



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Region Five
143 South Third Street
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

~~17423~~

L58

February 14, 1962

*Keep this
Husted
Files*

Memorandum

To: Director
From: ^{Acting Assistant} Regional Director

Subject: Little Beaver Creek Valley, Ohio - Pennsylvania

In accordance with Mr. Husted's phone call of February 13 to Mr. Martinson of this Office, there is attached some material concerning the Little Beaver Creek Valley in Ohio and Pennsylvania. The attachments include a road map showing the general location of the Little Beaver area and a machine copy of our memorandum to you dated November 15, 1961, subject: Little Beaver Creek Valley, Shenango and Allegheny River Reservoirs.

As we understand it, the suggested area would be located primarily in Ohio with a possibility of extending it into Pennsylvania.

Several months ago we had the opportunity to discuss this proposal with Dr. Goddard, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters. At that time, he appeared to be "luke warm" toward a possible Interstate Park in the Little Beaver Creek area since he has several other large scale park projects under way in the western part of the state.

Wilbur K. Savage.

Acting Assistant Regional Director

In duplicate

Attachments *X*

JEROME M. DAUGHERTY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
HOME SAVINGS AND LOAN BUILDING
32 STATE STREET
STRUTHERS, OHIO

February 22, 1962.

The Honorable Michael J. Kirwan,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kirwan:

During any evening news cast on February 20, our newscaster announced that Mr. Wirth, National Park Service Director had made a survey of our area and suggested that a National Park might be located in Columbiana County, Ohio, and in Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

I am very much interested in a National Park in this area. From what I have read in the newspapers from time to time I believe you are too.

Who, in your opinion, are some of the persons I might write too, to encourage them in this project. I understand that public demand for a park is one of the factors that our public officials will consider.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Jerome M. Daugherty

Jerome M. Daugherty,
Attorney at Law.

na/JMD

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

REPLY DUE

Washington, D. C.

LNP

Files

MAR 14 1962 March 3rd 1962

Director, National Park Service
Department of the Interior

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

Michael J. Kirwan

M. C.

Jerome M. Daugherty

Reg-5

Ohio



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

L 58

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Region Five
143 South Third Street
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

~~17429~~

March 5, 1962

Thompson

Kennedy
Reply 3/22
Jiles

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Regional Director

Subject: Little Beaver Creek Valley, Ohio - Pennsylvania

In connection with our Recreation Resource Planning work in Ohio and Pennsylvania, it would be very helpful if you could find time to give us a very brief idea of the meeting you had on February 20, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with Harvey Crass and Dr. Charles F. Lewis of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy regarding Little Beaver Creek Valley, and any advice you have, should we be asked questions about the Service attitude toward it.

Ronald F. Lee
Regional Director

In duplicate

reg. 5

258

March 12, 1962

Hon. Wayne L. Hays
 House of Representatives
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hays:

I have read with considerable interest the clippings attached to your letter of February 27, which for some reason did not reach me until March 7.

First, let me say that the newspaper story went further than it should have in referring to the possibility of a National Park. I was attending a meeting in Indiana when I was confronted by a newspaper man who somehow had information that I was stopping in Pittsburgh in connection with a piece of property known as Beaver Creek. In studies we have made in cooperation with State and local park agencies, our people had visited and made preliminary reports on the park values of Beaver Creek. I was invited by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy group to stop by Pittsburgh and spend a day with them in looking over their proposed projects, one of them being Beaver Creek. This group, composed of private citizens, are buying considerable land in Pennsylvania for conservation and park purposes. Upon being questioned by the reporter, I told him of our interest in working with the States and local people and advising them on their park projects to the extent I am able, and at their request. I suppose that the reporter felt that because I am Director of the National Park Service we were planning on a National Park at Beaver Creek.

After reading the brief report we had on Beaver Creek, I learned that part of the area was in the extreme eastern part of Ohio, and I informed Congressman Mike Kirwan of my proposed visit to the area. I should perhaps have informed you also, but from the only highway map I had it looked as though it might be in Mike's district.

Upon my arrival in Pittsburgh, I was met by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy group and the Conservation Commissioner, General Eagen, of Ohio, as well as representatives of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District of New Philadelphia, Ohio. After a discussion of the matter in Pittsburgh, we went out and looked over the property.

