

in said district, or in any part thereof, and to devise and prepare plans to prevent floods from any other streams, and for the purpose of carrying out these objects, to authorize said Mayor and City Council to enter upon land or property, to dredge, widen, divert or otherwise change the course of Will's Creek or any other natural or artificial water course, or any ditch, drain or sewer, and to fill up the same, to construct and maintain ditches, sewers, sewer gates, pumps, canals, levees, dams and other similar works, to heighten, lower or otherwise change the banks of Will's Creek and the Potomac River, to erect walls, and to raise, heighten, strengthen or otherwise change existing walls along said banks or within three hundred feet of said banks, to strengthen, narrow and otherwise change the piers and other sub-structures of all bridges over said Creek or River, to remove all dams and other obstructions in the beds of either of said streams, and to lower or otherwise change such dams and obstructions, and to change the construction and operation of the same, to elevate, lower and change the grade and location of public and private streets, alleys and roadways, and to close or open the same, to remove, remodel, rebuild, change the location of or otherwise modify sheds, houses and other buildings of every description, and also fences, gates, doorways and other openings of all sorts, and viaducts and canal and railroad works, to reclaim, fill in, or remove wet and overflowed land and islands, and to clear the same, to regulate the flow of Will's Creek or the Potomac River, and to do all of the foregoing things through and over the property of railroad and all other public utility companies, to acquire every species of real and personal property, and all kinds of uses and rights therein by condemnation, gift, purchase or otherwise, and to do all other things necessary and proper in preventing or lessening the danger from floods in said City of Cumberland, and to carry out any and all of the provisions of the plans adopted for that purpose, and to do any and all of the foregoing things within the present limits of the City of Cumberland, and within a distance of one mile in any direction beyond said limits; to do all or any of the work necessary under this Act by contract or otherwise, to advertise for contracts for said work or any part thereof, and to employ persons to carry out and perform all said work, or any part thereof, to condemn any and all property, and rights and uses therein which may be necessary and proper for carrying out the provisions of this Act by special pro-