

## **WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION**

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The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the governing body of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District, was created in 1918 (Chapter 122, Acts of 1918).

The Commission provides for the construction, maintenance, and operation of water supply and sewerage systems in Prince George's and Montgomery counties. Although it has jurisdiction over storm drainage in Prince George's County only, it regulates and inspects plumbing and gas-fitting installations in both counties. The Commission has been designated as the agency responsible for the administration, maintenance, and operation of the Anacostia River Flood Control and Navigation Project.

The two major sources of water now supplying the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission system are the Patuxent River, through the Patuxent Filtration Plant, and the Potomac River, through the Potomac River Filtration Plant. Much of the sewage from the Commission service area is transported through trunk sewers into the District of Columbia and is treated at the regional Blue Plains Pollution Control Plant in Washington, D.C. Sewage disposal plants operated by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission are near Laurel, at Piscataway Bay, and at the western branch of the Patuxent River. The Commission also operates several smaller waste water plants.

Ten-Year Water and Sewer Plans for Montgomery and Prince George's counties, formerly drafted by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, are now prepared by the respective county governments. The Commission's annual

budget is subject to joint approval by the governing bodies of the two counties. The Commission has the responsibility for setting customer rates pertinent to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission functions in its suburban Maryland service area.

Through its Public Affairs Office, the Commission distributes printed material on all facets of its operation free of charge. The Plumbing and Gas-Fitting Regulations are available for a fee. An active Speakers' Bureau also is managed by the Public Affairs Office.

The Commission consists of six members. Three are from Montgomery County, and three from Prince George's County. They are appointed to four-year terms by the governing body of each county (Code 1957, Art. 29).

## **WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION**

*Chairperson:* Robert S. McGarry, *Montgomery County*

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The Washington Suburban Transit Commission was created in 1965 (Chapter 870, Acts of 1965). The Commission administers activities and functions of the Washington Suburban Transit District and has powers to develop, on a bi-county basis, a transportation system including mass transit facilities for the needs and growth of Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

The Commission acts as the financial conduit through which funding of mass transportation projects within the counties takes place. It acts as the coordinating body for mass transit matters within the bi-county area, and as such coordinates mass transit activities of the two county governments with each other, with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and with the Maryland Department of Transportation.