

I think the Corps of Engineers should be charged with protecting the entire public interest.

At the February 21 hearing, it was stated that it was believed the National Park Service intended to build a road around the southern shore of Jones Point.

There is a little swamp along this shore that would thus be destroyed.

I suggest that this matter be coordinated with the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife since this little swamp is a breeding place for wildlife, including fish.

In conclusion I wish to say that I think the permit issued to Hoffman Associates should be revoked as not being in the public interest.

It is requested that this statement be included in the record of hearing to be held on Monday, June 24, 1968, on the Hunting Creek landfill by the Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee.

Respectfully submitted.

ROGER BALDWIN COLTON
Major General, USA (Ret.).

NOTE.—Map of part of Hunting Creek estuary which was an enclosure to letter, May 29, 1968, by district engineer. [SUBCOMMITTEE NOTE.—This map is identical to the map attached to the permit issued on May 29, 1968, see part I of the appendix.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA.,
June 18, 1968.

HON. ROBERT E. JONES,

Chairman, Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee, Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. JONES: I am writing with reference to the hearing to be held by the Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee on the 24th of June on the subject of the proposed bulkhead and fill on Hunting Creek submitted by Howard P. Hoffman Associates, Inc.

I am a resident of the Mount Vernon service district in Fairfax County, Va., living at 7501 Range Road. I have served as an officer in my civic association (Hollin Hills), as chairman and member of various committees of the Mount Vernon Council and Fairfax Federation of Citizens' Associations, and presently serve as a cochairman of the Mount Vernon Council.

Because the proposed project is not located within the bounds of Fairfax County, there has not been a general awareness of it. The Mount Vernon Council has thus not taken a formal position to date concerning it. I therefore am writing to you not as a council officer but as a private citizen.

The proposed project, even though not in Fairfax County, will have a direct, meaningful, and adverse effect upon the residents of the Mount Vernon area. The first, and most noticeable effect, will be further pollution of the Potomac River. The foul odors coming from Hunting Creek as more and more fill is dumped into it in conjunction with another similar project and the multitude of dead fish to be found along the banks of the Potomac are only the most obvious signs of this pollution. The pollution, of course, effects not only us, but the thousands of visitors who will continue to come to the shrine at Mount Vernon, to the Federal park at Fort Hunt, and to the several proposed parks on Mason Neck. The Federal Government, instead of permitting further pollution of the Potomac, should be working to implement the often-stated national policy of cleansing the Potomac.

The other major effect, less noticeable to visitors but more meaningful to Mount Vernon area residents, will be the further worsening of the already severe traffic congestion in the area. Mount Vernon residents who must travel northward to work in Washington and elsewhere have only three possible routes to use: Telegraph Road (out of the way, narrow, and overcrowded), U.S. Route 1 (Jefferson Davis Highway, with the worst traffic safety record in Virginia), and the Mount Vernon Parkway (not designed for commuter traffic, but through absolute necessity, so used). There is simply not room for another major thoroughfare and it will be at least 10 to 15 years before the proposed rail rapid transit line provides any significant help to the Mount Vernon area. Any major multifamily residential construction along any of the existing roads will only serve to hasten the day when commuter traffic will come to a complete standstill.

In conclusion, it is my understanding that there seems to be some doubt as to the position of the Alexandria City Council on the subject of the proposed project. While their general intentions are perhaps best exemplified by their