

requisite to the construction of any road, building, or structure by any State, county or municipality within the Watershed; and by providing for enforcement and penalties for violation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 411V through 411AD be and are hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Patuxent River Watershed," and to follow immediately after Section 411U thereof, and to be under the new subheading "Sediment and Waste Control," and to read as follows:

411V.

*Purposes and definition of Patuxent River Watershed.—The General Assembly of the State of Maryland hereby determines and finds that the Patuxent River is a great natural asset and resource to the State of Maryland and to the counties through which it runs; that as a result of poorly treated effluent discharged from sewage disposal plants and from erosion and silt which is deposited in said river as a result of construction and development on lands within the Patuxent River Watershed the said river is being polluted and despoiled to a degree that fish, marine life and recreational use of the said river is being adversely affected and curtailed. For the purpose of this subheading, the Patuxent River Watershed is hereby defined as that land surface area whose topography is such that any water falling upon it would drain either directly or indirectly into the Patuxent River; such land area in the State of Maryland presently lying entirely within Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties.*

411W.

*Sewage treatment plants.—All agencies or persons disposing of or treating sewage within the Patuxent River Watershed shall anticipate the need for advanced waste treatment and for the removal of nutrients, in providing land and in planning the construction of sewage treatment plants, so that effluent from sewage treatment plants shall be sufficiently treated so as to meet the water quality standard for bacteriological values, dissolved oxygen, ph, and temperature conditions defined in the water resources commission regulation 4.8 and any amendments thereto.*

*(a) All future sewage treatment plants located within the Patuxent River Watershed shall be construed so as to conform with the above stated standards.*

411X.

*The owners and operators of any existing or hereafter constructed sewage disposal plant which does not presently or at any time hereafter meet the above stated standards shall, within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the enactment of this Legislation or one hundred and eighty (180) days' notice of not meeting the above standards, submit an improved sewage disposal plan to the State Department of Health for approval. The Department of Health, within ten (10) days, shall refer copies of the plan to the appropriate county governing body of the county in which the plant is located, the Department of Water Resources, the State Department of Forests*