

recreation facilities through the fine cooperation of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and the Kansas State Park and Resources Authority, the administering agency of land and water conservation funds in Kansas.

This program has provided a tremendous impetus to the development of our park and recreation system and, in fact, has been in great part responsible for our first real progress along these lines since the early 1930's. I am pleased to enclose a copy of our GOALS IN RECREATION brochure which describes in greater detail the accomplishments we have been able to make with the assistance of such federal programs.

We wholeheartedly endorse the passage of this legislation and earnestly seek your support of this measure.

Very truly yours,

HARRY C. SHUTE, *Mayor*.

CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBR.,

January 29, 1968.

Re Senate Bill 1401.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS: I am writing in reference to your hearing on the above bills which will be held on February 5, 1968. It is our understanding that this bill would provide additional revenues for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, thus enabling state and local governmental subdivisions to provide improved recreational facilities for our Nation's citizens.

As you probably know, the State of Nebraska presently matches a portion of the federal funds assigned to it with an additional grant representing 25% of the total project cost. Under this arrangement the local governmental subdivision is able to provide park and recreation facilities for an additional 25% of the total cost of the project. This has been of tremendous assistance to the City of Scottsbluff in acquiring and developing new facilities. During the past year we have been able to acquire and develop a badly needed neighborhood park as well as develop a campground for use by persons from Western Nebraska as well as those passing through the community.

In addition, we have presently in process two projects. One of these involving twenty acres of park land is now funded. The second project involving the development of baseball facilities for the youth of the community is tentatively scheduled for funding in the next fiscal year. In addition, we have proposed additional projects to the State which would result in substantial beautification and recreational development of the river bottom lands along the North Platte river. Development of this area would depend substantially on the availability of outside funds since the project would serve a region considerably larger than the City of Scottsbluff in fact, considerably larger than even Scotts Bluff County.

On behalf of the City of Scottsbluff I would like to urge you to give favorable consideration to this bill.

Very truly yours,

C. A. THOMAS, *Mayor*.

CITY OF SCHUYLER,

Schuyler, Nebr., January 31, 1968.

COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
U.S. Senate, Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: The City of Schuyler, Nebraska, is in sympathy with Senate Bill 1401 and House Bill 8378, a companion bill, that provides for the transfer of monies from the "Off Shore Oil Funds" into "Watershed Funds."

The 3,100 citizens of Schuyler are in sympathy with this transfer for the reason that our City is in the process of acquisition and the development of outdoor recreation facilities and feel that your support of these bills will be necessary to enable our community to participate and complete our program.

Our community is growing and there is a gradual increasing demand for outdoor recreation facilities from our citizens that must be met, and we will need to have assistance of Federal and State Funds to assure our programs becoming a reality.