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(4) That any municipal corporation [existing] WHICH EXISTED on June 1, 1967, in which there is no existing sewerage, water or drainage system may consent to be included within the [area over which the Commission may exercise its authority and in which the Commission may construct, operate and maintain any sewerage, water or drainage systems] SERVICE AREA.

15-4.

If the residents of any unincorporated locality in Carroll County make application for a water [supply], sewerage or drainage system, or part thereof, to be constructed in their locality, the [Commission] COUNTY may require the applicants to bear the reasonable costs for any preliminary engineering studies that the [Commission] BOARD deems necessary to determine whether it is feasible to construct the improvements. Upon receipt of such reasonable costs as the [Commission] BOARD determines to be necessary to conduct the studies, the [Commission] BOARD shall have the studies made and within a reasonable time thereafter advise the applicants of the results thereof together with the [Commission's] BOARD'S determination with respect to the application.

15-4A.

THE BOARD MAY PREPARE A PLAN OR PLANS WHICH IN ITS JUDGMENT ARE NECESSARY OR REQUIRED FOR THE CONTROL AND DISPOSITION OF SURFACE WATERS WITHIN THE LIMITS, OR ANY PART OF, THE SERVICE AREA AND SHALL THEN DIVIDE THE SERVICE AREA, OR ANY PART THEREOF, INTO SEPARATE DRAINAGE AREAS. EACH SEPARATE DRAINAGE AREA SHALL COMPRISE, INSOFAR AS PRACTICABLE, ALL LAND FROM WHICH SURFACE WATER DRAINS BY GRAVITY ALONG A STREAM OR A NATURAL WATER COURSE TO ITS NEAREST MAJOR OUTLET TO TIDEWATER. THE DIVISION OF THE SERVICE AREA, OR ANY PART THEREOF, INTO DRAINAGE AREAS SHALL BE EFFECTED BY A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, AFTER A HEARING DULY HELD NOT LESS THAN 10 DAYS AFTER NOTICE OF THE HEARING, PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE DRAINAGE AREA TO BE CREATED, WHICH RESOLUTION SHALL CONTAIN A DEFINITE DESCRIPTION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DRAINAGE AREA OR AREAS AND SHALL IDENTIFY EACH DRAINAGE AREA BY A DISTINCTIVE NAME. AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION, THE BOARD SHALL CAUSE A PLAT OF THE DRAINAGE AREA OR AREAS TO BE PREPARED, ONE COPY OF WHICH PLAT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE CLERK TO THE BOARD AND ONE COPY OF WHICH SHALL BE INDEXED AND FILED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF CARROLL COUNTY. UPON THE FILING OF THIS PLAT, ANY DRAINAGE AREA SHOWN ON THE PLAT IS DESIGNATED AND CONSTITUTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE TO BE A SEPARATE DRAINAGE AREA AND A TAXING DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPOSING THE DRAINAGE AREA ASSESSMENTS AND TAXES AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-20A OF THIS SUBTITLE, AND THE FILING OF THIS PLAT SHALL CONSTITUTE LEGAL NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE ACTION OF THE BOARD.