

years ago as part of our overall waterfront development plan, and last year the city donated one-third of the park's total acreage to the State of New Jersey, which will obtain the remainder of the land under our State's renowned green acres program.

The creation of Liberty Park, in turn, inspired the Federal Government to designate Ellis Island as a national historic shrine, and youths from the Federal Job Corps program are now engaged in the initial development work in Liberty Park and Ellis Island.

This is an outstanding example of Federal-State-municipal cooperation and coordination. It is the kind of partnership that we see resulting from the demonstration cities program. It is tangible proof that this program can work and will surely be of lasting benefit not only to the 60 cities ultimately selected but to municipalities throughout the entire Nation.

I am very grateful, Congressman Barrett, and the members of the committee, for giving us time to present these humble and simple views.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for a very good statement. I assume you desire to have the proposal, the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966—a proposed program for Jersey City, N.J., entered in the record?

Mr. WHELAN. Yes.

Mr. BARRETT. This may be done without objection.

(The Demonstration Cities Act of 1966—a proposed program for Jersey City, N.J., follows:)

THE DEMONSTRATION CITIES ACT OF 1966—A PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR JERSEY CITY, N.J.

I. INTRODUCTION

The proposed Demonstration Cities Act of 1966 will provide Jersey City, if selected, with an unparalleled opportunity to carry out a program of action which will reverse the social and physical decay that is occurring in the oldest sections of our community.

In recent years, Jersey City has carried out intensive research studies which have resulted in the formulation of a comprehensive program for attacking the city's many problems. An experienced, professional staff of planning and redevelopment officials has been assembled, and a number of renewal measures have been initiated.

But the city's financial limitations—its increasing municipal costs and shrinking revenue sources—have severely limited the size and scope of the city's renewal effort. Despite stringent economies, including the dismissal of nearly a third of the city's municipal employees during the past 3 years, it has been necessary to budget implementation of the total community renewal program in terms of a decade or more.

The purpose of this report is to outline the ideas and methods which Jersey City proposes to use under the Demonstration Cities Act. The approach outlined is practical and realistic, and it will contribute substantially to the general body of knowledge being accumulated throughout the Nation regarding the critical and growing problem of renewing the social and physical fabric of our cities.

A. A description of the city

Jersey City is one of the oldest major cities in the Nation, having been first settled well over 300 years ago by the same Dutch immigrants who founded New York City. Its 18 square miles occupy the center of the Hudson County peninsula, and Jersey City's waterfronts provide access to the Hudson River and Upper New York Bay on the east, and to the Hackensack River and Newark Bay on the west.