

Now, they not only show pictures of the area they want to fill; they have the audacity to put a marina out at the end of it. If they wanted a marina, why don't they clean up the one they have now? Why further distort the picture? They have done nothing but add fill in there. They have destroyed the wildlife that was in there all the way up to Telegraph Road. I had citizens of Mount Vernon district are bitterly opposed to this application being granted and we will fight them every inch of the way.

And thank you, Army Engineers, for being so gracious to us.

Colonel RHEA. Mr. Shows, I do have one question. We sent several letters to you and didn't get any answer.

Mr. SHOWS. I am amazed at that because you are one of the notices I got. I am grateful for that. I have not received any other.

Colonel RHEA. We did get back in 1964 correspondence that you had written, I believe, to Congressman Broyhill and which was forwarded on.

Mr. SHOWS. To Broyhill?

[Laughter.]

Mr. SHOWS. Thank you, sir.

No, sir; I have been a registered Democrat for 35 years. I worked for them very hard.

Colonel RHEA. Maybe I read a quote from this recent letter from Congressman Broyhill. On October 17, he sent me a letter saying that back in 1964, I requested your consideration of correspondence by Mr. A. Z. Shows representing the Valley View Citizens Association, but apparently you didn't write Mr. Broyhill.

Mr. SHOWS. No, sir.

Anyway, he is in the 10th District. This, of course, is in the Eighth and I am here at the instigation of a majority of the voters, I believe, in the Eighth District.

Colonel RHEA. There is one other thing. In your remarks, you indicated you thought this filling in of the estuary, the Hunting Creek estuary, was due to the applicant's work upstream. Are you saying that they owned the land?

Mr. SHOWS. I was going by his testimony that he did all these things in this area. I thought maybe that might be a good prospect to get some of this back. At least we will have one client. We do know from his own photographs he showed that the areas in front of Hunting Towers was obviously filled. We submitted pictures previously of dump trucks going in with this—certainly not from accretion, sir.

Colonel RHEA. All right, sir. Thank you very much.

Mr. SHOWS. Thank you very much.

Colonel RHEA. Mrs. Packard, I believe it is, Northern Virginia Conservation Council.

STATEMENT OF JEAN PACKARD, REPRESENTING WASHINGTON GROUP, ATLANTIC CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB, AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA CONSERVATION COUNCIL

Mrs. PACKARD. I am Jean Packard and I live at 4058 Elizabeth Lane, Fairfax.

I am speaking on behalf of two organizations this afternoon, Washington Group of the Atlantic Chapter of the Sierra Club, of which I am vice chairman, and the Northern Virginia Conservation Council of which I am secretary.

Both of these organizations are ardent advocates of natural areas protection throughout the country and we want to add our voices to the protest of the proposal to fill the Hunting Creek Bay.

There is every indication that this proposal, if approved, would not only destroy the natural environment of the mouth of Hunting Creek itself, but would 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—and I am married to an ornithologist who will go on, ad nauseam about birds.

These marshy areas have already been damaged by sedimentation from construction of the original Hunting Towers complex and this proposal would guarantee the death of the remaining 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 eyes as well as the other senses.