

tributed to this problem, and title X was devised to assist in the financing of land acquisition and especially land improvements such as water and sewerage facilities, streets, curbs, sidewalks, etc.

2. Operation

Although the field instructions have not yet been issued, title X provides that FHA shall administer a system of mortgage insurance under which up to 50 percent of the estimated value of land before development and 90 percent of the estimated cost of development, or not to exceed 75 percent of the estimated value of the property upon completion of the land development, may be borrowed with an insured mortgage. The total cost of a single land development undertaking may not at any time exceed \$10 million. The statute provides that public, private, or cooperatively owned water supply and sewerage disposal systems may be insured also, if it is necessary to build new systems. The land development must comply with all State or local laws and must be consistent with a comprehensive plan which covers, or with comprehensive planning being carried on for, the area in which the land is situated, and must meet other criteria established in the statute and regulations.

3. History

The land development insurance program has not begun to operate, although regulations and field instructions are being prepared and it is expected that they will be issued shortly. The legislative history of title X goes back a number of years to the late 1950's, when studies were made of methods by which financing of land improvements could be facilitated. A bill similar to title X was introduced by former Congressman Rains in 1960 and again in 1961. The program with some modifications was included in the Administration's legislative recommendations in 1964, but was deleted in the Housing Act of that year as enacted by the Congress. The present wording of title X of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 is the result of careful study within the Congress and by both private and Government officials over a period of several years.

- 4. Level of operations.* (See general answer covering all FHA programs.)
- 5. Estimated magnitude of program in 1970.* (See general answer covering all FHA programs.)
- 6. Prospective changes in program orientation.* (See general answer covering all FHA programs.)
- 7. Coordination and cooperation.* (See general answer covering all FHA programs.)
- 8. Laws and regulations.* (See general answer covering all FHA programs.)

PART II. DATA BEARING ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS AND IMPACTS OF THE PROGRAM

- 9. Economic effects.* (See general answer covering all FHA programs.)
- 10. Economic classification of program expenditures.* (See general answer covering all FHA programs.)