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THE WHITE HOUSEFACT SHEETTRANSFERS OF FEDERAL PROPERTY

The President today announced the transfer of seven additional parcels of Federally owned land in seven states to cities, counties and states under the President's Legacy of Parks Program. The seven properties total 432 acres with an estimated value of \$2,178,000.

BACKGROUND

- As part of a commitment to the reduction of unneeded Federal landholdings, surplus Federal properties are made available for public park and recreational purposes.
- Since 1971, a total of 646 parks containing in excess of 82,591 acres with a value of over \$242 million have been announced under this program. Every state, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia, has received land for at least one park.
- In 1970 the General Services Administration was assigned responsibility for conducting surveys of Federal land holdings for the purposes of identifying excess lands, and the Property Review Board was created to coordinate the program (Executive Order No. 11508). In June 1973 the Federal Property Council was created within the Executive Office of the President to assume the functions of the Property Review Board.
- Within the Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has responsibility for assisting applicants to apply for properties and exercises compliance responsibility for these properties after deeding the properties on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior.

PROPERTIES ANNOUNCED FOR TRANSFER

The seven properties announced for transfer are located in seven states. The properties are listed in the attachment along with the recipient organization and the estimated value.

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LEGACY OF PARKS PROPERTIES

<u>Name, Location and Recipients</u>	<u>Approximate Acres</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>
Bureau of Indian Affairs Native School Portion of Wrangell Institute Wrangell, Alaska Recipient: City of Wrangell, Alaska	40	\$ 150,000
Lock and Dam No. 21 Meigs County, Ohio Recipient: State of Ohio	15	\$ 23,000
Portion, Army Map Service Herndon Site Fairfax County, Virginia Recipient: Fairfax County, Virginia	18	\$ 90,000
Buckley Air National Guard Base Arapahoe County, Colorado Recipient: City of Aurora, Colorado	180	\$ 600,000
Melville Ponds Area, Naval Supply Center Portsmouth, Rhode Island Recipient: Town of Portsmouth, Rhode Island	152	\$ 300,000
Portion, Lock and Dam No. 12 Wheeling, West Virginia Recipient: City of Wheeling, West Virginia	1	\$ 15,000
Portion, U.S. Army Reserve Center Arlington Heights, Illinois Recipients: Arlington Heights Park District Arlington, Illinois	26	\$1,000,000
Totals:	7 properties 406 7 states	\$2,178,000

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