

feet more or less into the Patuxent River to intersect the boundary between Calvert and St. Mary's Counties; thence running easterly along said boundary down the Patuxent River and into Chesapeake Bay 53,800 feet more or less to the easternmost boundary of the waters contiguous to St. Mary's County; thence southerly along said boundary 28,700 feet more or less; thence leaving said boundary and running South 73 degrees West 21,000 feet more or less to a point near the Western shore of Chesapeake Bay (North 145,000 feet, East 975,000 feet); thence leaving said Bay and running West 35,000 feet (North 145,000 feet, East 940,000 feet); thence North 25,000 feet (North 170,000 feet, East 940,000 feet); thence North 26 degrees 33 minutes 54 seconds East 5590.17 feet (North 175,000 feet, East 942,500 feet); thence North 33 degrees 41 minutes 24 seconds East 4506.94 feet to the point of beginning. Coordinates in parentheses are referred to the origin of the Maryland Coordinate System, bearings are referred to the meridian of the same system.

159A.

Sanitary districts (in addition to the sanitary district created by Section 159 of this subtitle) may be created, and sanitary districts (including the sanitary district created by Section 159 of this subtitle) may be enlarged as follows:

(a) *Finding of commission and consent of county governing body.* Upon compliance with the procedure hereinafter set forth, the creation of a new sanitary district or the enlargement of an existing sanitary district shall be effected within the discretion of the Commission, upon a finding that such establishment or enlargement is necessary to the public health, safety and welfare of the residents within such new or enlarged sanitary district and upon a finding that such establishment or enlargement is feasible from an engineering and financial standpoint, subject to the consent of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

(b) *Whenever twenty-five property owners, residing in any locality in St. Mary's County, shall in writing petition the Commission to have said locality (the boundaries whereof shall be definitely stated in said petition) constituted as a new sanitary district or added to an existing sanitary district to which such locality is contiguous, the Commission, if it approves, shall cause to be made a preliminary engineering survey of the project to determine the feasibility and probable cost of providing such area with utilities, whether water, sewer or otherwise. If the Commission disapproves of the project or is unable or unwilling to undertake or obtain such preliminary engineering survey, it shall so inform the petitioners by mail giving to each of said petitioners an estimate of the cost of making or obtaining such a preliminary engineering survey, and no further action shall be taken on said project unless and until the persons signing the petition therefor cause the estimated cost of such preliminary engineering survey to be paid to the Commission, which shall then proceed to make or obtain such preliminary engineering survey. Upon any locality becoming a sanitary district or a part of an existing sanitary district, pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Commission shall repay from the first funds available for such purpose, including the issuance of bonds, any sums furnished by any of the petitioners to defray the cost of the preliminary engineering survey. Upon completion of the preliminary*