

the real property located in said Will's Creek Flood District, or said designated part thereof, as said assessments appear on the tax assessment rolls of Allegany County, and said one-half of the total cost of said improvement to be so assessed shall be divided among all the properties located in said District or said designated part thereof, in such proportion as the assessed value of each of said properties bears to the total assessment of all real property in said District, or said designated part thereof, and having determined the amount of said assessment as aforesaid, said Mayor and City Council shall provide by ordinance for the giving of notice by publication or by service of written notice personally upon the parties to be affected by said proposed liens, and allowing them to be heard before any such liens are filed, and thereafter said Mayor and City Council shall file said liens as hereinafter specified against said properties, and said liens shall be preferred liens the same as City taxes now are; provided, said Mayor and City Council shall, within four months after the time fixed for hearing by said notice, file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Allegany County a statement showing the whole amount expended in carrying into effect and completing said Partial Flood Prevention Plan, and the names of the owners and other parties among whom the said sum has been apportioned, and the amount apportioned to each, and a general description of the property owned by each of said owners upon which said sums are intended to operate as a lien, or a reference to the deed or other instrument under which said property is held, and said statement shall constitute a lien on said property, and shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the date on which it is filed, for the space of five years, and no longer, unless the same shall be revived or enforced by scire facias to be issued and enforced in the same manner as is now provided by the Charter of the City of Cumberland for paving liens, and any owner or other interested party may test the validity of such lien in the same way and by the same method as is now provided for testing the validity of paving liens by section 79 of Chapter 96 of the Acts of 1922 of the General Assembly of Maryland, said Chapter 96 being known as the Charter of the City of Cumberland.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That said Mayor and City Council of Cumberland for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act may acquire land or rights in land