

into the lake from such areas, as well as comming the solids.
When acceptable alternate methods of dredge disposal have been agreed upon, and at the earliest possible time, the Corps will take appropriate budgetary action to secure the necessary funds. This may require substantial funds programmed over a period of several years.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Administration will contribute to the pilot study effort by providing leadership in the development and implementation of an effective program for measuring the pollutional effects of the materials to be dredged. Skilled personnel as well as fixed and mobile laboratory facilities of that agency will be made available to analyze these materials for chemical, biological, physical and other characteristics and thus determine the effectiveness of the various methods proposed.

~~The Corps is sponsoring the nation-wide Federal-State-local program to prevent, to prevent an example of what the Federal Government must do in the Department, the incomparable values of the Great Lakes water resources.~~

going to solve these problems through the development of comprehensive plans in which all viewpoints have been considered.

I believe that is the process which is taking place now. It is not a perfect process, and improvements are constantly being made. But the old charges against the corps as an authoritarian organization indifferent to the values of beauty and preserving wild rivers, for example, or lands in a pristine condition, those charges simply are not accurate.

Senator RUBINOFF. Well, how often do you sit down with other agencies to discuss the problems of potential conflict in the conservation of natural resources?

I am just curious.

Mr. FIRT. Let me refer that to General Cassidy.

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General CASSIDY. In all of our studies, right at the beginning of the study. For instance, one of the projections we must make immediately is: How is the particular area going to grow? And here we go to the