Beaver Creek starts in Pennsylvania and flows into the Ohio River in Pennsylvania but in its wanderings to the Ohio River it passes through a small part of Ohio. It is a very fine area, and I most sincerely hope that it will be conserved. In fact, it is one of the finest pieces of natural countryside, with cliffs and steep slopes rising several hundred feet above the stream, well covered with natural growth and containing many fine geological features. I believe it should be set aside by the proper authorities for the use and enjoyment of a large number of people in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. It has interstate and regional potentials for both scientific and recreation reasons.

I am sorry that the article in the paper caused you concern, but I am sure you realize that we have no control over the conclusions drawn by newspaper reporters. It is entirely possible this reporter might have understood that I was interested in it from the National Park standpoint; however, I thought I made myself clear that I was just going there at the invitation of the local people of Pennsylvania for consultation purposes. As a matter of fact, I did not know that anyone knew I was visiting with the conservation agencies and State authorities until this newspaper man questioned me. We have authority to give consulting services to State authorities when called upon under the Park, Parkway and Recreational Area Study Act of 1936, and this was the case as far as Beaver Creek was concerned. To the best of our ability, where National Park possibilities are concerned, we have always tried to keep Members of Congress informed with respect to anything we are interested in within their districts. I did not get in touch with you, first because I didn't think anything of national importance was involved, and second I didn't realize that we might come into your district.

Inasmuch as you mentioned Congressman Mike Kirwan in your conversation with Mr. Tolson, I am sending him a copy of this letter. I have known Mike for a long time and, of course, he is Chairman of our Committee on Appropriations.

If anything develops on this matter from a national standpoint, we shall certainly let you know. As a matter of fact, if the area should prove of national importance it is a foregone conclusion that it would have very little, if any, chance of approval in Congress without your support. If you have any further questions in your mind on this matter, I shall be glad to call on you and attempt to answer your questions.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) CONRAD L. WIRTH

Conrad L. Wirth
Director

Copy to: Hon. Michael J. Kirwan
Regional Director, Region Five, W.C. Inc.
Mr. Wirth
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beard
ea w/c inc.
Mr. Thompson's Sp. Beard
Attached, original and plain.

CLWirth: no

Kennedy

L58-RC

March 22, 1962

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Five

From: Assistant Director

Subject: Little Beaver Creek Valley, Ohio - Pennsylvania

In your memorandum of March 5 you requested information concerning the Director's meeting of February 20 with Messrs. Crass and Lewis about Little Beaver Creek Valley. Your letter undoubtedly was written before you received a copy of Mr. Wirth's letter of March 12 to Congressman Hays telling about the meeting. We believe that this letter answers your inquiry.

SIGNED

Ben H. Thompson
Assistant Director

Copy to: Mr. Kennedy, w/c of March 12 ltr. to Cong. Hays

SKennedy:mbh'

Handwritten initials and number 5

LN

NATIONAL CAMPERS & HIKERS ASSOCIATION
Mahonics Chapter
Youngstown, Ohio

INTERIOR DEPT.

APR - 6 1962

Assistant Secretary

April 2, 1962

Mr. Udall
Secy. of the Interior
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir;

"The Mahonics", the local chapter of the National Campers & Hikers Association, wish it to be known to those persons who are able to support and aid President John F. Kennedy's program of conservation of our national parks and forest areas, are wholeheartedly in favor of and will support such a program.

Our objective is to see our forests and park areas preserved and improved for future generations of our country and at the same time have available to us those benefits that an association with the outdoors and outdoor-minded people would bring through such a program.

We would also aid and support the program in ways that are available to us, any such plans or suggestions that you may have for us will be given the most carefull and thoughtfull consideration.

"The Mahonics" are most interested and excited about the proposed National Park in the Beaver Vally District, south of Youngstown.

We are respectfully at your service,

Joseph R. Corrado

Secy. treas.,
The Mahonics Chapter of N.C.H.A.

