

full charge and control of all sewers, drains and ditches used in connection with the public highways, roads, streets, avenues, lanes and alleys of the county, and shall keep the same in proper order and repair. Whenever it shall become necessary in their discretion, to lay out or construct a sewer, drain, or ditch across or under the property of any individual or corporation for the purpose of draining the surface water from any public highway heretofore existing or hereafter dedicated by grant, condemned or declared to be a public highway, as provided in this act, said county commissioners shall have the power to lay out and construct the same in the same manner and subject to the same provisions and restrictions, so far as the same may be applicable, as are provided herein for the opening, altering, relocating or closing of county roads, and to assess the benefits and award the damages arising therefrom in the same manner.

468. And in like manner, whenever it shall be advisable and feasible, and to the public interest, in the opinion of the said county commissioners, to construct and connect a sewer or sewers or systems of sewers with the sewer system of the District of Columbia, they shall have power so to do, and to create and construct such sewerage system in or over any natural draining area; and provided further, that in constructing such sewer or sewers or systems of sewers so connected with the sewers of the District of Columbia, the entire cost of such construction, and all condemnations and other damages and property expenses connected therewith shall be assessed against the land constituting the drainage area and benefited by the same, and no part of such expense shall be charged against the county; and any contract made for such construction shall be paid for to the contractors by allotting by the said county commissioners of proper proportions and amounts of the proceeds of the benefits assessed and collectible against the land constituting the drainage area in each case affected, and all such assessments shall be collectible by the county treasurer as herein provided for as to other assessments of benefits.

469. When any sewer, drain or ditch is so constructed as herein provided, said county commissioners shall have the right to allow connections to be made therewith from private or public property, upon such terms as they may decide to be proper and just.

1910, ch. 484, sec. 177q.

470. The said County Commissioners of Montgomery County shall have full power to agree and contract with owners of land or materials, the use of which may be required in connection with the opening of any new road, the construction