

SECTION IX

PRIORITY SCHEDULE OF ACQUISITION

While the proposals for areas to be acquired are clearly stated, the acquisition of certain sections of the proposed park is a matter of supreme urgency. Otherwise, some of the land will be devoted to other uses and lost for park purposes. On this point it is emphasized that immediate efforts should first be directed toward acquisition of sufficient strips of land bordering the proposed park at the major highway crossings to insure and to protect access to the proposed park. Thereafter, it is recommended that as far as possible lands be acquired in the following order of priority:

1. The Big Gunpowder between Old Philadelphia Road and Harford Road. (Key Nos. 3 and 4). Total Acreage—3,400.
2. The Little Gunpowder between Pulaski Highway and Harford Road. (Key Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13). Total Acreage—1,360.
3. The Big Gunpowder between Pulaski Highway and Old Philadelphia Road. (Key No. 2). Total Acreage—250.
4. The Days Mount section east of Pulaski Highway. (Key No. 1). Total Acreage—500.
5. The Big Gunpowder between Harford Road and Loch Raven Reservoir. (Key No. 5). Total Acreage—400.
6. Big Gunpowder between Big Falls Road and Prettyboy Reservoir. (Key Nos. 7-a and 7-b). Total Acreage—3,240.
7. The Little Gunpowder between Harford Road and Pleasantville Road. (Key No. 14). Total Acreage—1,200.
8. The Little Gunpowder between Green Road and Jarrettsville Road. (Key No. 15). Total Acreage—900.
9. The Big Gunpowder between Prettyboy Reservoir and the termination of the park in Carroll County. (Key No. 9). Total Acreage—300.

It is further recommended that a functional plan be prepared as soon as possible for the development and use of the proposed areas as a park. It is again emphasized, however, that acquisition should proceed immediately and not be delayed pending preparation of such a functional plan.