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TRANSFERS OF FEDERAL PROPERTY

The President today announced the transfer of 5 parcels of Federal Property with an estimated value of \$11,300,000 to State and local governments.

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 700 parks containing in excess of 83,102 acres with a value of over \$258 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 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 5 properties announced for transfer are located in 4 States. The properties are listed below along with the recipient organization and the estimated value:

	<u>acres</u>	<u>value</u>
Former U.S. Naval Reserve Center South Portland, Maine Recipient: City of South Portland	4	\$ 40,000
Portion, Agricultural Research Center Prince Georges County, Maryland Recipient: Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission	20	\$1,500,000
Portion, Former Nike Site Essex County, New Jersey Recipient: Essex County Park Commission	42	\$ 800,000

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Portion, St. Albans Naval Hospital Queens County, New York Recipient: City of New York	53	\$ 8,800,000
Portion, Nike Battery 25 Brookhaven, New York Recipient: Town of Brookhaven	27	\$ 160,000
Totals: 5 properties 4 States	146	\$11,300,000

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