

public benefit and conducive to the public health, [safety] SAFETY, and welfare.

8-1303.

The appropriate county governing body of Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Calvert, [Charles] CHARLES, and St. Mary's counties or the duly designated agencies of the appropriate county governing body [having] SHALL HAVE the jurisdiction, power, and authority to define and create the Patuxent River Watershed in their respective counties. Each shall act cooperatively with the Department and local, county, State, and federal governments to protect areas subject to sediment or erosion damage and prevent encroachment by rapid growth and spread of urban development by creating a program of flood prevention and conservation.

8-1304.

(A) The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission shall have and exercise the authority granted by the provisions of this subtitle to the appropriate county governing body or its duly designated agency to the extent it pertains to:

- (1) [adopting] ADOPTING the Watershed plan;
- (2) [acquisition] ACQUISITION, improvement, maintenance and operation of lands and other property for the purposes stated in this subtitle; and
- (3) [promulgating rules and] ADOPTING regulations affecting the lands and property and leasing, [contracting] CONTRACTING, and permit authority granted under this subtitle.

(B) This power and authority is in addition to that which is stated in [Chapter 780 of the Laws of 1959] ARTICLE 28 OF THE CODE.

8-1305.

The appropriate county governing body of each county named in § 8-1303 OF THIS SUBTITLE, or its duly designated agency, may adopt, amend, extend, or add to the Watershed plan, with the approval of the Department. The plan, including maps, plats, charts, and descriptive matter, shall show the respective appropriate county governing body's, or its duly designated agency's recommendations to protect the Watershed, and may include, items such as location of lands to be acquired, either in fee or by easement, for the purposes of this subtitle, and public uses proposed for the [lands] LANDS, including[, but not limited to,] the location, arrangement, character, and extent of roadways, waterways, waterfronts, beaches, docks and wharves, parks, forest preserves, public recreational areas, wildlife refuges, natural scenery, and open spaces.

8-1306.

(a) The appropriate county governing body or its duly designated agency may adopt:

- (1) [part] PART of the Watershed plan in its respective county[,];