

Mr. JONES. Does the proposed project modify an existing project?

Colonel SEIDEL. We have here a project which was completed in 1944 and now we are extending the improvement upstream in the basin.

Park River Basin is in east-central Connecticut and includes about 79 square miles with a 1960 population of about 300,000. The river flows through Hartford and enters the Connecticut River at the city limit. Existing and proposed flood control works provide for upstream reservoir detention supplemented by downstream channel enlargement, dikes, and floodwalls, with conduits containing the stream through the most builtup areas of the city. There are gaps in the existing conduit system which permit overflow into adjacent urban and commercial areas.

The recommended project consists of closing the gaps by constructing additional lengths of conduit, including a new bypass conduit to discharge directly into the Connecticut River, and a pumping station to remove ponded storm drainage. Total cost is estimated at \$31.1 million, of which \$30.3 million is Federal, and the benefit-cost ratio is 1.3. The usual items of cooperation for local protection projects are required and local interests have indicated their willingness and ability to meet these requirements. All interested Federal and State agencies favor the project. The Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the submission of this report to Congress. The Secretary of the Army notes that the report indicates that modification of the existing project is required because of residential, commercial, and industrial buildup which has occurred since the existing project was constructed. The Corps of Engineers will cooperate with other Federal agencies, in compliance with Executive Order No. 11296, to assist non-Federal agencies in avoiding uneconomic, hazardous, or unnecessary further development of the flood plain would create a demand for further modification of the project.

Mr. Chairman, this completes my statement.

Mr. JONES. Has there been any discussion with the local government as to whether or not they would invoke the development of the plan that would not permit the trespass of further construction in the flood plain?

Colonel SEIDEL. Sir, we have addressed this question of flood plain management to the local interests.

Mr. JONES. What was their response?

Colonel SEIDEL. I do not know, sir. I will have to supply that for the record.

Mr. JONES. Will you please do that?

Colonel SEIDEL. Yes.

(The information follows:)

Local interests have recently adopted zoning regulations to control the development of the flood plain of the Park River and have coordinated this matter with the Corps of Engineers.

Mr. CLAUSEN. What was the original authorized project?

Colonel SEIDEL. Sir, it is shown on the chart here about 5,600 feet of conduit, of pressure conduit, twin tube, roughly 30 feet by 24 feet each.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Is that in place now?

Colonel SEIDEL. Yes, sir.