

for terms of six years. The Commission, originally responsible for an area of 99 square miles, has now extended its work to 198 square miles in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties contiguous to the District of Columbia. The area has a population of over 175,000 and an assessable basis of 259 millions of dollars. The Commission's jurisdiction includes trash and garbage collection, storm water drainage, plumbing inspection, location and control of underground construction and water services. It operated as of December 31, 1947, 650 miles of water mains and 530 miles of sewers, serving approximately 42,000 homes. Its source of water supply is a reservoir known as Brighton Reservoir on the Patuxent River, about ten miles above Laurel, having a water service of 775 acres and supplying two, ten million gallon filter plants, one located near Laurel and the other north of Silver Spring. All construction is from the proceeds of bonds of which the sum of 28 million is now outstanding. The Commission supports itself with the receipts for its services. (Acts 1918, ch. 122; 1924, 469; 1935, 597; 1937, 140; 1939, 266; 1941, 668, 892; 1943, 468B, 524A; 1947, 736, 793, 820).

Appropriations: None

Receipts:

	1947 (Calendar Year)
Water Service.....	\$1,299,106
Front Foot Benefit changes.....	927,543
Ad Valorem Tax.....	237,510
House Connection Charge.....	395,377
Refuse and trash collection.....	220,043
Plumbing Inspection Fees.....	62,793
Total.....	\$3,242,372

Staff: 857

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UPPER POTOMAC RIVER COMMISSION

Chairman: John McMullen, 1953

Owen E. Hitchens, 1951; Laurence M. Fraley, 1949

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The Upper Potomac River Commission was established in 1935. The Commission is composed of three members; one appointed by the Governor who also serves as Chairman, and one each from the Counties of Allegany and Garrett, who are appointed by the respective Boards of County Commissioners. The term of each member is for six years, the term of one member expiring each second year. The Commission, which has jurisdiction in all of Allegany County and Election District Number Four of Garrett County, was created for the purpose of conserving and regulating the water resources of the Upper Potomac River and its tributaries. To carry out its purpose, the Commission is authorized to acquire lands, structures, buildings, waterways, watersheds, watterights, or any stream bed for the purpose of conducting and operating a dam or reservoir. For this purpose, the County Commissioners of Allegany County were authorized by the General Assembly of 1939 to issue Bonds in the amount of one million dollars, and to make a special tax levy to pay the principal and interest of the Bonds. These Bonds were issued in 1940 and the construction of a Dam on the Savage River was begun with the assistance of the Public Works Administration and the Potomac River Board.