

TROY MEADOWS

NARRATIVE REPORTS

JANUARY-APRIL 1962

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REFUGE

TROY MEADOWS

PERIOD

January - April 1962

Mr. Crawford

Mr. Ackerman

Mr. Fermanich

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT: Mr. Banko

Mr. Goldman

Mr. Stiles

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: Dr. Marley

Mr. Stollberg

OPERATIONS: Mr. Hickok

Mr. Regan

PUBLIC USE: Mr. DuMont

Mr. Monson

Mr. Kubichek

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: Miss Baum

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TROY MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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REFUGE STAFF

No personnel stationed at this refuge. Richard W. Rigby, Assistant Refuge Manager at Bombay Hook N.W. Refuge is in charge.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR - FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

## TROY MEADOWS AND GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

The formal outline will not be followed in this report as little or no pertinent data is available.

Several one day and overnight trips were made to Morristown regards Troy Meadows and Great Swamp Refuges during the period. Subject trips are listed below along with their significance.

January 3-4, 1962, Acting Refuge Manager Rigby and Robert Van Etten of Trenton Office River Basins met and discussed the Corps of Engineers plan for Troy Meadows. A/3o met with Richard Thorsell of W.P.I. regards a proposed sewage disposal plant to be constructed in Troy Meadows. Met with Mr. Van Note of Morris Co. Mosquito Commission regards the sewage plant. The plans are for a large plant with the effluent being channeled to the already heavily polluted Whippany River via an open canal adjacent to the old Troy Meadows Road.

March 14, 1962, Acting Refuge Manager Rigby attempted to contact personnel of W.P.I. and the N.A.W.F. at Morristown without success. However the tenor of local attitude towards the Great Swamp Refuge was felt out. Local land owners in the Great Swamp are hoping the Corps of Engineers will spend a large sum of money for land acquisition in the area. The Corps disclosed their plan for a low flow augmentation reservoir in the Great Swamp recently, much to the detriment of local efforts to give the Service title to lands in the swamp. It is hoped this setback will only be temporary.

April 18-19, 1962, Messrs. Fermanich, Horn, Uhler, Lard, Yates, Dayman, Spinner, Van Etten and Rigby met in Morristown regards the Corps of Engineers plan for a low flow augmentation reservoir in the Great Swamp. Both general and specific aspects of the Corps plan were discussed, however the basic feeling was that we continue on with our refuge plans and consider the Corps plan as a last resort.

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By the close of the period planning for the large sewage plant had taken more positive steps. A hearing on the proposed bond issue was held by the Parsippany-Troy Hills Township.

GREAT SWAMP

Land acquisition has momentarily stalled just short of 2,000 acres, but fund raising and publicity drives continue at a fast pace. More acreage should be forthcoming during the next period. The Great Swamp Committee of the N.A.W.F. hopes the Service will staff the refuge in the near future, largely as a publicity and public relations measure.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Shouldn't this area  
be staffed immediately?  
One man would be far  
better than none.  
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