

public benefit and conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare.

(b) The State Secretary of Agriculture and the State Soil Conservation Committee shall be notified of any establishment of a drainage association so that coordination and assistance may be provided in accordance with § 8-602 of the Agriculture Article.

(c) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE APPLY IN THOSE COUNTIES HAVING A CHARTER FORM OF GOVERNMENT UNDER ARTICLE 11A OF THE CONSTITUTION, WITH THE TERM "COUNTY COUNCIL" BEING SUBSTITUTED IN EACH INSTANCE IN THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE TERM "COUNTY COMMISSIONERS". THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE APPLY IN THOSE COUNTIES HAVING ADOPTED CODE HOME RULE UNDER ARTICLE 11F OF THE CONSTITUTION.

(d) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE DO NOT RESTRICT A CHARTERED OR CODE COUNTY FROM EXERCISING THOSE POWERS GRANTED IN ARTICLE 25A, § 5(G) OF THE CODE AND ARTICLE 25B, § 13 OF THE CODE, WHICH DO NOT CONFLICT WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

#### Article 25A - Chartered Counties of Maryland

4.

(A) Whenever any county among the geographical subdivisions of this State, as that term is defined in § 4 of Article 11A of the Constitution of the State, shall have adopted for itself a charter or form of government under the provisions of said Article 11A of the Constitution, it shall be entitled to exercise the following express powers, said powers being, as to the counties of Maryland adopting such charter or form of government, granted as a substitute for and in extension of the powers codified in Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "County Commissioners," it being the intent of the General Assembly of Maryland that said Article 25 shall continue to be operative in any and all such counties of Maryland as do not adopt for themselves a charter or form of government under the provisions of said Article 11A of the Constitution, but that the powers herein granted shall be operative in any and all such counties of Maryland as do adopt such charter or form of government.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE SUBTITLE "DRAINING LANDS" OF ARTICLE 25 OF THE CODE APPLIES TO A COUNTY THAT ADOPTS A CHARTER FORM OF GOVERNMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 11A OF THE CONSTITUTION.

#### Article 25B - Home Rule for Code Counties

13.

If a county adopts code home rule status under the provisions of Article 11F of the Constitution of the State and this article, it may exercise those powers enumerated in § 3 of