Joseph R. Corrado
987 Canfield Road
Youngstown 11, Ohio

OFFICE OF THE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

LS8

4/6/62

PRS - sig of LM
Bojard

Mrs. Sheridan:

Please prepare a reply for
the signature of Sec. Carver.

R

Roady

rec'd in LNP
APR 9 1962 pm

Handwritten notes in the top right corner: "Kaufmann", "Sweeney (14)", "Brown (14)", and "Hooper 9-5".

155-REP

APR 24 1962

Hon. Michael J. Kirwan
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mike:

I saw your communication of March 3 making consideration of a letter to you of February 22 from Mr. Jerome M. Daugherty. Mr. Daugherty had heard a newscast reporting a National Park suggestion for Columbiana County, Ohio, and Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

I am very sorry to have been so long in acknowledging your request. The truth of the matter is that it took some time for our people handling correspondence to relate your communication with my letter of March 12 to Representative Wayne L. Hays, a copy of which I sent you.

That letter, another copy of which I enclose for your ready reference, sums up, I think, the misunderstanding which arose from my visit to Columbiana and Beaver Counties.

To review the matter more briefly, the press apparently mistook my stopping at the invitation of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, to tour the Beaver Creek area with them, for an official National Park Service field investigation of a possible National Park site.

Since Beaver Creek meanders through a portion of Ohio, the Ohio Conservation Commissioner, General Eagon, joined us on our tour, as did representatives of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District of East Philadelphia, Ohio.

As I told the group who had invited me to consult with them on conservation possibilities at Beaver Creek, I think it is a very fine area and I hope that it will be conserved. Because it is such an outstanding bit of natural countryside, displaying fine biological and geological features, I believe it should be set aside by the proper authorities for the use and enjoyment of a

Handwritten signature "leg" and the number "5" in the bottom right corner.

large number of people in eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania.
I think that it has at least interstate and regional potential
for both scientific and recreation reasons.

Many thanks for giving me an opportunity to clear up the complexities
arising from my visit.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) CONRAD L. WIRTH
Conrad L. Wirth
Director

Enclosure

Copy to: Regional Director, Region Five (2) w/c inc.

Park Planning, w/c inc.

JMKauffman:mf

4/5/62

Re-written: CLWirth:mf
4/20/62

*B Kauffmann
Swan (10)
Bowen*

✓
L58-NRP

April 26, 1962

Mr. Ernest H. Van Fossen
Thompson Hall
Lisbon, Ohio

Dear Mr. Van Fossen:

We write to acknowledge on behalf of Director Wirth your kind letter of April 5.

The Director was recently in eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania at the invitation of local conservation groups to consult with them on the park values inherent in the Beaver Creek area there. This was not a National Park Service study but rather a consultative service done by the Director on a personal basis. However, he has told interested groups that he considers the Beaver Creek area an outstanding one from a scenic and scientific standpoint and to be at least of interstate or regional importance for preservation for public park purposes.

Your offered assistance in park conservation work in your area near Lisbon, Ohio is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

William L. Bowen, Chief
Division of National Park and
Recreation Area Planning

Copy to: Regional Director, Region Five (2) w/c inc.

JMKauffmann:hcb

Aug 5

TO SECRETARY
APR 20 1962
FOR SIGNATURE
ADVANCE COPY

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE OFFICE COPY

PARKS

4/18
Huffman
Swan (6)
Bower
Thompson
4-19
Worth 4/20

158-BNF

APR 27 1962

Dear Mr. Conrado:

We greatly appreciated your good letter of April 2 informing us that "the Mahonics" support the President's program of conservation and stand ready to assist in furthering it.

I know of no proposal to establish a national park in the Beaver Valley District. I am sure, however, that you will be interested in some current national park proposals. I refer specifically to the proposed Chesapeake and Ohio National Historical Park, which would follow the Potomac River from Cumberland, Maryland, to Washington, D. C., the proposed Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in Indiana, and the proposed Sleeping Bear and Pictured Rocks National Lakeshores in Michigan. Legislation to authorize these proposed reservations for public recreation is now pending in the Congress.

These and a number of other park and recreation areas should be added to our outdoor heritage in order to insure that opportunities such as your Association enjoys will continue an adequate measure in future years.

