

any right or interest in said land, structures or buildings, stream bed, waterway, water rights or watershed. At any time after ten days after the return or recordation of the verdict or award in said proceedings, the commission may enter and take possession of the property so condemned, upon first paying to the clerk of the court the amount of said reward and all costs taxed to that date, notwithstanding any appeal or further proceedings upon the part of the defendant. At the time of said payment, however, the commission shall give its corporate undertaking to abide by and fulfill any judgment in such appeal or further proceedings.】

19-1.

*The Cecil County Metropolitan Commission and its offices are abolished as of June 30, 1971; and its duties, CONTRACTS, DEBTS AND ASSETS shall be assumed by the Department of Public Works as provided in this subtitle; AND ALL ITS PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL IS TRANSFERRED TO AND SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.*

19-2.

*(a) For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this subtitle, there is hereby created a Department of Public Works which shall be headed by a Director of Public Works, WITH THE RIGHT TO DO ANY AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, WHICH INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE RIGHT TO ACQUIRE ANY LAND, STRUCTURE OR BUILDING, OR ANY STREAM BED, WATERWAY, WATER RIGHTS, OR WATERSHED, EITHER IN FEE OR AS AN EASEMENT, WITHIN CECIL COUNTY, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, EXTENSION OR MAINTENANCE OF ANY WATER MAIN, SEWER OR APPURTENANCE THEREOF, OR ANY SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, RESERVOIR, WATER TREATMENT PLANT, STORAGE TANK OR PUMPING STATION, OR FOR THE EXECUTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF OTHER POWER OR FUNCTIONS VESTED IN IT BY THIS SUBTITLE, SAID DEPARTMENT MAY PURCHASE THE SAME FROM THE OWNERS, OR FAILING TO AGREE WITH THE OWNER OR OWNERS THEREOF, MAY CONDEMN THE SAME BY PROCEEDINGS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH SAID LAND, STRUCTURES OR BUILDINGS, STREAM BED, WATERWAY, WATER RIGHTS, OR WATERSHED IS LOCATED, AS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONDEMNATION OF LAND BY PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS IN THE PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF MARYLAND, NOW OR HEREAFTER IN EFFECT, AND SAID DEPARTMENT MAY LIKEWISE CONDEMN THE INTEREST OF ANY TENANT, LESSEE OR OTHER PERSON HAVING ANY RIGHT OR INTEREST IN SAID LAND, STRUCTURES OR BUILDINGS, STREAM BED, WATERWAY, WATER RIGHTS OR WATERSHED. AT ANY TIME OF SAID ACTIONS, HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE ITS UNDERTAKING TO ABIDE BY AND FULFILL ANY JUDGMENT IN SUCH APPEAL OR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.*