



# BULLETIN



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## Community Voices Support to Save Lake Roland

by George S. Wills, Committee Chairman

The residents of the Ruxton and Riderwood communities have given strong support for the proposed program to restore Lake Roland. By an overwhelming 925 to 25 vote, residents have registered approval to proceed with the broad outlines of the Whitman-Requardt recommendations for silt removal and partial dredging. The program is designed to increase water depth at the Lake's northern end.

In a post card survey conducted by your Association community residents were asked to express their opinion in general support of, or opposition to, the Whitman-Requardt program.

The strong support follows two well attended community meetings in the past five months, at which the details of the Whitman-Requardt program were presented and discussed. The community's support of the program is based upon the condition that the Lake Roland Watershed Foundation have representation and participation in the management program to implement the Whitman-Requardt recommendations for partial dredging, silt removal, and restoration of some water depth in the northern end of the Lake. The Lake Roland Foundation was organized two years ago to provide direct community involvement in efforts to conserve and beautify the Lake and the surrounding wooded areas.

### HISTORY OF PROGRAM

The post card survey vote conducted by your Association brings to a conclusion almost four years of efforts by your Association, in cooperation with the Baltimore City and Baltimore County governments, to develop a program of restoration for Lake Roland. The program began in 1971, at the conclusion of the Goucher College environmental study of the Lake, directed by Dr. John Forester. The Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Improvement Association sought the advice of many specialists in sediment pollution control for inland lakes, including Dr. M. Gordon Wolman, Chairman of the En-

vironmental Sciences Department of the Johns Hopkins University.

In early 1972 intensive negotiations with the Baltimore City and County governments were begun by your Association's Lake Roland Committee, chaired by George S. Wills. These negotiations resulted in a decision to retain Whitman-Requardt and Associates to do an engineering management study for restoration of the Lake.

In 1971 - 1974 several extensive "walking tours" of Lake Roland were conducted by your Association. One tour included the participation of the Hon. James Coulter, Maryland Secretary of Natural Resources, and other State officials. Subsequently, a decision was made by the State to participate in the financing of the Lake Roland project.

### RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT

Another important aspect of our community's participation in the Lake Roland project has been the encouragement of an offer of some free dredging assistance by The Ellicott Machine Corporation; reduced cost assistance by Langenfelder Company and help from unions who would provide labor for the project.

Your Association has been particularly interested in getting answers to questions and criticisms of the proposed restoration program. Outlines and details of the Whitman-Requardt recommendations were presented to community residents in two large meetings held in September, 1974, and March, 1975. Officials from Baltimore City, Baltimore County and the state of Maryland attended these meetings.

At these meetings your Association pledged to do everything possible to minimize potential problems in the rehabilitation program, including removal of as few trees as possible in from the open field next to Bellona Avenue and the Northern Central railroad tracks. The Association also pledged every effort to assist the Baltimore Rugby Club in the

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## President Gives Outline Report of Year's Work

Your Association will be closing out another very active year with the annual meeting to be held on May 21st. The two major issues that have faced the community have been in the area of zoning and the Lake Roland project. Thanks to a very able and active Board of Governors and especially to a community that has responded to every request for assistance from the Board, definite progress has been made in these two areas.

When the 1974-75 year began last summer, our community faced three major zoning challenges. Rockland Bleach & Dye, Excavation Contractors, Inc. and Stumpp Associates were seeking zoning changes which, in the minds of your Board of Governors, were completely incompatible with the type of residential community represented by the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland area.

Our zoning committee headed by Dryden Hall, Jr. studied each of these zoning requests and recommended that our Association fight them with every means available. It also advised that we should be prepared to fight these cases at each level up to the highest courts of appeal, if necessary. The Zoning Committee emphasized that these battles were going to require the best legal services and expert witnesses available. This meant we were faced with financial obligations far in excess of the proceeds from normal dues. It also meant that members of the community in large numbers would be called upon to be present at the various hearings.

### COMMUNITY COOPERATION

The Board of Governors went to the community with the needs that had been outlined by the Zoning Committee. The requests were for money and people. The response was precisely what was needed. Over \$11,000 was raised in a very short time from a very large number of people. The attendance at each hearing was excellent. There was absolutely no

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## Jones Falls—Stream Valley Park Open Spaces Plan

A comprehensive plan for providing a pedestrian link between parks and open spaces along Jones Fall, Roland Run and Towson Run has been developed by the open space and recreation planning section of the County Planning Board.

