

ments and ways of all persons and corporations therein, without the necessity of submitting the purchase or the award or the ratification thereof to the qualified voters of Hagerstown, the same, when so acquired to be used for drainage purposes for Hagerstown, providing means of payment therefor and authorizing and empowering the Mayor and Council to dispose of any part of said tract or tracts of land so acquired, which in its opinion may be unnecessary for said purposes set forth in this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase or condemnation a certain tract or tracts of land, with the improvements thereon; abutting on and along both sides of a stream of water for its entire length commonly called and known as "Marsh Run" in Hagerstown, Maryland; the entire stream of water of said Marsh Run from the eastern boundary of the property of the Hagerstown City Park to Antietam Creek together with any and all rights, easements, privileges and ways of all persons and corporations therein and any and all streams of water, water-ways, water courses and drains emptying thereinto and all rights of every kind and description whatsoever of all persons and corporations therein, without the necessity of submitting the said purchase or the said award or the ratification thereof to the qualified voters of Hagerstown, the same when so acquired to be used for drainage purposes for the inhabitants of Hagerstown, and when so acquired the title there to shall vest in the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown in fee simple.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown may enter into contract or contracts with the owners thereof for the purchase of said tract or tracts of land mentioned in Section 1 of this Act, together with the improvements thereon, and with the owners of the stream of water known as "Marsh Run" and any of their rights therein and also for any and all streams of water, water-ways, water-courses and drains emptying into said Marsh Run including any and all easements, rights, ways and privileges of all persons and corporations claiming and owning any rights of any kind and description whatsoever therein or in any wise appertaining thereto, and if the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown can not agree upon a reasonable price and terms of payment for said purchase, as aforesaid described, then and in that event the