

disposal plant or field, reservoir, dam, water purification or filtration plant, tank or pumping station and drains of any and every kind, nature and description, and all other facilities, appurtenances and adjuncts that may be required for any of the purposes in this chapter. Whenever deemed necessary by the county in the exercise of any of the foregoing power and authority, the county is authorized to acquire by purchase, gift, devise, bequest, exchange or condemnation from any tenant, lessee, owner, occupier or holder of any interest in land, structures or buildings, source of water supply, stream bed, waterway, water rights, watershed, franchise, water, sewerage or drainage systems, or parts thereof, or other property, either in fee or as an easement, within or without the sanitary district. Proceedings for condemnation under this section shall be instituted in the circuit court for the county in which such land, structures or buildings, source of water supply, stream bed, waterway, water rights, watersheds, franchises, water, sewerage or drainage systems or other property is situated, as provided for condemnation of private property for public use in the [Public General Laws of Maryland] ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND [, now or hereafter in effect].

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(a) To provide for the general health and welfare of the residents of Cecil County, the county may acquire, construct, operate, and maintain such water, sewer, and drainage systems as it deems to be in the public interest. The county may cause surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates to be made for such systems. Unless all owners of land which will be served by any such proposed improvements consent in writing to such improvements being made, the county shall construct any such system or extension thereof only after a public hearing held by the county, after giving notice thereof in two--newspapers 1 NEWSPAPER of general circulation published in Cecil County at least seven days prior to the hearing. At the hearing, plans and specifications for the proposed improvements shall be presented together with the estimated costs thereof and estimated revenues to be derived therefrom. The county may divide the sanitary district into water, sewerage, and drainage subdistricts in such way as in its judgment will best serve the needs of the sanitary district, and promote convenience and economy of installation and operation, and permit the raising of revenues and apportionment of costs to those served on an equitable basis, and it is empowered to keep its books of account accordingly.

(b) If the residents of any unincorporated locality in the sanitary district make application for a water supply, sewerage, or drainage system, or part thereof, to be constructed in their locality, the county may require the applicants to bear the reasonable costs for any preliminary engineering studies that the county deems necessary to determine whether it is feasible to construct the improvements. Upon the receipt of such reasonable