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The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the governing body of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District, was created by Chapter 122, Acts of 1918. The Commission consists of six members. Three are from Prince George's County and three from Montgomery County, appointed by the governing body of each county.

When the Commission was organized, the District's service area covered ninety-five square miles: forty-one miles in Montgomery County and fifty-four miles in Prince George's County. The District had a population of 32,000 and a total assessable tax base of \$20 million. In succeeding years, the General Assembly has made additions to the service area. The Washington Suburban Sanitary District now contains about 1,000 square miles within Prince George's and Montgomery counties adjacent to the District of Columbia. The present Sanitary District has a population of more than 1,200,000 and an assessable tax base of approximately \$12 billion.

The Commission provides for the construction, maintenance, and operation of water supply and sewerage systems. Although it has jurisdiction over storm drainage in Prince George's County only, it regulates and inspects plumbing and gas fitting installations in both counties. 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 June 30, 1981, the water system and sewerage system of the Commission contained 3,622 and 3,586 miles of mains, respectively.

Two major sources of water now supply the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission system: the Patuxent and the Potomac. The Commission has impounded the Patuxent River by

construction of two dams near Brighton in Montgomery County and Laurel in Prince George's County. The Patuxent gives the Commission a yield of up to sixty-five million gallons a day through the Patuxent Filtration Plant. The Potomac River supplies raw water to the Potomac River Filtration Plant. This facility was opened in 1961 and has a capacity of almost 200 million gallons a day. The Potomac River plant will be expanded in stages as needed to meet bi-county water supply requirements.

Much of the sewage from the Commission service area is transported through trunk sewers into the District of Columbia and is treated at the regional Blue Plains Pollution Control Plant in Washington, D.C. 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, at Piscataway Bay, and at the Western Branch of the Patuxent River. The Commission also operates several smaller interim wastewater plants.

Ten-Year Water and Sewer Plans for Montgomery and Prince George's counties, formerly drafted by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, are now prepared by the respective county governments. The Commission's annual budget also is subject to joint approval by the governing bodies of the two counties. The Commission has the responsibility for setting customer rates pertinent to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission functions in its Suburban Maryland service area (Code 1957, Art. 7).

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The Washington Suburban Transit Commission was created by Chapter 870, Acts of 1965. The