

(h) *To plan, replan, install, construct, reconstruct, repair, open, close, abandon, or vacate streets, roads, sidewalks, public utilities, parks, playgrounds, and other public improvements in connection with an urban renewal project.*

(i) *To enter into any building or property in any urban renewal area in order to make inspections, surveys, appraisals, soundings or test borings.*

(j) *To hold, improve, clear or prepare for redevelopment any property acquired in connection with urban renewal projects; to insure or provide for the insurance of any real or personal property or operations of the county against any risks or hazards, including the authority to pay premiums on any such insurance.*

(k) *To make or have made all surveys and plans necessary to the carrying out of the purposes of this Act and to adopt or approve, modify and amend such plans, which plans may include, but are not limited to: (1) plans for carrying out a program of voluntary or compulsory repair and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements, (2) plans for the enforcement of codes and regulations relating to the use of land and the use and occupancy of buildings and improvements and to the compulsory repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or removal of buildings and improvements, and (3) appraisals, title searches, surveys, studies, and other plans and work necessary to prepare for the undertaking of urban renewal projects and related activities; and to apply for, accept and utilize grants of funds from the Federal Government for such purposes.*

(l) *To prepare plans for the relocation of persons (including families, business concerns and others) displaced from an urban renewal area, and to make relocation payments to or with respect to such persons for moving expenses and losses of property for which reimbursement or compensation is not otherwise made, including the making of such payments financed by the Federal Government.*

(m) *To generally organize, coordinate and direct the administration of the provisions of this Act in order that the objective of remedying slum or blighted areas and preventing the causes thereof WITHIN Howard County may be most effectively promoted and achieved.*

(n) *To formulate a "workable program" for utilizing the powers and authority authorized by the Constitution of Maryland, and public general laws, in order to promote development and redevelopment in an Urban Renewal Area.*

(o) *To appropriate such funds and make such expenditures as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, AND TO EXPEND SUCH FUNDS AS MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ANY AND ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH, OR INCIDENTAL TO, THE DEMOLITION, REMOVAL, RELOCATION, RENOVATION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF LANDS, BUILDINGS, STREETS, HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, PUBLIC UTILITIES OR SERVICES, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND OTHER STRUCTURES OR IMPROVEMENTS; and to levy taxes and assessments for such purposes; to borrow money, and to give such security as may be required therefor; to invest any urban renewal*