The plan calls for the acquisition of 146.29 acres along Jones Falls, 101.4 acres along Roland and Towson Runs, and 120.58 acres along the old railroad line in Greenspring Valley. This 370 acres will be added to considerable flood plain acreage already deeded to the county as storm drainage reservation.

"We feel the parks are needed to preserve open space along the streams and make the best possible use of flood-plain land," said Malcolm S. Aldrich, director of the county's Recreation and Parks Department.

Plans are being developed to provide for the construction of picnic areas in the open spaces of the acreage. Hiking trails and bicycle paths will be a part of the recreation

plan. Motorcycles will be discouraged.

With acceptance by the County Planning Board and approval of the comprehensive planning maps which includes this proposal, the Recreation and Parks will proceed with acquiring land as designated on the maps.

The map outlining the Jones Falls Stream Valley Park is hereby reproduced because it shows in detail the recreation plan relative to Lake Roland, Robert E. Lee Park, Bare Hills, Riderwood and Ruxton. Further information may be obtained by contacting the County Planning Board - telephone 494-3521.

Maps for other areas included in the park plan are available at the office of the Planning Board.

Theodore G. Venetoulis, the county executive, has announced that the county will budget \$100,000 in the coming year to begin purchasing rights of way along the abandoned spur of the Northern Central Railroad.

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## Lacrosse Leagues Now Organized

This spring has found approximately seventy youngsters of ages varying from nine to fourteen years involved in the participation by the Ruxton-Riderwood Lacrosse teams in the Baltimore County Recreational Junior and Midget Lacrosse Leagues. The program, offering boys of this community the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the game of lacrosse and improve their skills, was commenced in the Spring of 1973 with approximately twenty-seven boys and now in its third year, following successive years in which the Midget team won or tied for the league championship, provides an opportunity for boys in all schools to participate in this program.

Coaches Herbert B. Williams, T. Talbot Bond, A. Randolph Walker, C. Henry Schildhauer, Jr., John H. Heller, C. William Pacy, C. Herbert Sadtler, Charles Carroll 3rd, and J. M. Dryden Hall, Jr. have given extensively of their time to provide leadership and instruction to the youngsters participating on these three teams. Practices are held during the week in the evening at facilities which have generously been donated by Villa Julie College, where on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons league games are played. Members of the community are cordially welcome to spectate at these games and provide encouragement for what hopefully may be future high school and college performers.

League play commenced the first week of April and will be concluded by the third week in May.

## Special Fund Raising Wins Neighborhood Backing

In September, 1974, our Association was confronted with three major zoning cases which are referred to elsewhere in this issue. It was absolutely mandatory that these requests for zoning changes be opposed by our Association with all the resources at its disposal. In order to effectively oppose these changes before the Zoning Commissioner, and if necessary the Zoning Board of Appeals and higher courts, the best legal advice and expert witnesses would be required. An estimate was made that these zoning cases could cost our Association up to \$15,000 if it were to carry its efforts through to completion.

The regular dues provided the necessary funds to meet normal operations including small zoning matters but not the type of cases with which the Association was confronted. Having no other alternative, the Board of Governors unanimously voted to solicit a donation of \$25.00 from each household in our community.

### URGENT SITUATION

In January, the initial letter went out explaining the situation and making the request for funds to be used for zoning cases. A second letter went out in February to those from

whom no response had been forthcoming. The support from the community has been outstanding. The sum of \$11,535.00 has been raised by contributions. The Association, therefore, has been able to pay bills relating to the current zoning cases and now has a zoning fund which is kept separate from operating funds. This sum will be used in future appeals of these cases and any remaining funds will be employed in future zoning cases.

### COMMUNITY RESPONSE

The excellent response from the community is something of which we can be proud. It indicates a broad community involvement and an awareness which cannot be overlooked by organizations planning development in our community. It is now obvious that the community has or can raise the necessary resources to oppose the efforts of anyone seeking zoning changes that will adversely affect the composition of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland area.

For those who have not made their \$25.00 contribution to the Zoning Fund, they are welcome to do so by mailing their checks to the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association, 1304 Maywood Avenue, 21204.

The Board of Governors would like to thank each of you for your support.

Richard C. Macgill, Jr.  
President

## May Fair Theme Will Be "Carnival Caper"

The Ruxton Elementary School is busy getting ready to treat our community to another festive celebration of Spring's coming. This year the school's annual May Fair entitled "Carnival Caper" was held May 3.

