

Tocks Island Unit Starts \$192,000 Garbage Survey

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The impact of Tocks Island dam and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area will cause many problems in the six-county Tocks Island region. One of the most serious of these will be the amount of solid wastes which will be generated, including garbage, refuse and trash.

The Tocks Island Regional Advisory Council has recognized this will be a critical area of concern and has received a \$128,000 grant from the Public Health Service to do a two-year study on solid wastes.

\$192,000 Program

The \$192,000 program (\$64,000 comes from local sources) began June 1 and will continue until May 31, 1969.

The program will involve five steps: (1) A preliminary determination of the scope of the program, together with preliminary cost estimates for effective control;

(2) A study of the magnitude of the problem to identify the type, extent and depth of research which will be needed when the study gets underway;

(3) The preparation of a study design including detailed outlines of the steps to be followed;

(4) The research, plans and programs which will be prepared upon completion of the study design, and

(5) Carrying out of recommendations and providing public information and coordination with local governments which have an interest in the disposal of solid wastes.

Project Amounts

Frank W. Dressler, executive director of TIRAC, said the study would project the amount of solid waste which would be generated from private residences and businesses and the amount anticipated because of the recreation area which is expected to attract 10 million people annually.

Although about one-third of the cost of the study will be in the form of a local effort, Dressler explained that most of the funds would be in-kind contributions.

After determining the amount of solid waste which might be generated, a study would have to be undertaken which would give some idea on how to dispose of this anticipated waste, Dressler said.

"The two methods most frequently used are incineration and landfill, but other methods

might be considered too," he said.

Study Area

The study would involve Monroe, Pike, Warren and Sussex counties and parts of Northampton County (including Easton), and Orange County, N. J.

Dressler said the plan would be made flexible enough to eventually include a study of all of Northampton County and perhaps Lehigh County as well.

Dressler noted three committees would be formed: A steering committee, the policy-making body; the technical committee of county planning personnel, and a management advisory committee which would include municipal officials.

Robert C. Porter, 3018 Fischer Road, Palmer Township, was hired recently as coordinator of the Regional Interstate Solid Waste Management Study at \$12,000 annually.

Candeub, Fleissig and Associates, Scranton, has been appointed as planning and engineering consultants for the study at a cost of \$32,000.

A skyscraper is planned in Morocco.

Bill To Buy Sunfish Pond To Be Introduced By Kean

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TRENTON — An Essex County assemblyman has announced plans to introduce a bill calling for the state purchase of Sunfish Pond for inclusion in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

Assemblyman Thomas H. Kean, a Livingston Republican, said he felt immediate state purchase of the pond and surrounding area would be the only way to preserve its natural character.

The pond, actually a 40-acre glacial lake, is in Worthington State Forest in Pahaquarry Township. It was part of a 700-acre site purchased from the state by the New Jersey Power and Light Co. in 1961 for the construction of a pumped storage reservoir.

Attempts to save the area have gained national attention and a number of known conservationists, including U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, have taken part in pilgrimages to the pond.

Kean, a first-term Assemblyman, said he was in-

terested in saving the pond because he felt such wilderness areas were important to the state's urban as well as rural residents.

"I'm an urban resident and I know the importance of getting out of the city and seeing places like Sunfish Pond," he said.

Kean said he was active in a number of conservation organizations and had been in the northwestern part of the state on several occasions.

"I've never actually seen Sunfish Pond, but I've flown over it and know the type of area it is representative of," he said.

He said he thought he could get the bill to the Assembly floor despite possible opposition from the power and light company.

"As leader of the second biggest delegation in the Assembly, I think I can get action on this bill," he said. "I've talked to other Essex County legislators and they seem to feel as I do about it."

Kean said he thought litigation would be necessary to conclude the sale but felt courts would approve state condemnation of the land in the public good.

"It seems to me the most ridiculous thing possible to set aside the area for the largest park east of the Mississippi to set aside the area for the largest park east of the Mississippi River then give away the best part of it," Kean said.

"If the state made a mistake, there's no reason it can't be corrected," he added.

State Sen. Wayne Dumont Jr., R-15th, whose bill calling for public hearings on the question passed the Senate last week, said he would be interested in discussing the problem with Kean in the interest of coordinating their efforts.