

James River plantation dating from the 17th Century which was given to the State largely because of the Virginia Outdoors Plan.

2. A number of matching grants to local and regional agencies to enable them to carry out their parts of the total Plan. These include some truly excellent local and regional park and open space projects.

3. Development of the multiple use concept on or adjoining lands originally acquired for only hunting and fishing but now available for camping and general outdoor enjoyment.

4. A great variety of studies and plans developed with private individuals in an effort to preserve a river, a historic place, a scenic road, or a suburban open space.

I tell you about these things not simply to brag about what Virginia is doing or trying to do, but to tell you what the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Federal Government together have accomplished and more or less committed themselves to accomplish in the future. Everything we have done we have done in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and most of what we have paid for, we have paid for on the basis of 50% State money and 50% Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds. This is just as the original ORRRC Report envisioned it and as the original legislation provided.

It is nice to be right, but in our original study we were righter than we cared to be when we predicted the pressure of people, houses, industry, shopping centers, highways, and a great many other things, on the dwindling supply of attractive, accessible lands and waters for recreation. I am sure I don't have to tell you what has happened to land prices almost everywhere, but especially within reach of the urban centers. We expected the supply to shrink and the price on the remainder to rise. But the rate has been far greater than we dreamed. And, of course, this is not a matter solely of statistics and land prices. What really matters is that unless we act now to acquire these places, many now available will soon be unavailable or only available at staggering prices. The people of our Commonwealth, like the people of any other urbanizing and industrializing place, will have lost a highly significant part of their heritage and have lost the great social and economic benefits that might have come from the intelligent preservation and use of these resources.

So, the need is for more money now—not for less money, as the present situation indicates will be the case. For the first biennium of the Virginia Outdoors Plan, the Commonwealth appropriated about \$4.3 million and the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund matched that. We are advised by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation that in the coming biennium, under present provisions, we can expect \$3 million from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. This, unfortunately, has encouraged the State to provide only \$3 million in its Budget. So in the second biennium of our life, with greatly increased needs, we are confronted with a decrease in funds of about 25%.

I should like to emphasize that over 75% of the total funds we received went to land acquisition. This is the crucial matter. Whatever funds we get for the next biennium we plan to apply largely to land acquisition. This means that we do not really spend these funds, we invest them. This joint State-Federal investment in these significant places for the lasting common benefit, in my opinion, is the very soundest sort of investment for the Commonwealth and for the Nation. It is an investment not just in real estate, but in the lives of people and the character of our communities.

So, speaking for one of your partners in the excellent concept and program which the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and the Virginia Commission of Outdoor Recreation were designed to implement, I urge the passage of Senator Jackson's Bill, S. 1401. I understand that if it is passed, it could nearly double the amount of funds for which Virginia might be eligible. If it is passed promptly, it could have substantial effect in encouraging our General Assembly, and perhaps others, to make more adequate provision in the State's Budget.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Ney C. Landrum, director of the Florida Outdoor Recreational Development Council, is the next witness.