

authorized, when in its judgment it is deemed expedient or necessary, to plan, design, construct, maintain and operate a system for the control and disposition of surface waters, including storm water drainage, within the limits of the Town of Cheverly, and for such purpose, said Mayor and Town Council is given all of the power and authority, including the right to condemn, heretofore given it by law, in the construction and maintenance of its roadways, alleys, curbs, sidewalks and gutters, and the right and authority to negotiate with any public agency and to make contracts with such agency, including the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Mayor and Town Council shall prepare, as soon as it deems it expedient, a comprehensive general plan for the control and disposition of surface waters within the limits of the said Town of Cheverly, and shall thereupon divide said Town into drainage areas or sections determined, as near as may be, by topography or the natural flow of surface waters.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Mayor and Town Council may determine, upon petition or its own motion, that one or more areas within the Town limits of Cheverly, in the interest of the public health, welfare and safety, is in need of a storm water or surface water drainage system. After having made said determination, the Mayor and Town Council shall advertise in not less than two issues in any newspaper published in the County which has a general circulation in the Town of Cheverly, that the Mayor and Town Council has determined to construct in the area determined upon, or a part thereof, a drainage system, giving in said advertisement the approximate cost and the general area affected, and advising those interested that a hearing will be held by the Mayor and Town Council at a time and place named in said advertisement at which all interested parties will be heard. The Mayor and Town Council shall be prepared to exhibit at such hearing a plan for said drainage area or a part thereof, including the length and size of pipes and the approximate cost and the specific area to be affected by any tax or assessment levied for the construction of said system. If, after such hearing, the Mayor and Town Council determine that the public health and welfare requires the construction of said system, it shall thereupon proceed with such construction, either by contract, publicly advertised or by its own force, or under its own supervision, as it deems desirable and more economical.