

August 1, 1958

MR. JOSEPH MEYERHOFF, *Chairman*
Maryland State Planning Commission
100 Equitable Building
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Mr. Meyerhoff:

In compliance with your request of May 9, 1958, and subsequent correspondence, we are transmitting herewith, our report on a *Study for a Proposed Gunpowder River Valley Park System*. The report covers both the Gunpowder and Little Gunpowder river valleys, and approaches the problem from the point of view of the needs for additional park and recreation areas in the Baltimore Metropolitan region, taking into account future regional and State population growth. It also deals with the relationship of the proposed park to other possible stream valley parks in the region, and to the existing system of State parks in general.

We are pleased to inform you that the two Gunpowder river valleys contain in ample measure all of those features which are desired in an extensive, natural type of park, and will afford opportunity for a wide variety of informal outdoor activities for a large number of people. We therefore have no hesitancy in recommending that the areas outlined in the report be acquired at the earliest possible moment as a splendid addition to the Maryland State Park system.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) F. ELLWOOD ALLEN

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