Recently, Director Conrad L. Wirth of the National Park Service came to eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania at the invitation of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and, in the company of that group and conservation representatives of Ohio, toured the Beaver Creek area near Youngstown. This was not a national park study but a consultative service to state and local conservation groups. Director Wirth felt that the Beaver Creek area is an outstanding example of natural countryside which has interstate and regional potential for both scientific and recreation purposes. He feels that it should be protected by the proper authorities for use and enjoyment of people in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and neighboring states.

We know that your group will want to assist in such regional conservation efforts as well as in the President's national

THIS IS NOT A PRS

program, and your continuing interest and support of these programs is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) John A. Carver, Jr.

Assistant, Secretary of the Interior

Mr. Joseph R. Corrado
Secretary-Treasurer, The
Mechanics Chapter of National
Campers and Hikers Association
987 Canfield Road
Youngstown 11, Ohio

Copy to: ✓ 14(2) w/c inc.
✓ Regional Director, Region Five (2) w/c inc.

Park Planning w/c inc.

JMKauffman:BHF:djg 4/18/62

LA

350 Firistone Ave.
Columbiana L58
Ohio

Mr. Stewart L. Udall
Secretary of Interior
Washington
D. C.

^{225.511}
~~Brown~~

(45)

INTERIOR DEPT

MAY - 9 1962

Assistant Secretary

My dear Mr. Udall

The Historical Society of Columbiana and Fairfield Township is intensely interested in the preservation of old sites and landmarks and the restoration of our natural resources. Because of this the Society passed a resolution requesting the secretary to write to our Senators and Representatives urging them to use their influence in regard to the proposed area in eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania to be used as a National Park.

Much of that rugged undeveloped terrain lies in Columbiana County and is drained by Little Beaver Creek.

The citizens in our community feel that this scenic picturesque territory is one of the most beautiful spots in Ohio and is an ideal location for a National Park.

We sincerely hope you will do all you can to make this undertaking a reality. Sincerely

Beard

MAY 22 1962

L 58

Mr. Ray E. Dean
Editor, The Salem News
Salem, Ohio

Dear Mr. Dean:

We regret the delay in acknowledging your letter of February 20.

Director Wirth was recently in eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania at the invitation of local conservation groups to consult with them on the park values inherent in the Beaver Creek area there. This was not a National Park Service study but rather a consultative service done by the Director on a personal basis. However, he has told interested groups that he considers the Beaver Creek area an outstanding one from a scenic and scientific standpoint and to be at least of interstate or regional importance for preservation for public park purposes.

We appreciate your interest and offer of cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Ben H. Thompson

Ben H. Thompson
Assistant Director

Copy to: Mr. Wirth
Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beard

w/c of inc.
"
"

NRShepherd:rrf 5/22/62

TS
Kauffman
Sweeney (IC)
Bower 5/22

MAY 23 1962

158-202

Miss M. E. Faye
Secretary, The Historical Society
of Columbiana and Fairfield Township
350 Chestnut Avenue
Columbiana, Ohio

Dear Miss Faye:

We write to acknowledge on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior your good letter concerning park possibilities in the Little Beaver Creek area of western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio.

The Director of the National Park Service recently visited the area on the invitation of area conservationists and he was much impressed with it.

We greatly appreciate having the views of the Society and we share your hope that the area may be suitably preserved.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Ken E. Thompson
Assistant Director

Copy to: Regional Director, Region Five (2) w/c inc.

JMKauffman:ml 5/18/62
Rewritten:BHT:djg 5/22/62

AUG 10 1962

*J. Kaufmann
Conservancy (12)
Beaver
gen files*

L58-BNP

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Northeast Region

From: Assistant Director

Subject: Little Beaver Creek Area in Ohio and Pennsylvania

We forward to you enclosed a letter of February 27 from David C. Fahringer, Vice President, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning Services, Incorporated, transmitting aerial photographs of the Little Beaver Creek area.

As you know, the Director was much impressed with this area for possible park purposes when he visited it. In view of his note, enclosed with the letter, we held this against the possible time when a concept of registered ecological landmarks might be formulated. However, a further check with the Director indicates that he feels it is a park rather than a landmark proposition.

