

ment or of the District of Columbia or of the State of Maryland, including the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, or with other representatives or officials of the State of Virginia or of Montgomery and Prince George's counties or of any municipality or other local sub-division within these counties or within these states. All public officials of the State of Maryland and of the two counties shall upon request furnish to the Commission within a reasonable time, such available information and data as it may require for its work.

(c) Assistance from Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.—The maps, surveys, engineering data, and other records of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission are made available for the use of the Commission; and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is directed to furnish, at cost, such engineering service and advice as may be requested from time to time by the Commission.

24. Negotiation and Arrangements for Acquiring and Developing Property.

The Commission has the power to negotiate, enter into, and make arrangements with the National Capital Planning Commission or other Federal agency or with representatives of the State of Virginia or with other official corporations in Montgomery and Prince George's counties, relating to the acquisition, development, or improvement of land and other property within the Metropolitan District for the purposes specified herein, or any of them. The Commission shall not obligate itself or the Metropolitan District for expenditures beyond the amount of funds in its possession or to be available to it from bonds, taxes, donations, contributions, or appropriations as provided for or referred to in this Article.

25. Contracts or Commitments for Acquiring Park Lands.

(a) Conditions and limitations.—Any contract or commitment hereafter entered into by the Commission with the United States of America or with any bureau or agency thereof, or with the National Capital Planning Commission pursuant to the authority of this subtitle, and any amendment of a pre-existing contract or commitment, shall be subject to the conditions and limitations of this Section insofar as the contract or commitment may have reference to obtaining the advances authorized by Sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of Section 1 of said Public Law No. 284 of the 71st Congress, as amended, for the purpose of acquiring park lands in the Metropolitan District.

(b) Prior contracts validated.—Any such contract or commitment with respect to the acquisition of park lands within the Metropolitan District, so entered into by the Commission prior to the year 1947 pursuant to any Act of the General Assembly of Maryland enacted prior thereto, is validated and approved and declared to be binding, in accordance with its terms, upon the State of Maryland, the Commission, and Montgomery County or the County Commissioners of Prince George's County.

(c) Amendments to contracts.—If the Commission desires to amend any such contract or commitment with respect to the acquisition of park lands within the Metropolitan District (other than