

STATEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF
ASSATEAGUE ISLAND, ANNAPOLIS

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In view of the current public interest in the federal government's plan to develop Assateague Island as a National Seashore, it occurred to me that the people of Maryland might also be interested in what the State has done, and plans to do, with its portion of the island.

The State of Maryland owns, and is developing as a park, 640 acres with two miles of ocean frontage, on Assateague. During the past year, the State Department of Forests and Parks has constructed two 250-car parking areas, has taken action to replace two miles of barrier dunes, has drilled a water well, has built a temporary contact station at the control gate, has posted numerous public safety signs and has established a temporary trailer office. A contract totaling \$156,000 has been awarded for the erection of a bathhouse and concession stand, a pumphouse for the well and to install water lines to serve the bathhouse and the concession stand.

Schedules for this winter are the following projects, estimated to cost approximately \$40,000:

1. Ten campers parking areas totaling 75 spaces
2. A trailer sanitary station
3. Life guard station and barracks
4. Storage and beach captain stations
5. An incinerator
6. Striping for parking lots and road
7. Beach grass planting
8. Aerial fertilization of dunes
9. Surface treatment between lots
10. Mosquito control ditches
11. Curbing and averting drains around rear of lot
12. Life guard stand
13. Lighting of building and parking lot
14. Construction of a boardwalk from parking lot to bathhouse to beach