

(b). As used in this sub-title herein the term "County Commissioners" shall mean the County Commissioners of the county in which a petition for the establishment of a Public Watershed Association is filed and such term shall include and be interchangeable with "County Council", and the "Mayor and City Council" and the term "County" shall include and be interchangeable with Baltimore City.

(c). As used in this sub-title the terms "Watershed Association" and "Association" shall mean Public Watershed Association.

(d). As used in this sub-title the term "landowner" and "owner of land" shall mean any person, firm, or corporation who shall hold title to, or shall have contracted to purchase, land which shall be benefited by the proposed works of improvement under consideration within a Public Watershed Association organized or proposed to be organized under this sub-title.

170. A petition signed by not less than one-third of the landowners or by the owners of not less than one-third of the land in a watershed or sub-watershed area, may be filed with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the county in which all or a greater part of such land is located, describing the area in such a way as to convey an intelligent idea of its location and boundaries, and its problems of flood prevention or the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water, and that the public benefit, or the public health, safety or welfare would be promoted by establishing works of improvement for flood prevention or the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water, and asking for the establishment of a Public Watershed Association for such purposes. Said petition shall be accompanied by a report from the local Soil Conservation District or Districts lying in whole or in part within the proposed Association, which shall show the following:

1. The size and location of the proposed Public Watershed Association.
2. The nature of the problems.
3. The types of treatment believed needed and the benefits anticipated.
4. Whether the proposed Public Watershed Association is practicable and feasible and is generally supported by the landowners in the area.
5. Whether it will promote the public benefit, and be conducive to the public health, safety, and welfare.
6. The name of the proposed organization which shall be styled the ".....Public Watershed Association."
7. The number of directors (not less than 3) to serve as the governing body.

The Soil Conservation District or Districts shall file, with the report, maps which shall show a general delineation of the area affected, together with its location in the county or counties indicated.

171. The County Commissioners shall, at their first meeting after receiving such petition and report, examine them, and if they