Accordingly, the Director has requested that we ask you to contact the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, a leading advocate for park establishment at Little Beaver Creek, and offer any appropriate study help. We shall appreciate being kept advised on this matter.

SIGNED

Ben H. Thompson
Assistant Director

In duplicate

Enclosure

~~Regional Director, Northeast Region (2) w/c inc.~~

Copy to: Park Planning *(attached)*

JMKaufmann:ml
8/9/62

COPY

August 10, 1962

L58-RNP

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Northeast Region

From: Assistant Director

Subject: Little Beaver Creek Area in Ohio and Pennsylvania

We forward to you enclosed a letter of February 27 from David C. Fahringer, Vice President, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning Services, Incorporated, transmitting aerial photographs of the Little Beaver Creek area.

As you know, the Director was much impressed with this area for possible park purposes when he visited it. In view of his note, enclosed with the letter, we held this against the possible time when a concept of registered ecological landmarks might be formulated. However, a further check with the Director indicates that he feels it is a park rather than a landmark proposition.

Accordingly, the Director has requested that we ask you to contact the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, a leading advocate for park establishment at Little Beaver Creek, and offer any appropriate study help. We shall appreciate being kept advised on this matter.

/s/

Ben H. Thompson
Assistant Director

In duplicate

Enclosure

Copy to: Park Planning

JMKauffmann:ml
8/9/62

COPY

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY

204 FIFTH AVENUE, PITTSBURGH 22, PENNSYLVANIA

GRAND 1-1960

Charles F. Lewis, *President*
 Fred M. Esmer, *Vice President*
 M. GLENN MCKINIG, *Secretary*
 JAMES McCLEARY, *Assistant Secretary*
 WILLIAM E. HOWARD, *Treasurer*

J. ALLEN STANLEY, *Educational Director*
 WILLIAM H. TUCKER, *Field Representative*
 J. G. VANDER, JR., *Assistant Treasurer*

August 31, 1962

L7019

REGION FIVE		Entered
AUG 31 1962		By
Reg. Director		
Asst. to Reg. Dir.		
Exec. Secy.		
Asst. Secy. for Adm.		
Asst. Secy. for Fin.		
Asst. Secy. for Educ.		
Asst. Secy. for Ext.		
Asst. Secy. for Gen. Inv.		
Asst. Secy. for Res. & Insp.		
Asst. Secy. for Tech. Serv.		
Asst. Secy. for Training		
Asst. Secy. for Public Affs.		
Asst. Secy. for Special Inv.		
Asst. Secy. for Unempl. Serv.		
Asst. Secy. for Welfare		
Asst. Secy. for Youth Serv.		
Asst. Secy. for Other		
Asst. Secy. for Unk.		
Asst. Secy. for Unk.		

Mr. Allen T. Edmunds,
 Assistant Regional Director
 National Park Service, Northeast Region
 143 South Third Street
 Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Edmunds:

Mr. William R. Failor of your staff called at our office Tuesday, August 28, and we showed him the pertinent material relating to the Little Beaver Creek area.

We would be very glad to have the National Park Service send one or more representatives to evaluate this area and could provide them with expert guidance. We think that an expression of endorsement from you, based upon first-hand study, would be of great value.

Sincerely yours,



Charles F. Lewis,
 President

CFL/nrh

Filed 9/26



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Oct 29 1962
Oct 29 1962
Northeast Region
143 South Third Street
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

September 28, 1962

Barth
Kaufman

IN REPLY REFER TO:

L58

~~X L7019~~

Memorandum

To: Director
From: Assistant Regional Director
Subject: Little Beaver Creek Area in Ohio and Pennsylvania

In response to Assistant Director Ben Thompson's memorandum of August 10 we are enclosing a brief report on Bill Failor's visit with Dr. Lewis and Mr. Fahringer concerning the Little Beaver Creek Area. The attached letter from Dr. Lewis indicates that they would be glad to have a Park Service representative make an evaluation of the area.

Under existing pressures of work it is uncertain when we would be able to schedule a field visit although Dr. Lewis indicated that the fall season would be a good time.

Edmunds

Assistant Regional Director

In duplicate

Enclosures (2) Δ

P. S. If the suggestions by Mr. Failor meet with your approval, we suggest that they be conveyed to Dr. Lewis in a letter.

