

Indian Rock Park Fits State Plans

Goddard sees 'little conflict' with long-range Project 70 in future recreation needs of Greater York. Fifty take park tour.

Secretary of Forests and Waters Maurice R. Goddard sees "little conflict" between the proposed Indian Rock dam park and parks proposed to be developed by the state in Codorus watershed basin.

Mrs. Sylvia Newcombe, executive director of York Recreation commission, sought his opinion after many wondered locally how the Indian Rock dam facility tied in with Project 70. The concern was over possible duplication of facilities.

Secretary Goddard, in a letter dated July 26, told Mrs. Newcombe:

"Our Codorus creek basin study and plan actually included two possible state park facilities in York county, one near Spring Grove and a smaller one on the east branch of Codorus creek above existing York reservoir. Only the larger of the two, however, was shown in the Project 70 booklet.

'A Very Large Future Potential'

"While the population studies as related to park needs for that report indicated that the current need for additional park facilities was not too great, it did indicate a very large future potential drawn from a 50-mile radius around the basin. Further, Project 70 is primarily designed to reserve necessary reservoir and park lands while they are still available before the price becomes prohibitive.

"Under the circumstances, I feel that the future potential is such that there would be little conflict between the Indian Rock dam park and those proposed by this department, particularly if the Indian Rock proposal were to be developed as a county or local venture."

His feelings were transmitted last night to 50 citizens on a tour of existing and potential park facilities in York area.

The group, traveling by bus, visited the proposed Indian Rock dam park learned from R. E. B. Sharpe, chairman of Greater York Planning commission, about plans for developing the area. They saw the actual dam site at dusk and traveled along the old York-Hanover trolley route which divides the two proposed facilities.

The 1,430 acres is owned by the federal government, but the U. S. Corps of Engineers have agreed to cooperate in local development of the site as a park.

Proposed facilities include a 25-acre lake and a public golf course. The park would be laid out to serve Greater York.

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