

The needs of the people and the objectives of the three levels of government are synonymous. The project deals with water resource needs in the Rappahannock River basin:

1. Production of hydroelectric power.
2. Provisions for water-oriented outdoor recreation.
3. Water quality control including control of salinity.
4. Flood control.
5. Municipal and industrial water supply.

Every decision made for the past 20 past years by local governments on problems relating to the Rappahannock River and its tributaries has been made with the Salem Church project in mind. This is as it should be for the magnitude of the project and the benefits which will accrue to so many people give the people a position of prime importance in our lives. Recently when the City Council of Fredericksburg initiated a project to provide an interim water supply it acquired land on both sides of the Rappahannock far in excess of its actual immediate needs. These lands will be held for water resource development—hopefully and preferably for the Salem Church project by enacting a flood plain zoning ordinance and constructing a secondary sewage treatment plant.

State and local governments are doing everything within their power and capabilities to meet the water resource needs in this river basin, but many aspects of full development of the river must be in the province of the Federal Government.

We subscribe to the theory of full development of the river basin and to the implementation of that theory as required by the Congress and followed by the Corps of Engineers in formulating the project.

Project formulation and project economics indicate that hydroelectric power generation and the provisions for water-oriented outdoor recreation are essential elements. Hydroelectric power generation in a multipurpose project is developed according to Federal formula: recreation is developed jointly by Federal and local interests. It should be emphasized that all capital investment costs and all operation, maintenance, and replacement costs allocated to power and half the capital investment costs needed to add recreation to the project plus all operation, maintenance, and replacement costs for that purpose are repayable.

The rapidly growing population of Metropolitan Washington, which is already reaching 50 miles south to Fredericksburg, puts demands upon facilities which we all have difficulty meeting. One of these major demands is for outdoor recreation. Even without the evidence developed in the Engineer's report we can all envision this need. The reservoir with its miles of shoreline is ideally located to fulfill this need of the people of the metropolitan area. Non-Federal interests have given adequate assurances that they will participate in recreational development as required by the Federal formula.

The control of floods has long been a recognized Federal function, and it is an important resource need in the Rappahannock basin. The project provides adequately for the needed control of floods. The protection of lives and property from the ravages of this natural but horrifying phenomenon can best be appreciated by those who have experienced the helpless and terrifying feeling of trying to cope with the uncontrolled force of flood waters.