158
X L7019

Assistant Regional Director, Resource Plg.

September 28, 1962

William R. Failor, Park Planner

Meeting with Dr. Charles F. Lewis, President, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Little Beaver Creek Area, Ohio and Pennsylvania

In accordance with Assistant Director Thompson's request of August 10, 1962 I visited with Dr. Lewis at the Conservancy Office in Pittsburgh on August 28 for the purpose of discussing appropriate matters concerning study help on the Little Beaver Creek Area. Mr. David Fahringer of Community Planning Services, Inc. was also there.

Dr. Lewis appeared to be somewhat puzzled concerning our interest to assist them in a study, but I explained that our interest was based on the area's apparent regional and interstate significance and its interesting natural and scenic features. I said that the Park Service was willing to assist the Conservancy in any way possible within available resources in evaluating the area. He agreed and seemed to be very much interested in our offer to help.

I told him our services would be available along the lines of reviewing and evaluating areas to be included in the project, boundary problems, suggestions on protection and use and consideration of its relationship to the regional and national picture.

Mr. Fahringer, whose firm is apparently being retained on a continuing basis for planning services, asked if they could receive help to formulate population statistics and other details. I told him that I didn't think this would be possible because (1) we didn't have the personnel available and (2) we normally don't get into this type of work on a cooperative basis unless it appears that the National Park Service would become directly involved in a comprehensive study or as a potential national area.

Dr. Lewis said that the type of services outlined above would be very helpful to them and that they would be glad to make the necessary arrangements to have a representative evaluate the area. I got the impression that this would be done in cooperation with Community Planning Services, Inc.

Signed

William R. Failor
Park Planner

Thompson
10-12

OCT 12 1962

✓
158-B

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Northeast Region

From: Director

Subject: Little Beaver Creek Area in Ohio and Pennsylvania

I appreciated Assistant Regional Director Edmunds' memorandum of September 23 enclosing Mr. Failor's memorandum of the same date regarding his visit with Dr. Lewis. My thought in asking Ben Thompson to write to you, as he did on August 10, was merely to convey to Dr. Lewis our continuing interest in the preservation of this area and our willingness to be of such assistance as we might, at any time he might wish to request it. I note Mr. Failor's statement in his September 23 memorandum that "Dr. Lewis appeared to be somewhat puzzled concerning our interest to assist them in a study * * *."

My feeling is that you can only follow your best judgment as to how much and what kind of followup on the part of the Service you believe Dr. Lewis would like to have. If you feel that he wants you to consult with him further because it would be helpful to him and the project, I am sure that you would be happy to do so. If, on the other hand, you feel that Dr. Lewis would be content at this juncture to let the matter rest, I am sure that would also be proper.

ISGD CONRAD L. WIRTH

cc:
Park Planning
Resource Planning

BHThompson:aet 10-12-62

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
190 WEST 17TH AVENUE
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43210

ELLIOT L. WHITAKER, *Director*
BROWN HALL 106

ARCHITECTURE
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

L 58

June 23, 1965

Bergman
CAH
Fleckeniger

National Park Service
C Bet 18th and 19th Northwest
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I am preparing a report for the Mahoning (Ohio) County Planning Commission concerning recreation facilities. I understand the National Park Service is considering the development of a 22,000 acre Beaver Creek Park in the Youngstown - Pittsburgh area. I would like information as to the status of this proposal, probable date of availability, approximate location and any other information concerning the proposed park that can be released to the general public at this time.

Sincerely yours,

W. Raymond Mills

W. Raymond Mills
Assistant Professor
City and Regional Planning

WRM:ar

NER

Wayne Herrod
RD # 3
Lisbon, Ohio
44432

United States
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D. C. 20240

CMP
Beigum

Dear Sir:

I recently wrote a letter to the President of the United States about the possibility of Beaver Creek state park and surrounding area plus part of Penna. forming a national ~~ad~~ park. It was sent to your office and your reply was that it did not have the quality to become a National Park. If this is true most of the national parks, monuments, and historical parks do not either. You may think I am crazy or don't know what I am talking about; however I have been

Wayne Herrod

Page 2

on vacations in 45 states and have seen the majority of these parks and also my father worked in the Grand Teton National Park as a ranger Naturalist.

