

forestry and recreational programs will be important. Our soil conservation districts, which are co-sponsoring this meeting, will play a major role through their small watershed programs

Cooperation between agencies—local, state and federal—is essential to the intelligent development of our water resources. There must be cooperation between the people living in the basin, who, for one reason or another, may have interests which are conflicting. We believe that the value of this great river to the people of Maryland demands that we get on with the job.

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I am delighted to have this opportunity to come here today to discuss problems my own State of Maryland has in common with our neighbors of Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The sheer geography of this huge metropolitan area which has grown up around our national capital—with the federal district melting into the neighboring communities of Virginia and Maryland—speaks more eloquently than any words I could fashion of the need for united action for the solution of our problems. When I drive into or out of the city of Washington from my residence in Annapolis—as I do so frequently—I am seldom, if ever, conscious of the time I leave one jurisdiction and enter another. My constituents who live in the urbanized areas of Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties are oriented socially, culturally and economically to this city; it is inevitable that they consider themselves to be Washingtonians. The same may be said of the Virginians who live in Arlington and Fairfax Counties and the municipalities of Falls Church and Alexandria. The point I make is that the physical circumstances alone compel us to join hands in our effort to attain the many objectives we have in common.

In such things as planning, zoning, water supply, sewage disposal, parks and recreation, mass transit, traffic control and traffic safety, our problems are alike and our goals are similar. It would be fool-