WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-13-1

§16-13-1. Acquisition, operation, etc., of works; acquisition of property; issuance of bonds.

(a) Any municipal corporation and/or sanitary district in the State of West Virginia is hereby authorized and empowered to own, acquire, construct, equip, operate and maintain within and/or without the corporate limits of such municipal corporation:

(1) A sewage collection system and/or a sewage treatment plant or plants, intercepting sewers, outfall sewers, force mains, pumping stations, ejector stations, and all other appurtenances necessary or useful and convenient for the collection and/or treatment, purification and disposal, in a sanitary manner, of the liquid and solid waste, sewage, night soil and industrial waste of such municipal corporation and/or sanitary district, including acquisition of the municipal sewerage system resulting from the severance of a combined system pursuant to section one-b, article twenty, chapter eight of this code; and

(2) A stormwater collection system and control system, including all lines, pumping stations and all other facilities and appurtenances necessary or useful and convenient for the collection and control of stormwater, and an associated stormwater management program.

(b) Any municipal corporation and/or sanitary district in the State of West Virginia is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by gift, grant, purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, all necessary lands, rights-of-way and property therefor, within and/or without the corporate limits of such municipal corporation and/or sanitary district, and to issue revenue bonds to pay the cost of such works and property.

(c) Any municipality may serve and supply the facilities of such sewerage system and a stormwater system and associated stormwater management program within the corporate limits of the municipality and within the area extending twenty miles beyond the corporate limits of such municipality: Provided, That the municipality may not serve or supply the facilities of such sewerage system or stormwater system within the corporate limits of any other municipality without the consent of the governing body thereof: Provided, however, That for stormwater systems, within the twenty miles beyond the municipality's corporate limits the only areas the municipality may serve and supply shall be those areas from which stormwater affects or drains into the municipality.

(d) No obligations shall be incurred by any municipality and/or sanitary district in construction or acquisition except such as is payable solely from the funds provided under the authority of this article.

(e) No municipal corporation or sanitary district may acquire, construct, establish, extend, repair or equip or thereafter repair, maintain and operate a combined waterworks, sewerage or stormwater system, which includes highways, road and drainage easements, and/or

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stormwater facilities constructed, owned and/or operated by the West Virginia Division of Highways without the express agreement of the commissioner of highways.

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