

apply only as to areas within the State of Maryland, being within the City or within one mile thereof, except as specifically provided otherwise.

184. PLAN. The Mayor and City Council is authorized to prepare plans for all work and purposes authorized by this sub-title, to employ such engineers, counsel and other persons as may be necessary for completing such plans, to adopt such ordinances and make such agreements as may be necessary for putting such plans into operation, to maintain and operate any works and improvements necessary for the completion and operation of such plans, and to let such contracts for these purposes as may be necessary or desirable.

185. SURVEYS. The Mayor and City Council, or their employees and agents, including contractors and their employees, may enter upon lands within the limits of the City or within an area lying one mile from said limits in order to make surveys and examinations incident to the purposes of this sub-title. Any such person or persons shall have access to the work needed or advisable to complete such purposes, but shall whenever possible secure permission so to enter and work, and shall do no unnecessary damage. The Mayor and City Council, or any such person, shall not be liable for more than the actual damage done.

186. POWERS. (a) In order to prevent or decrease the dangers of floods within the Flood District, and to carry out the purposes of this sub-title, the Mayor and City Council is authorized and empowered to do these acts and things:

(b) To clean, dredge, straighten, widen, deepen, divert, alter or change the course of Will's Creek, or of any ditch, drain, sewer, or any other natural or artificial watercourse, or to fill up any of the same.

(c) To construct and maintain main and lateral ditches, sewers, sewer gates, pumps, canals, levees, dikes, dams, sluices, revetments, reservoirs, holding basins, floodways, pumping stations, siphons, or other similar works or instruments.

(d) To raise, lower, alter or otherwise modify the banks of Will's Creek and of the Potomac River.

(e) To erect walls along or at any point within three hundred feet of said banks, or any of them; and to raise, strengthen, add to, lower or otherwise modify existing walls along said banks or within three hundred feet thereof.