Here are a few of the things of historical interest (these are just in Columbiana county alone, not included are other counties in Ohio or ~~per~~ Penna.):

John Hunt Morgan, Confederate general in the ~~civil~~ Civil War made his famous raid through Indiana and Ohio doing millions of dollars of damage, he surrendered after many attempts to stop him near west West Point, Ohio; several very interesting books have been written about this.

Page 3

This is a very old region some towns being almost 200 years old.

The shortest covered bridge in the United States is just a few miles away from Beaver Park. The oldest jail in the state of Ohio, the oldest brick building and the nationally famous "B. Lockson Arch Doorway" are a few more.

Also there are many covered bridges around the tristate area, 7 in Columbiana county alone.

A Klan type organization founded by an eccentric man was organized not far from here. Also are many tunnels through old buildings built to help negroes in the underground railroad period.

Some of the oldest Iron ore furnaces are located in this area.

William McKinley spent a good deal of his boyhood in this historic village of Lisbon.

Page 4

The old Sandy + Beaver canal still remains covered by dense forests after 150 years of not being used.

Also we have the only water powered grist mill (built in 1838) in good condition and also operating in this part of the country.

As for scenic attractions and beauty this region is tops. Many wild animals and plants live in the thick and rocky hills of Beaver Creek state park.

In the fall the tree covered hills of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia turn gold, bright red, yellow, and many other shades and tones; in the spring delicate reds, pinks, creamy white, yellows and reds color the Ohio buckeye, wild cherry, red maple and many other flowering trees. In the summer many people enjoy the woods, while camping, picnicing, and fishing in the many fish filled streams.

Page 5

during the winter many sports could be enjoyed but unfortunately there are no accommodations. Ohio doesn't seem to want to do anything about this; the result crowded picnic and camping areas, and not enough parks. This region in Ohio, Pennsylvania and ~~West Virginia~~ West Virginia needs to be put together in a large park to serve the 6 million people within the 70 miles of it and the tourists from other parts of the country.

I would appreciate very much your comment on this topic

Thank you,

Wayne Herrod

Bergman 7/8
Thehun 7/8
Brooks 7/9

158-CNP

JUL 9 1965

Mr. Wayne Herrod
RD #3
Hilbon, Ohio 44432

Dear Mr. Herrod:

Your recent letter lists the natural, historical and recreational values in the vicinity of the Beaver Creek State Park in Ohio and suggests that lands in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia be combined to form a larger park.

As you recall, in our letter of April 15, we indicated that we do not believe the Beaver Creek State Park should be considered for National Park status. However, we agree that it together with other lands in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia could be combined to form a large regional park. In fact, we understand that the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has proposed a Little Beaver Park under joint Ohio-Pennsylvania administration. Perhaps you would like to contact that organization for a report on the latest status of that proposal. You may write: Dr. Charles F. Lewis, President, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, 204 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15222.

Sincerely yours,

Original Signed by
Chester L. Brooks

Acting Chief, Division of
National Park System Studies

cc:
Regional Director, Northeast w/c inc.
CFS w/c inc.
CNP w/c inc.

RKBergman:mee 7/7/65

NER

Bergman 7/8
Midway 7/8
Brooks 7/9

L58-CNP

JUL 9 1965

Mr. W. Raymond Mills
Assistant Professor, City and
Regional Planning
The Ohio State University
School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture
190 West 17th Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Dear *Raymond* Mills:

Your letter of June 23 requests information concerning the development of the Beaver Creek Park.

The National Park Service has no plans to acquire or assist in the development of the Beaver Creek State Park, in Ohio.

Because you are preparing the report for Mahoning County, we believe you may be seeking information about the Grand River Development instead of the Beaver Creek State Park. If so, we suggest you contact the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers for information concerning it.

Sincerely yours,
Original Signed by
Chester L. Brooks

Acting Chief, Division of
National Park System Studies

~~cc:~~
~~CFS~~
~~CNP~~

RKBergman:mee 7/7/65

NER