

constitute a part of the proceedings upon which the determination of the court shall be made. The court may dismiss the petition; or it may require the defendant to perform the work, operations, or avoidance, and may provide that upon the failure of the defendant to initiate such performance within the time specified in the order of the court, and to prosecute the same to completion with reasonable diligence, the supervisors may enter upon the lands involved and perform the work or operations or otherwise bring the condition of such lands into conformity with the requirements of the regulations and recover the costs and expenses thereof, with interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum, from the occupier of such lands. In all cases where the person in possession of lands, who shall fail to perform such work, operations, or avoidances shall not be the owner, the owner of such lands shall be joined as party defendant.

The court shall retain jurisdiction of the case until after the work has been completed. Upon completion of such work pursuant to such order of the court the supervisors may file a petition with the court, a copy of which shall be served upon the defendant in the case, stating the costs and expenses sustained by them in the performance of the work and praying judgment therefor with interest. The court shall have jurisdiction to enter judgment for the amount of such costs and expenses, with interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum until paid together with the costs of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court.

26. COOPERATION BETWEEN DISTRICTS. The supervisors of any two or more districts organized under the provisions of this Act may cooperate with one another in the exercise of any or all powers conferred in this Act.

27. STATE AGENCIES TO COOPERATE. Agencies of this State which shall have jurisdiction over, or be charged with the administration of, any State-owned lands, and of any county, or other governmental sub-division of the State, which have jurisdiction over, or be charged with the administration of, any county-owned or other publicly owned lands, lying within the boundaries of any district organized hereunder, shall cooperate to the fullest extent with the supervisors of such districts in the effectuation of programs and operations undertaken by the supervisors under the provisions of this Act. The supervisors of such districts shall be given free access to enter and perform work under such publicly owned lands. The provisions of land-use regulations adopted pursuant to Section 23 of this Act shall have the force and effect of law over all such publicly owned lands, and shall be in all respects observed by the agencies administering such lands.