

7. Coordination and cooperation

(a) *Within your bureau, division or office.*—Within the Urban Renewal Administration, the operations of all the programs have been integrated, with the technical support and policy guidelines coming from line officials and the processing of applications being undertaken by field operations. In addition, there is especially close coordination between the urban planning assistance program and the open-space land program.

As the neighborhood facilities program gets underway, there will be opportunities for coordination with that program.

(b) *With other units of your department or agency.*—Activities of the program have been coordinated with the Office of Program Policy, Office of General Counsel, the Office of Metropolitan Development and the Office of Administration—all located in the Office of the Secretary, HUD.

As the program for advance acquisition of land of the Community Facilities Administration gets underway, there should be greater opportunities for coordination with that program.

(c) *With other Federal Government departments or agencies.*—Coordination with other agencies is undertaken primarily through the Interagency Recreation Advisory Council. In addition, a special type of coordination is required between this program and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in the Department of the Interior. Executive Order 11237 provides a basic division of responsibility between the two programs.

Information concerning open-space applications is provided to the Federal Aviation Agency and the Bureau of Public Roads so that the proposed acquisitions will be consistent with their own future development plans. Further coordination with other Federal agencies is facilitated by the requirement that open-space acquisition and development is consistent with the comprehensive planned development of each urban area in which the land is to be acquired. As the program begins to operate more in low-income areas, there should be opportunities for coordination with the Office of Economic Opportunity community action programs.

(d) *With State governments or their instrumentalities.*—URA has close coordination with the States having local open-space assistance programs. Since local applicants receive both Federal and State funds to assist in land acquisition, steps have been taken to insure comparability of procedures and requirements. Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, California, and Pennsylvania have had especially good coordination with the Federal Government in this program.

(e) *With local governments or communities.*—Since grants are made directly to counties, special districts and municipalities, coordination is assured with these public bodies. And since there is the dual requirement for comprehensive planning and a unified program of open-space acquisition for the urban areas in which the land is being acquired, coordination between local jurisdictions is being encouraged. Under the program over 50 intergovernmental agreements for open-space preservation have been signed for metropolitan areas throughout the country.

(f) *With foreign governments or international organizations.*—Information on the program has been provided to many foreign governments and to the UNESCO.