

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.31204 Watershed alliance; powers and authority; report; assessment or collection of fees or taxes.**

Sec. 31204. (1) A watershed alliance, consistent with the purposes identified in section 31202 and its bylaws, may do 1 or more of the following:

- (a) Employ personnel to coordinate and implement actions.
- (b) Enter into agreements or contracts with public or private entities to coordinate or implement actions.
- (c) Assess and collect fees from members with approval of the governing bodies of the members.
- (d) Solicit grants, gifts, and contributions from federal, state, regional, or local public agencies and from private sources.
- (e) Expend funds provided by members, or through grants, gifts, and contributions.
- (f) Represent members of the watershed alliance before other bodies considering issues affecting water quality or flow management issues within the designated watershed, including obtaining local, state, or federal permits or authorizations that may be required to carry out activities as may be authorized by its members.

(2) A watershed alliance shall prepare and deliver to its members on or before April 1 of each year a report detailing the revenue received and expenditures by the watershed alliance during the immediately prior January 1 through December 31 period.

(3) A watershed alliance shall have no independent authority to assess or collect any fees or taxes directly from individuals or property owners. A watershed alliance member may allocate the use of public funds from fees, taxes, or assessments generated under the provisions of other state laws for use by a watershed alliance.

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