

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COMMISSION OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES,
Richmond, June 20, 1968.

HON. ROBERT E. JONES,
Chairman, Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee,
Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN JONES: Reference is made to your letter of June 17 concerning the recent issuance of a permit by the Army Corps of Engineers to Howard P. Hoffman Associates, Inc., to fill in a part of Hunting Creek.

Attached is a copy of chapter 546, acts of the assembly, 1964, which will be largely self-explanatory. It would appear the matter has been decided by this legislative action and is now subject to decision by the Governor and attorney general. In response to your specific questions, (1) the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries does exercise administration over the waterfowl resources in the State of Virginia. With the exception of (4) I believe the other questions are answered by the attached act. With respect to (4), we are familiar with the situation and for all practical purposes the area has already been made unattractive for waterfowl by previously made fill.

Sincerely,

CHESTER F. PHELPS,
Executive Director.

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An Act to authorize the Governor and Attorney General to execute in the name of the Commonwealth, deeds conveying unto Francis T. Murtha, Trustee, and Hunting Towers Operating Co., Inc., certain formerly submerged lands in the city of Alexandria.

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Whereas, Francis T. Murtha, trustee, and Hunting Towers Operating Co., Inc., are owners in fee of certain fast land along the perimeter of Hunting Creek in the city of Alexandria; and

Whereas, each claim riparian rights to contiguous acreage within such area; and

Whereas such owners wish to bulkhead most of the area within the riparian claim areas, and fill same with earth so that productive use may be made thereof; and

Whereas as the situation now exists, a health hazard is present, since such waters as remain are stagnant and will not support marine life, nor are same navigable to any extent; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. The Governor and the Attorney General are hereby authorized in consideration of the premises, and the payment into the General Fund of the Commonwealth of a sum to be fixed by the Governor, not less than thirty thousand dollars, to execute, in the name of the Commonwealth, a proper deed of conveyance, under the lesser seal of the Commonwealth, conveying unto Francis T. Murtha, Trustee, all of the Commonwealth's right, title and interest in and to the following described property:

Beginning at a point in the easterly right-of-way line of Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, said point also marking the southwesterly corner of a 4.8159 acre tract of the land of Francis T. Murtha, Tr. the following courses and distances: South 77° 17' 05" east, 284.53 feet to a point and; north 41° 24' 40" east, 552.35 feet to the southeasterly corner of the land of Hunting Towers Operating Co., Inc., and thence running south 54° 44' 26" east, 2,707.33 feet to a point 94 feet more or less west of boundary of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as the said boundary passes between headlands on the west shore of the Potomac River at the mouth of Hunting Creek; and running thence, north 67° 00' 00" west, 3,100.00 feet to the point and place of beginning and containing 18.8734 acres.

§ 2. The Governor and the Attorney General are hereby authorized, under the same terms and conditions as set forth in § 1 hereof, to convey to Hunting Towers Operating Co., Incorporated, all of the Commonwealth's right, title and interest in and to the following described property: