

1904, ch. 644, sec. 213B.

536. Whenever the County Road Engineer shall find it necessary to open an outlet or watercourse through private property in Caroline County to secure proper drainage of any public road therein, he shall forthwith so inform the County Commissioners of said county, and if the owners of such property consent to the opening of such outlet or watercourses, and if such owners and the said County Commissioners shall agree upon the value and price to be paid for the same, then such consent and agreement shall be entered on the books of the Commissioners, and such outlet or water-course shall be opened by the said County Road Engineer, but if the owner and the County Commissioners shall have such power and authority to condemn the land for such outlet or water-course as is now or hereafter may be conferred by the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland for condemning public highways, and shall appoint three examiners to go over such proposed outlet or water-course for such drainage who, or a majority of whom, shall estimate the damage to the owner or owners of the land through which said outlet or water-course is tendered to the owner of said private property, the said County Road Engineer shall immediately cause such outlet or water-course to be opened; said County Road Engineer shall furnish said examiners with a plat showing the proposed location and profile of such outlet or water-course; and for the purpose of making such plat and profile the said County Road Engineer is authorized to go upon any private property through which said proposed outlet or water-course shall pass and to make whatever survey or surveys that he may deem necessary for such purpose; provided, that any such outlet or water-course shall not be opened so as to pass through the buildings, gardens, yard or burial grounds of any person without the consent of the owner in writing.

1910, ch. 198, sec. 213C (p. 674).

537. From and after the passage of this Act the County Road Engineer of Caroline County shall, on or before the tenth day of April, in the year 1910, and on or before the first day of March in every year thereafter, make up a schedule of the public roads and bridges to be worked, repaired or rebuilt during that year, and the extent of the work and repairs to be done thereon, and present same to the County Commissioners, the total amount of said schedule not to exceed ninety per cent. of the amount levied for such purposes. The remainder of ten per cent. of the said road levy to be kept in reserve for use in making such temporary repairs to any and all other roads and bridges in said county as the safety and convenience of public travel may require. And provided further, that nothing in this Act shall be taken or construed to interfere with, or relate to, any contract work of any of the roads or bridges in said county now or hereafter to be entered into by said Commissioners.