

FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION ALL STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS OR PARTS THEREOF WHICH ARE CONSTRUCTED PURSUANT TO ITS DIRECTION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED PLANS. *The Commission may provide that ALLOW open drainage may be carried in a natural undisturbed stream only when in its judgment no further improvements will be required of such stream at a subsequent date. The Commission may permit open improved channels for the carrying of storm water drainage when the drainage capacity thereof exceeds the capacity of a pipe of seventy-two (72) inches diameter. Where open, improved channels are permitted, however, the Commission may require adequate easement or right of way areas and restrict such areas to the planting and maintenance of grass.*

(f) *The Commission shall, from time to time as public health, safety, convenience and economy require, make and revise such rules and regulations not inconsistent with law as it may deem necessary to enable it to carry out the provisions of this Act. The rules and regulations promulgated hereunder and any revisions thereof shall be adopted and promulgated in accordance with the procedures specified by Chapter 608 of the Laws of 1961, being Section 83-59 of this subtitle, including the giving of thirty days prior notice by publication in at least one newspaper printed and published in Montgomery County and one newspaper printed and published in Prince George's County.*

(g) *The Commission is authorized to adopt a reasonable fee not exceeding six per centum (6%) of the ~~proposed~~ ESTIMATED construction costs for the issuance of any permit required by this Section or by the rules and regulations adopted hereunder.*

(h) *For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, for performing engineering studies, surveys and reviews, and for making provision for the expenses to be incurred by the Commission in maintaining storm drainage systems and parts thereof taken over for such maintenance by it, the Commission shall request the County Commissioners of Prince George's County and the County Council for Montgomery County, respectively, to levy an ad valorem tax on all assessable property in ~~said Counties~~ THE PART OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WHICH IS WITHIN THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT at a rate necessary to produce annually the sum required by the Commission to perform the duties and responsibilities cast on it by this Act, not exceeding, however, three (3) cents per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). The tax hereby authorized is in addition to and not in substitution for any ad valorem tax or charge authorized by any other Act of the General Assembly, but in fixing the amount annually the above limitation shall include the amount of tax determined and collected under Section 83-89 (73-71) of this subtitle for planning and maintaining drainage systems within the Sanitary District. The tax levy shall be collected and paid over to the Commission as are other ad valorem taxes in accordance with the provisions specified by Section 6 of Chapter 122 of the Acts of 1918, being Sections 83-67 and 73-53, respectively, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties.*

(i) *In the exercise of its function and authority under this Act, the Commission is given the power to negotiate and make contracts*