

**WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION**

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The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, created by Chapter 122, Acts of 1918, consists of six members, three of whom are from Prince George's County and three from Montgomery County. By Chapter 839, Acts of 1965, the Prince George's County members are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, from nominations made by the Prince George's County Commissioners, and the Montgomery County members are appointed by the Montgomery County Council. Four of the Commission's present members, whose terms expire in 1967, were appointed under Chapter 654, Acts of 1959, which provided for one of the Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor from each County of his own selection and the others upon nominations by the County Commissioners and County Council, respectively.

When the Commission was organized, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission service area covered 94 square miles. In succeeding years, the General Assembly has made additions, and the Washington Suburban Sanitary District now contains more than 500 square miles within Prince George's and Montgomery counties, adjacent to the District of Columbia. The Commission has jurisdiction over the construction of any water and sewerage systems built in either county beyond the limits of the Sanitary District boundaries. In Prince George's County it has jurisdiction over the operation of these same facilities. The present Sanitary District has a population of about 700,000 and an assessed valuation of approximately \$2,500,000,000.

The Commission provides for the construction, maintenance and operation of water supply and sewerage systems; it has jurisdiction over storm drainage and the location of utilities; and it provides refuse disposal service within the Sanitary District. It also operates a refuse collection system in the suburban portions of Montgomery County. The Commission has been designated as the organization responsible for the administration, maintenance and operation of the Anacostia River Flood Control and Navigation Project. As of December 31, 1964, the water and sewerage systems of the Commission contained 1,932 and 2,226 miles of mains, respectively.

Two major sources of water now supply the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission system. The Patuxent River, which the Commission has impounded with the construction of two dams near Brighton in Montgomery County and near Laurel in Prince George's County, gives the Commission a yield of 65 million gallons a day through the Patuxent Filtration Plant. The Potomac River supplies raw water to the new Potomac River Filtration Plant. This facility opened in 1961 and it has a capacity of 70 million gallons a day. Eventually it will be expanded, as needed, to a capacity of at least 200 million gallons a day, and it will serve both counties. Wells located on the Potomac slopes of Prince George's County provide a third source of water.