

Edition), title "Natural Resources", to follow immediately after Section 411 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Patuxent River Watershed", and to read as follows:

*Patuxent River Watershed*

411A. (a) *The Board of County Commissioners or the County Council of the Counties of Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's, or the duly designated agencies of the said Boards of County Commissioners or County Councils, shall have jurisdiction, power, and authority to define and create the Patuxent River Watershed in their respective counties, each acting cooperatively with the others and with The Department of Forests and Parks, for the purpose of protecting said watershed by a program of flood prevention, conservation, the protection of areas therein subject to sediment or erosion damages, and to prevent encroachment therein by the rapid growth and spread of urban development, and to cooperate with local, county, State and Federal agencies; and it is hereby declared that such flood prevention, conservation, sediment or erosion protection, and the prevention of urban development within said watershed is a public benefit and conducive to the public health, safety and welfare.*

(b) *As used in this sub-title the term "County Commissioners" shall mean the County Commissioners of the County in which a portion of the Patuxent River Watershed is located and such term shall include and be interchangeable with "County Council" in any chartered county affected hereby.*

(c) *As used in this sub-title the term "duly designated agencies" shall mean any public body corporate, whether exercising local or regional authority in either or any of the aforementioned counties, which shall be officially designated by either or any of said counties to carry out the programs and purposes of this sub-title within either or any of the said counties. Provided, however, that in so far as the provisions of this sub-title shall pertain to Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission shall be the duly designated agency of the said counties to carry out the provisions of this sub-title. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission shall have and exercise the authority granted by the provisions of this sub-title to the County Commissioners, or their duly designated agencies, in so far as it pertains to the adoption of the Patuxent River Watershed Plan, the acquisition, improvement, maintenance and operation of lands and other property for the purposes enumerated in this sub-title, the promulgation of rules and regulations affecting said lands and property and all leasing, contracting and permit authority granted hereunder, in addition to the powers and authority set forth in Chapter 780 of the Laws of 1959, as amended.*

411B. *The County Commissioners of each of the aforementioned counties, or their duly designated agencies, are authorized and empowered to make and adopt and, from time to time, amend, extend or add to, a Patuxent River Watershed Plan, said Plan to bear the approval of the Department of Forests and Parks. The Plan, including maps, plats, charts and descriptive matter, shall show the respective County Commissioners', or their duly designated agencies', recommendations for the protection of the Watershed, which may*