to and of a water system **[or]**, a sewage system or a surface water drainage system as are deemed necessary by the District to place or maintain such a system in proper condition for the safe, efficient and economic operation thereof or to meet requirements for service in areas in a subdistrict which may be served by the District **[and]** or in which no existing service is being rendered.

- [(j)](k) The word "cost" as applied to a water system [or], a sewerage system or a surface water drainage system [shall] may include all or any of the following: the purchase price of any such system or the cost of acquiring all of the capital stock of the corporation owning such system and the amount to be paid to discharge all of its obligations in order to vest title to the system or any part thereof in the District, the cost of constructing any such system, the cost of improvements, the cost of all lands, properties, rights, easements, franchises, and permits acquired; the cost of all machinery and equipment, financing charges, interest on bonds prior to and during initial construction or construction of improvements and for not more than one year after completion of construction, the amount of any contribution made by the District pursuant to Section 532(1) of this sub-title, the cost of engineering and legal services, plans, specifications, surveys, estimates of cost and of revenues, other expenses [,] necessary or incident to the determining of the feasibility or practicability of any such acquisition, improvement [,] or construction, administrative expenses as may be necessary or incident to the financing herein authorized, to the acquisition, improvement [,] or construction of a water system [or], a sewerage system or a surface water drainage system and the placing of the same in operation by the District. Any obligation or expense incurred by the District prior to the issuance of [revenue] any bonds under the provisions of this sub-title for engineering studies and for estimates of cost and of revenues and for other technical or professional services which may be utilized or be deemed necessary in the acquisition, improvement or construction of any such system, may be regarded as part of the cost of any such system or of any project.
- [(k)] (l) The term "Federal agency" shall mean and include the United States of America, any department or bureau thereof, and any agency or instrumentality of the United States of America heretofore established or which may be established or created hereafter.
- [(1)] (m) The term "project" shall mean any water system, [sewer] sewerage system or surface water drainage system and any combination or part or parts thereof, including improvements thereto, owned, constructed or operated by [a] the District under the provisions of this sub-title.
- (n) The word "subdistrict" refers to any one or more suitably identified areas or localities in which the District may exercise its powers and duties and which are located within the boundaries of the District, as initially or from time to time determined pursuant to Section 529(b) of this sub-title, and also established or, from time to time, altered in the manner prescribed by Section 530(b) hereof.
- SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That Sections 529 and 530 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Washington County (1957 Edition), being Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Washington County", sub-title "Sanitary Districts", as said Sec-