

The main source of water supply of the Sanitary District is the Patuxent River, which has been impounded by the construction of a dam near Brighton in Montgomery County. There has been constructed another dam on the same river near Laurel in Prince George's County. With the completion of this dam, the Washington Suburban Sanitary District has an assured yield from the Patuxent River of slightly over 40 million gallons daily. The Commission also obtains a portion of its water supply from the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River, which water is treated in a rapid sand filtration plant at Burnt Mills. It has a third source of supply from deep wells at Forest Heights in the southern portion of the District. This underground supply will yield at present 1.4 million gallons daily.

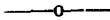
At the present time sewage is disposed of by discharging it into the District of Columbia sewerage system and treating it at the Anacostia Sewage Treatment Works of the Commission near Bladensburg, Maryland. Negotiations are under way with the District of Columbia whereby all the sewage of the Sanitary District will be treated at the District of Columbia Sewage Treatment Plant at Blue Plains.

Refuse is disposed of by means of an incinerator located at Lyttons-ville and a sanitary landfill at Fairland in Montgomery County and an incinerator at Bladensburg in Prince George's County.

The construction operations of the Commission are financed from proceeds of bonds. These bonds are retired with funds from several sources. The general construction bonds are retired by front foot benefit charges and ad valorem taxes. Bonds for major water and sewer construction are retired from water consumption and sewerage usage charges respectively. Refuse incinerator bonds are retired from receipts of the refuse service, and storm water drainage bonds are retired from ad valorem tax receipts.

(Acts 1918, ch. 122; 1920, 518; 1924, 189, 190, 252, 469; 1927, 506, 507; 1931, 232, 522; 1935, 597; 1937, 45, 140, 296, 389, 391; 1939, 193, 253, 257, 266, 540; 1941, 280, 668, 802, 892; 1943, 450, 451, 468, 520, 522, 524, 525, 526, 993; 1945, 917, 1024, 1029; 1947, 143, 361, 362, 363, 365, 732, 733, 734, 736, 739, 820; 1947 (Sp. Sess.) ch. 66; 1948 (Sp. Sess.) ch. 57; 1949, ch. 342, 537, 538, 539, 541, 728; 1950, 92, 93, 94; 1951, 100, 376, 384, 385, 562, 563, 691; 1952, J. R. 6; 1953, ch. 183, 349, 350, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 366, 374, 386, 430, 434, 521, 522, 626, 666, 786; 1955, chs. 78, 79, 117, 118, 154, 231, 256, 356-358, 496, 647-659, 664, 686, 687, 717, 723.)

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## UPPER POTOMAC RIVER COMMISSION

Chairman: John McMullen, 1959

Savage River Dam, Westernport Telephone: Westernport 3201

The Upper Potomac River Commission was established in 1935. The Commission is composed of three members. The Chairman is appointed by the Governor, and one member is appointed by the Commissioners of Allegany County and one by the Commissioners of Garrett County. The term of each member is for six years. The Commission has jurisdiction over the water resources of Allegany County and Election District Number Four (Bloomington) in Garrett County. The Savage River Dam, erected by the Army Corps of