

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
Section 109-2
Article 19 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1978 Edition and October, 1987 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 19 - St. Mary's County

109-2.

A. The County Commissioners [of St. Mary's County], by ordinance or resolution, [condemn] MAY:

(1) CONDEMN, lay out, open, extend and make new roads; [and alter]

(2) ALTER, straighten, widen, grade, improve, or close up, in whole or in part, any existing road; [and remove]

(3) REMOVE trees, posts and other obstructions; and [build]

(4) BUILD or lay out public bridges or drains, when, in their opinion, the public necessity or convenience requires same, without any previous application or petition.

B. The County Commissioners may contract with the owner or owners of the land for the purpose of laying out, opening, extending and making new roads, bridges or drains; or for altering, straightening, widening, grading, improving or for closing up, in whole or in part, any existing public road, bridge or drain; or for the right-of-way over the land necessary therefor if he, she or they be competent to contract; and, if the County Commissioners contract in this manner, they shall cause a plat of the road to be made, filed and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, with the deed or deeds conveying the land acquired, and the plat shall be referred to in and is a part of the deed or deeds, and the lands conveyed are thenceforth the property of St. Mary's County and subject to the purposes and uses for which granted.

C. Petition.

(1) The County Commissioners may construct and improve roads and drainage incident to construction or improvement on or along private roads after the approval of a petition of the majority of the property owners whose property