

erecting, financing, maintaining, using or operating any federal work, improvement or project, including dredging or flood control projects or other federal river and harbor and navigation works and improvements, and to agree to terms of local cooperation required by Congress and/or the federal agency in connection therewith;

(2) Enter into, execute and perform any and all contracts and agreements with the United States or any agency thereof, in the form required thereby, obligating said county or municipality, in whole or in part, to construct, erect, finance, maintain, use, or operate any such federal works, improvements or projects or obligating said county or municipality to arrange, contract for, or supervise the construction, erection, financing, maintenance, use, or operation thereof;

(3) Levy for, appropriate, and obligate necessary moneys to pay for the county's or municipality's share of the cost of such works, improvements, and projects and to obtain private loans and financing therefor;

(4) Receive and accept and expend and use any funds donated or loaned by the federal government to assist in the construction, erection, financing, maintenance, use, or operation of any such works, improvements, and projects;

(5) Subject to the provisions of Title 12 of THE REAL PROPERTY Article [21] of [this] THE Code, purchase or condemn lands, rights-of-ways, easements, and any other interests in land necessary for such improvements, works, and projects and to convey, lease, or otherwise transfer all or any part of such interests to the United States or any agency thereof;

(6) Enter on any lands, waters and premises for the purpose of making surveys, soundings, and examination in or for the furtherance of any such works, improvements, and projects; and

SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 4-401, 5-103 and 12-401(b), of Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume), be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

4-401.

Except as provided in § 4-402, and subject to the venue provisions of Title 6, the District Court has exclusive original jurisdiction in:

(1) An action in contract or tort if the debt or damages claimed do not exceed \$5,000;

(2) An action of replevin regardless of the value of the thing in controversy;

(3) A case of attachment on original process, if the