

District boundaries. In Prince George's County it has jurisdiction over the operation of these same facilities. The present Sanitary District has a population of about 1,000,000 and an assessed valuation of approximately \$4,500,000,000.

The Commission provides for the construction, maintenance and operation of water supply and sewerage systems; it has jurisdiction over storm drainage and the location of utilities; and it provides refuse disposal service within the Sanitary District. The Commission has been designated as the organization responsible for the administration, maintenance and operation of the Anacostia River Flood Control and Navigation Project. As of December 31, 1968, the water and sewerage systems of the Commission contained 2,475 and 2,800 miles of mains, respectively.

Two major sources of water now supply the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission system. The Patuxent River, which the Commission has impounded with the construction of two dams near Brighton in Montgomery County and near Laurel in Prince George's County, gives the Commission a yield of 65 million gallons a day through the Patuxent Filtration Plant. The Potomac River supplies raw water to the Potomac River Filtration Plant. This facility opened in 1961 and it has a capacity of 120 million gallons a day. The Potomac River plant is being expanded to reach a peak production capacity of up to 240 million gallons a day, and it will serve both counties. Wells located on the Potomac slopes of Prince George's County provide a third source of water.

Most of the sewage from the Commission service area is transported through trunk sewers into the District of Columbia and is treated at the District's Blue Plains Pollution Control Plant. The Commission pays for this service on a metered volume basis, and it also contributes its share to capital improvement of the Blue Plains facility. Sewage disposal plants operated by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission are near Laurel and at Piscataway Bay, while a third plant is being placed in operation on the Western Branch of the Patuxent River.

The Commission's facilities are geared to an anticipated growth of the service area population to about 3,000,000 by the year 2000. The Commission annually reviews and updates a five-year program for development of its water and sewerage systems. Pursuant to Article 43, Section 387C (b) (II), the Commission prepares for the two counties in the District the proposals for each county's ten-year water and sewer programs.

(Acts 1918, chap. 122, as amended from time to time, e.g., Acts 1947, chap. 733; Acts 1949, chap. 728; Acts 1953, chaps. 430 and 434; Acts 1959, chaps. 618; Acts 1961, chap. 740; Acts 1965, chaps. 819 and 896; Acts 1966, chaps. 370 and 679; Acts 1967, chaps. 53, 54 and 713; Acts 1968, chaps. 628 and 703; Acts 1969, chap. 700).

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