

CHAPTER 446.

AN ACT to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of Talbot County, to construct, own and operate, a canal in Talbot County, connecting the head-waters of Oak Creek, a tributary of Miles River, with the head-waters of Plain Dealing Creek, a tributary of the Tred Avon River, all in Talbot County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Talbot County, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to construct, own and operate a canal in Talbot County, connecting the head-waters of Oak Creek with the head-waters of Plain Dealing Creek, so as to connect the navigable waters of the Miles River with the navigable waters of the Tred Avon River.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That the County Commissioners of Talbot County shall have power to determine the width, the depth and the course of said canal, provided they be in conformity with the regulations of the War Department of the United States Government, and also to contract for and acquire the right-of-way over and through the lands where the canal may run. If, however, the necessary land cannot be acquired by amicable agreements, then the same shall be condemned in the manner as is now or may hereafter be provided for, the condemnation of land for public roads and the County Commissioners shall have the same powers and rights in regard to the construction, operation and maintenance of said canal, that they, by law, now have or may hereafter have over the County roads.

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted,* That all costs for digging of the canal, the obtaining of rights-of-way by amicable agreement or by condemnation proceedings, shall be raised by private subscriptions, unless, such costs and expenses shall be provided for by the Congress of the United States, it being expressly hereby intended that the Taxpayers of Talbot County shall in no wise be responsible for said costs and expenses.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That this Act take effect the first day of June, A. D. 1933.

Approved April 21, 1933.