

"Refuse Disposal"

145A.

(a) *The County Commissioners of St. Mary's County may acquire, maintain, and operate a tract of land or tracts or parcels of land for the disposal of refuse, garbage, rubbish, or any other matter to be disposed of, and may construct, on some site or sites selected by them, an incinerator or incinerators or other refuse disposal plants and waste disposal centers for the disposal of refuse, garbage, rubbish, or any other matter. In the exercise of this power the County Commissioners may:*

(1) *prescribe and enforce rules and regulations concerning the operation and manner of use of the disposal areas or facilities;*

(2) *make agreements with persons, firms, corporations, municipal corporations, special districts, or other counties for cooperation in, and financial support by way of service charges and fees, in the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of the disposal areas or facilities;*

(3) *fix and collect reasonable service charges or fees from any person, firm, corporation, municipal corporation, special district or other county for the use of the disposal areas or facilities;*

(4) *to employ such personnel as may be necessary or desirable for the operation, maintenance, or supervision of the disposal areas or facilities;*

(5) *acquire land, including rights of way or easements, in fee simple or otherwise, as needed for the purposes of this section by purchase, gift, lease or condemnation.*

(b) *The County Commissioners are authorized to enter into agreements and contracts with any incorporated municipality for the purpose of disposing of the refuse, garbage, trash or other matter collected within the incorporated municipality, at any incinerator or plant operated under the provisions of this section.*

(c) *The County Commissioners, in the furtherance of the provisions of this section, may make appropriations for land acquisition, capital improvements, and operating costs, from funds raised by real property taxes levied on assessable property located outside of the incorporated municipalities of St. Mary's County, or borrow funds for land acquisition and capital improvements and issue notes, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness and make such appropriate levies as may be required to meet these obligations.*

(d) *The provisions of this section shall be construed as additional and supplemental provisions to any existing laws providing for the disposal of refuse, garbage, rubbish or other matter.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.*

Approved April 29, 1966.
