

ment Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission to administer regional economic development programs. Such programs create or retain permanent jobs and improve the standard of living for the unemployed and underemployed in the most distressed areas of the region. To facilitate planning, the Council may study regional resources; gather and analyze social and economic data; and join with other government agencies, educational institutions, and private organizations in coordinating research.

The Council's program for direct business assistance and enterprise development includes a Revolving Loan Fund program, Procurement and Export Assistance, and Data Center Services. Local government aid focuses on grants assistance, database resources, and intergovernmental cooperation.

The Council consists of twenty-six members. Twenty-three are voting members and three are nonvoting. From each county, the Council has three representatives of county government and two private sector representatives appointed by the county commissioners. One elected municipal official is chosen by the respective municipal governments of each county. The House of Delegates members from Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties and the area's two State Senators also serve on the Council. Annually, the Council submits its proposed program and operating budget for the next fiscal year to the Department of Business and Economic Development (Code 1957, Art. 20A, secs. 1-101 through 3-102).

UPPER POTOMAC RIVER COMMISSION

John J. McMullen, Jr., *Chair*, 1995

Appointed by Allegany County Board of County Commissioners: R. Neil Williams, 1995

Appointed by Garrett County Board of County Commissioners: Wendell R. Beitzel, 1995

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The Upper Potomac River Commission was established in 1935 (Chapter 409, Acts of 1935). It supervises the Savage River Dam, which regulates the flow of the Potomac River. The Commission has jurisdiction over the water resources of Allegany County and Election District 4 (Bloomington) in Garrett County.

The Commission's three members serve six-year terms. The Allegany County and Garrett County Boards of County Commissioners each appoint a member. The Governor names the chair.

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

Chair: Robert G. Berger, Montgomery County, 1997

Vice-Chair: Elizabeth Buck, Prince George's County, 1997

Appointed by Montgomery County Executive with County Council consent: Kevin P. Maloney, 1995; W. Gregory Wims, 1995.

Appointed by Prince George's County Executive with County Council consent: Henry T. Arrington, 1995; Robert M. Potter, 1995.

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Created in 1918, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission governs the Washington Suburban Sanitary District (Chapter 122, Acts of 1918). The Commission provides water and treats sewerage in Prince George's and Montgomery counties. It is responsible for the construction, maintenance, and operation of water supply and sewerage systems in the two counties. The Commission also regulates and inspects plumbing and gas-fitting installations, and sets customer rates for its suburban Maryland service area.

Two major water sources supply the Commission system: the Patuxent River through the Patuxent Filtration Plant, and the Potomac River through the Potomac River Filtration Plant. The Commission also stores about 12 billion gallons of raw water at Rocky Gorge Reservoir in Prince George's and Montgomery counties, and at Triadelphia Lake in Montgomery County. Little Seneca Lake in Montgomery County and the Jennings-Randolph Reservoir in West Virginia provide storage for an additional 17 billion gallons of water.

Much of the sewage from the Commission service area is carried by trunk sewers into the District of Columbia and treated at the regional Blue Plains Pollution Control Plant in Washington, DC. Other sewage disposal plants operated by the Commission are in northern Montgomery County at Seneca Creek; and in Prince George's County at Piscataway Bay (Accokeek), Upper Marlboro (Western Branch), and near Laurel (Parkway Waste Water Treatment Plant). The Commission also runs several smaller waste water plants and, in eastern Montgomery County, a 116-acre composting facility that processes the Commission's proportionate share of Blue Plains sludge.