  
7 with recurring State funds for the revolving loan programs. To assist the  
8 General Assembly in determining an appropriate mix of grants and loans, the  
9 statewide strategic plan shall, with the assistance of the Local Government  
10 Commission, develop criteria that may be used to identify which systems  
11 with water and wastewater infrastructure needs appear to have the resources  
12 to repay loans and which systems appear to lack those resources and so  
13 would require grants.

- 14 (4) Identify any statutory changes required to implement the statewide strategic  
15 plan developed pursuant to this act.

16 **SECTION 2.** The State Water Infrastructure Commission shall contract with an  
17 independent entity to develop a statewide strategic plan for water and wastewater infrastructure  
18 pursuant to this act.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the  
20 Department of Commerce, and the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund shall  
21 cooperate with the State Water Infrastructure Commission and any entity with whom the  
22 Commission contracts to develop a statewide strategic water infrastructure plan pursuant to this  
23 act. The North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, if it receives State funds, shall  
24 also, as a condition of receiving those State funds, cooperate with the State Water Infrastructure  
25 Commission and any entity with whom the Commission contracts to develop a statewide  
26 strategic water infrastructure plan pursuant to this act.

27 **SECTION 4.** Funds in the amount of three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars  
28 (\$375,000) appropriated to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund for the 2009-2010 fiscal  
29 year shall be transferred to the Office of the Governor to be used to pay for services rendered  
30 pursuant to the contract. In addition, funds in the amount of three hundred seventy-five  
31 thousand dollars (\$375,000) appropriated to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development  
32 Center for the 2009-2010 fiscal year shall also be transferred to the Office of the Governor to  
33 be used to help pay for services rendered pursuant to the contract.

34 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.