

4. The health and well-being, recreational and economic opportunities of Maryland's citizens depend on the quality of our waters.

*Why a Massive, Intensive and Comprehensive Pollution Control Program — Now!*

1. Rapid population and industrial growth have put a strain on existing sewage lines and treatment facilities.

- Obsolete, antiquated, insufficient or defective sewage facilities cause pollution.
- Increased pleasure boating, unrestrained open-surface runoff, inadequate stormwater sewers and failing private septic systems cause pollution.

2. As a result — while the quality of Maryland's waters has remained generally good — the pollution potential has increased.

- Proof is found in the closed bathing beaches and shellfish beds, greasy scums and foul odors which have on occasion plagued the waters of Maryland.
- It is only fair to note all waters do not have to be pristinely pure. Maryland's waters have been classified according to use and appropriate water quality standards have been set to protect those uses, i.e., the standards for drinking water will be far more stringent than for waters classified for shipping lanes.

3. Maryland cannot afford to wait for the abatement of its pollution problems.

- Delay not only would adversely affect the State's present economy but also would increase the cost of future abatement many times over what it will cost to act now.
- Assimilation of pollution, which is going on now in Maryland waters, will become steadily worse unless counteracted immediately.

4. After extensive public hearings, Maryland established last year water quality standards for interstate and intrastate waters as an initial step in this program.

- In August 1967, Maryland became *one of only ten* states to gain Federal acceptance of state determined water quality standards and Federal approval of water quality control plans.
- This entitles Maryland to *maximum* Federal aid for water pollution abatement programs.

5. The Comprehensive Water Pollution Control Act is the *positive, necessary* step to bring Maryland's waters *up to* Maryland's quality standards.