

*Erosion*

167. Territory within each and every sub-division of land in any county of this State, sub-divided for residential and business uses, and abutting or bordering upon the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries, or upon any other stream or body of water in this State, as shown by the plats of said respective sub-divisions recorded among the Land Records of said county, be, and the same hereby are, respectively created separate Taxing and Assessment Districts; and each District, for the purposes of this sub-title, shall bear the name of the sub-division out of which it is created.

168. (a) The County Commissioners of the County is ARE hereby authorized and empowered to act as the District Council for each of said Taxing and Assessment Districts, and, in carrying out the provisions of this sub-title, to use all the applicable power and authority vested in ~~it~~ THEM by existing law and by this sub-title.

(b) Whenever it shall be deemed necessary by said County Commissioners, acting as a District Council for any of said Taxing and Assessment Districts, to take or acquire any land, structures or buildings, either in fee or as an easement, for the construction, extension or maintenance of any erosion prevention works to prevent erosion by Chesapeake Bay and tributaries, or by any other stream or body of water in this State, in any of said Taxing and Assessment Districts, it may purchase the same from the owner or owners, or, failing to agree with the owner or owners thereof, may condemn the same, and any interest of any tenant, lessee or other person therein, by proceedings in the Circuit Court for the County as now provided by Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland. At any time after ten days after the return and recordation of the verdict or award in said proceedings, the said County Commissioners, acting as the District Council for such Taxing and Assessment District, may enter and take possession of the property so condemned, upon first paying to the Clerk of the Court the amount of said award and all costs taxed to date notwithstanding any appeal or further proceedings upon the part of the defendant or defendants; at the time of said payment, however, it shall give its corporate undertaking, acting as District Council for the District proposed to be protected by said erosion prevention works, to abide by and fulfill any judgment on appeal or on further proceedings.

169. (a) Upon the written application or petition of any 75 PER CENT OF THE property owner or owners in any of