

This section is part of the wildlife flyway and as such should be left undisturbed. If this fill is granted there will be dozens of fathers who will think that they should be granted the same privilege. We know of some just waiting for such a decision. The peace and quiet and undisturbed beauty of the George Washington Memorial Highway will certainly suffer.

We would like to go on record as opposing the bulkheads and fill.

Sincerely,

INEZ MOORE HAUBER
Mrs. John F. Hauber.

RIVER FARM GARDEN CLUB,
Alexandria, Va., June 14, 1968.

HON. ROBERT E. JONES,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. JONES: The River Farm Garden Club, with a membership of 25, would like to go on record as opposing any land fill in the Potomac River at Hunting Creek. We are all residents of this area and realize how important it is to have the flood plain of the river protected. There is also the need to protect landing places of waterfowl on the flyways. Also one fill calls for another. A precedent is set. We feel that the river belongs to the Nation and should not be used for the material benefit of a few.

Please include our views in the record.

Sincerely,

RUTH CASSELL, *Secretary.*

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CONSERVATION COUNCIL,
Annandale, Va., June 17, 1968.

HON. ROBERT E. JONES,
Chairman, Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee, House Government Operations Committee, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. JONES: The Northern Virginia Conservation Council, a citizens organization of more than 300 members and civic organizations, wishes to express its continued opposition to the issuance of a permit for a bulkhead and fill on the Hunting Creek estuary in Alexandria. Therefore we request that the following statement be read at your hearing on Monday, June 24, 1968, and made a part of the printed records:

The Northern Virginia Conservation Council is an ardent advocate of natural areas protection throughout the country, and we wish to add our voices to the protests of the proposal to fill Hunting Creek Bay.

There is every indication that this action, if permitted, will not only destroy the natural environment of the mouth of Hunting Creek itself, but will also jeopardize the environmental amenities of the proposed Jones Point Park.

There are species of birds using the estuary and adjoining marshlands that can be found in few other spots within the Washington metropolitan area. These marshy areas have already been damaged by sedimentation from construction of the original Hunting Towers complex. Now this proposal would guarantee the death of the remaining wildlife habitat. Since the birds, animals, and aquatic life that inhabit these areas are not as adaptable as we humans are, they don't merely move to another spot—they die.

The National Park Service has extensive plans for Jones Point Park, plans that hinge on passive recreation—enjoyment of the area for itself alone rather than what is placed on it. Nature trails, picnic tables and benches all require surroundings that please the eye as well as the other senses. An outlook over sparkling rippling water certainly far surpasses any view that the stark walls of a high rise apartment complex could offer. If this 9-acre plan, and future plans for an additional 9 acres to the east, are approved, the water that would be left bordering the park area would be a smelly little strip of stagnation that won't offer shelter for even a few hardy polliwogs. And surely it would not be a spot where you would like to spend a warm summer afternoon.

We cannot feel that the three high towers already bordering Hunting Creek offer any justification for putting more of them there. The entire metropolitan area desperately needs every bit of open space and naturalness that it can preserve. Alexandrians already are forced to go out of their city to reach parklands and other untouched spots of green space. Surely it behooves all of us