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## **Washington Suburban Sanitary District, Maryland: Fitch New Issue Report**

Revenue Defensibility: 'aa': Very Strong Revenue Source Characteristics; Very Favorable Service Area: Washington Suburban Sanitary District (WSSD) serves an expansive and very favorable service area that encompasses portions of two counties. Enhancing the district's independent ability to raise revenues is the authority to levy ad valorem taxes for debt service; to date, this authority has not been utilized. Operating Risk: 'aa': Very Low Operating Cost Burden; Moderate Investment Needs: The district's operating risk profile is very strong, reflected in the very low operating cost burden and low life cycle ratio. Financial Profile: 'aa': Stabilizing Financial Profile with Expectations for Declining Leverage: The district's financial profile assessment reflects its 8.9x leverage ratio in fiscal 2022, moderating from a recent peak of 11.1x as the effects of pandemic-related revenue stresses began to abate. Although leverage is expected to rise in fiscal 2023, Fitch anticipates leverage will decline thereafter, through at least fiscal 2027.

### **ACCESS REPORT**

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