

that Fairfax County areas adjacent to Prince William will also have future requirements for supplementary water supply, water quality control and dilution of treatment plant effluents which increasingly menace the current prime water source, the Occoquan Creek. Salem Church water channeled through Prince William County water basin can also satisfy these needs.

The recreational projects which will probably be developed by the State and local agencies in conjunction with the Salem Church project will certainly represent a considerable advantage. These facilities would make available to the people of Prince William as well as other adjacent counties, an excellent closeby recreational area, thus satisfying recreational needs of a sizable portion of the population which cannot ever be satisfied locally.

Prince William County urges this subcommittee to favorably consider construction of the Salem Church Reservoir. Such construction will be a great asset in terms of assured water supply, treated waste dilution, and outdoor recreation for future generations who inhabit the area south of our Nation's Capital.

Mr. JONES. Thank you very much, Mr. Johnson.

Mr. SCOTT?

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Zach Dameron, vice chairman of the Rappahannock River Basin Advisory Commission is our next witness.

STATEMENT OF ZACH DAMERON, VICE CHAIRMAN, RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER BASIN ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mr. DAMERON. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I represent the Rappahannock River Advisory Commission and it is made up of appointed members from the counties and cities and towns in the Rappahannock River watershed.

These counties are Caroline, Madison, Orange, Spotsylvania, Culpeper, Fauquier, King George, Stafford, Middlesex, Richmond, Westmoreland, Lancaster, the city of Fredericksburg, and the town of Warrenton.

This embraces three congressional districts.

At a regular meeting of the Rappahannock River Basin Advisory Committee on June 12, 1968, in King George County, Va., the following resolution was approved:

Whereas the Rappahannock River Basin Advisory Committee was established by appointment of members by the governing bodies of the counties, cities and towns comprising the drainage basin of the Rappahannock River, and,

Whereas the Virginia Board of Conservation and Economic Development designated the River Basin Advisory Committee is the official committee for the Rappahannock River Basin under Section 10-17.3, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and,

Whereas the Rappahannock River Basin Advisory Commission was advised that a hearing would be held by the U.S. House of Representatives, Public Works Committee on various projects to be constructed by the Corps of Engineers, including the Salem Church Reservoir, and,

Whereas the Corps of Engineers has prepared a detailed report of May, 1966 recommending approval of the Salem Church Reservoir and Dam which report indicates a cost benefit ratio of 2.1 to one, and,

Whereas the Rappahannock River Basin Advisory Committee feels that construction of a dam and reservoir at the Salem Church site would be extremely advantageous to all counties bordering on the river and comprising the river basin, and,

Whereas the advisory committee understands this is designed as a multi-purpose reservoir which will provide the flood control, salinity control, water quality