

HB0869 Wetlands and Waterways Program - Authorizations for Ecological Restoration Projects

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Position: UNFAVORABLE

This bill appears to be written by and for the billion dollar "stream restoration" industry. Especially galling is the attempt to expedite the review/approval process. Expediting any review process only serves to limit government oversight and citizen review/ input/comment. The last thing we need is a process to expedite the environmental destruction caused by these so-called "stream restoration"/waterway restoration/wetland restoration projects.

There needs to be a statewide ban on so-called "stream restoration" and wetland restoration projects done for MS4 Permits and so-called mitigation banks/projects.