

CHAPTER 186

(House Bill 1434)

AN ACT to authorize the issuance of bonds of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding [I\$4,000,000I] \$5,000,000 for paying the cost of storm water, surface drainage or flood control projects or systems in the Prince George's County portion of the District, including the payment of any portion of the costs of sanitary sewer or water supply facilities resulting from the construction or planned construction of such storm water, surface drainage or flood control systems, and, for the purpose of providing an alternate remedy for flood and storm water conditions, taking into account public interest factors of environmental enhancement, engineering feasibility and economy of system construction and operation, to pay the cost of acquiring land, interests in land and structures thereon in flood plains, which property will then be held, or transferred to other governmental agencies for public use, with restrictions and limitations against use thereof for habitation, commercial or industrial activity, and to authorize the issuance of notes in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, and to provide for the payment of such bonds and notes and the interest thereon.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, (a) That, for the purpose of paying the cost of storm water, surface drainage or flood control projects or systems and carrying out the provisions of Chapter 526 of the Laws of Maryland of 1943, as amended by Chapter 917 of the Laws of Maryland of 1945, and Chapter 732 of the Laws of Maryland of 1947 with respect to storm water and surface drainage systems, including the cost of any engineering or other surveys of storm water, surface drainage or flood control needs in that portion of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District situated in Prince George's County, and for the purpose of paying for or towards the construction in that portion of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District of any storm water, surface drainage or flood control project or system which is the subject of an agreement between the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and another governmental or public authority, commission or agency pursuant to Chapter 228 of the Laws of Maryland of 1959 or any other law, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is empowered to issue from time to time bonds of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District as hereinafter provided in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding [Ifour million dollars (\$4,000,000)I] five million dollars (\$5,000,000), which bonds shall be in addition to any bonds authorized to be issued under any other law for such purpose. For the purpose of providing an alternate remedy for storm water and surface drainage flooding conditions, the Commission may, taking into account public interest factors of environmental enhancement, engineering feasibility and economy of system construction and operation, acquire by purchase, condemnation or gift, any land, interests in land or structures thereon situate which are or may be subject to the flood conditions sought to be remedied and remove any buildings or structures thereon, and thereafter hold the acquired property or interests in property with restrictions against use thereof for any residential, commercial or industrial activity or with the same limitations and restrictions as to use by lease, sale or other contractual arrangement deemed satisfactory to the Commission, transfer the use or title thereof to another governmental agency, board or commission of the State of Maryland, or Prince George's County, or the federal government, for governmental, public recreational or other public use not involving habitation, commercial or industrial activity. The cost of implementing the alternate remedy by the measures set forth herein shall be deemed to be and it is hereby included within the cost of storm water, surface drainage or flood control projects or systems. The cost of such storm water, surface drainage or flood control projects or systems shall be deemed to include, in addition to all other items of cost, any