

REFERENCE TITLE: appropriation; stormwater recharge mapping; sites

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AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Appropriation; department of water resources;
3 stormwater recharge mapping; definition

4 A. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
5 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the department of water resources for updated
6 stormwater recharge mapping.

7 B. Within one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this
8 section, the department of water resources shall cooperate with an
9 agricultural improvement district established pursuant to title 48,
10 chapter 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, and the state natural resource
11 conservation board established by section 41-6011, Arizona Revised
12 Statutes, to provide an updated map of potential stormwater recharge sites
13 in this state that do not conflict with existing surface water rights.

14 C. The updated stormwater recharge map shall identify the location
15 of potential stormwater recharge sites in this state that meet all of the
16 following criteria:

17 1. Are located on any lands in this state, including public and
18 private lands.

19 2. Have optimum soil conditions for stormwater infiltration and
20 groundwater recharge.

21 3. Do not include streams or natural channels that are subject to a
22 general adjudication of water rights pursuant to title 45, chapter 1,
23 article 9, Arizona Revised Statutes, or lands that stormwater may run off
24 of and enter a stream or natural channel before evaporation.

25 D. For the purposes of this section, "stormwater" means rainwater
26 runoff that does not enter a stream or natural channel and that is
27 otherwise lost to evaporation.