

Since the original law was enacted some three years ago, the Milwaukee County Park Commission has utilized to the fullest advantage its proportionate share of the LAWCON funds in acquiring and developing park lands for the over one million people residing in Milwaukee County and environs. Projects completed or under way with LAWCON assistance are, a 306 acre metropolitan park on Lake Michigan; a 4½ mile bike trail in the heart of Milwaukee County; and, a paved play area in one of our existing neighborhood parks.

Our "Guide for Growth," a master plan of land acquisition for Milwaukee County projects the needs for some 4,000 additional acres of park land for the present and future residents of Metropolitan Milwaukee, and it is our contention that, although Milwaukee County has been a leader in acquiring and developing parks and open spaces, it cannot continue to "go it alone" without outside financial assistance.

Please add our pleas to those of the thousand other local municipalities to have the Interior & Insular Affairs Committee give affirmative consideration to your bill to increase the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Sincerely,

HOWARD GREGG,
General Manager, Parks.

UTAH RECREATION & PARKS ASSOCIATION,
Murray, Utah, February 2, 1968.

Re S. 1401.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
*Chairman, Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: Our State Recreation and Parks Association would like to go on record with your committee as favoring the passage of S. 1401, on which you have scheduled hearings in Washington on February 5 and 6.

Our state association, representing a broad cross-section of recreation interests of every kind in the State of Utah, has studied the purpose and objectives of this measure and find that its passage is urgently needed not only for the benefit of the recreation program in the State of Utah; but it would also affect in a similar way all other states. As you well know, the present available funds under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act are falling far below the original estimates when the act was passed in 1965. In our state, for example, the funding has reached an average level of only about 50 per cent of that anticipated three years ago. This has sharply curtailed the matching participation by local communities, counties, and municipalities and thus has delayed the progress in a much needed recreation program development.

We would, therefore, hope that favorable consideration by your committee, the Senate, and the House will be given to this important measure or the others of a similar nature which are presently pending in the House. We hope that if the bill does pass, that the additional funding can be made effective immediately so that the benefits would begin to accrue to the Fund in fiscal year 1969.

We want to express our appreciation to you and your committee for taking the initiative in advancing this important legislation.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES C. BAUGH, *President.*

KIMBALL CITY AND COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION BOARD,
Kimball, Nebr., January 26, 1968.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
*Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.*

MR. CHAIRMAN: We are writing this letter to urge your consideration and ultimate passage of S. 1401 presently under consideration by your Committee.

We are presently in the process of developing approximately 260 acres for numerous outdoor recreation facilities for the use of Kimball, Nebraska, City and County residents, and the general public.

Included in this area will be a nine-hole grass greens golf course, four baseball, softball, and combined softball and little league diamonds, archery, trapshooting, tennis courts, picnic area and many other related facilities.