

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following be and the same is hereby proposed as an addition to the Constitution of Maryland, by adding new Article XI-J - Prince George's County - Land Development and Redevelopment the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:

ARTICLE XI-J - PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY -
LAND DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT

1.

(A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING, REDEVELOPING, RENOVATING OR REHABILITATING AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS BY ADOPTED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PLANS, AND IN EACH OF WHICH IS LOCATED A RAPID RAIL TRANSIT STATION SITE WHICH HAS RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY PUBLIC LOCAL LAW MAY AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TO:

(1) ACQUIRE, WITHIN THOSE AREAS OF THE COUNTY, LAND AND PROPERTY OF EVERY KIND, AND ANY INTEREST, EASEMENT OR PRIVILEGE THEREIN, BY PURCHASE, LEASE, GIFT, CONDEMNATION OR OTHER LEGAL MEANS;

(2) DEVELOP PUBLIC FACILITIES ON ANY LAND SO ACQUIRED;

(3) SELL, CONVEY, TRANSFER, LEASE OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF ANY OF THAT LAND OR PROPERTY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT IS UNDEVELOPED, OR HAS BEEN DEVELOPED, REDEVELOPED, RENOVATED OR REHABILITATED, AND REGARDLESS OF THE MANNER OR MEANS BY WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, TO ANY PRIVATE, PUBLIC OR QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, PERSON OR PERSONS OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY, UPON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS NECESSARY TO ASSURE A USE CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) LAND OR PROPERTY, INCLUDING GOODWILL, TAKEN BY THE COUNTY FOR ANY OF THESE PURPOSES MAY NOT BE TAKEN WITHOUT JUST COMPENSATION AS AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE PARTIES OR AWARDED BY A JURY, BEING FIRST PAID OR TENDERED TO THE PARTY ENTITLED TO THE COMPENSATION.

(C) ALL LAND AND PROPERTY NEEDED OR TAKEN BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY THROUGH THE EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR ANY OF THESE PURPOSES IS DECLARED TO BE NEEDED OR TAKEN FOR PUBLIC USES OR PURPOSES. ANY OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE CONSTITUTE GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS, UNDERTAKEN FOR PUBLIC USES AND PURPOSES, AND THE POWER OF TAXATION MAY BE EXERCISED, PUBLIC FUNDS EXPENDED AND PUBLIC CREDIT EXTENDED IN FURTHERANCE OF THOSE FUNCTIONS.