Many of the annual favorites are scheduled again this year. There will be games, body painting, art shows, and, of course, Professor Kool. But the spotlight will be on new features such as the Demolition Derby, the Haunted House and the White Elephant Table.

While the children of all ages are enjoying these new activities, the green thumbs and gourmets in the neighborhood have not been left out. The ever-popular garden booth is back with its many varieties of plants and flowers; advance orders are now being taken. The Ruxton Booth and the Bake Table promise many delightful sensations to those "flavor-wise" and "pound foolish".

## Community Voices Support

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problems surrounding the potential displacement of its playing field.

The Board of Governors, in a vote on March 11, 1975, unanimously recommended approval of the proposed rehabilitation program. Also, after extensive discussions with Whitman-Requardt engineering specialists, the Lake Roland Watershed Foundation's Board of Directors unanimously voted the following Resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Board of the Ruxton Watershed Foundation enthusiastically endorses this general plan of the Whitman-Requardt Report and its urgent adoption as soon as possible, in order to facilitate government execution of the plan for the restoration of Lake Roland. And be it further resolved that this Board will continue to work with the public bodies involved to see that the specific plan finally adopted and implemented will best answer the needs of the community."

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

As a result of community meetings held on September 10, 1974, and March 11, 1975, to present the findings of the Whitman-Requardt Report, efforts were made to find answers to questions about the project, particularly as to effects upon the environment and wildlife at the northern end of the Lake, and to alternate ways of effecting a solution to the problem. Requests for further study of the problem were sent to Robert Wirth, a longtime observer of the Lake; Dr. M. Gordon Wolman, Chairman of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Johns Hopkins University; and Dr. John Foerster, Director of the Goucher College Study of Lake Roland. In addition, a request was made to the State Department of Natural Resources for an environmental analysis of the Whitman-Requardt project. Mr. John Gillett, Project Manager of the Whitman-Requardt Report, was asked to review upstream basins as an alternative solution and the problem of eutrophication.

Based on reports from these sources, the following conclusions were reached:

1. Implementation of the Whitman-Requardt Project is highly desirable. Upstream siltation basins would not prevent siltation in Lake Roland, are economically unfeasible, and are difficult, if not impossible, to provide spoil areas for. In addition, these basins, which can fill after one storm, must be cleaned by mechanical equipment. Effective maintenance is not only questionable, but more expensive than Lake

dredging. If such basins are employed, however, the fact remains that they would remove only the coarser material upstream, permitting the finer silt to enter the Lake. With the coarser material removed, the remaining silt, which must also be removed, is much more difficult to dry and handle than if upstream basins were not employed.

2. Because the northern end of the Lake has filled in so greatly, some disruption and destruction of wildlife habitat is necessary to protect the long-range preservation of the area as a wildlife sanctuary. However, every precaution will be taken to protect the wildlife.

3. Eutrophication can be controlled only by restricting the nutrient content of the water; the association must work for pollution control, as well.

4. A newly-designed siltation basin, in use in Montgomery County, offers greater effectiveness, and will be studied further for use in Lake Roland.

5. Failure to act now means the loss of funds for this project.

### ACTION IMPERATIVE

To summarize, I quote a long-time resident of our community, Dr. Helen B. Taussig: "The attractiveness of our residential area is as much in danger of being ruined, if we insist on a status quo of Lake Roland and leave it to nature to destroy the Lake, as if Ruxton and Riderwood were rezoned for a commercial district.

"The rains continue to fall and the rivers continue to flow, and the water continues to carry silt with it and is steadily and rapidly depositing the silt at the upper end of Lake Roland. Anyone who lives near the Lake or has walked along its shores, realizes the great spit of land which has been formed below Towson Run on its east bank and the entire upper basin is very shallow and soon will be marsh land and then firm land. The bird watchers love the birds, but those of us who have lived here longer know that the birds are decreasing in number. We don't begin to see as many ducks and herons and geese as we used to, and only occasionally do we see a big blue heron. If nothing is done everyone stands to lose: the bird watchers, the fisherman, and all who love nature."

## Towsontowne Rec Council Offers Spring Program

The athletic fields and tennis courts at Ruxton Elementary School will be the center of outdoor sports this Spring if the Towsontowne Recreation Council has anything to do with it. You have already read about what is happening in lacrosse this Spring, but the ball players and tennis enthusiasts have not been left out.

The Boys' Baseball Program got off to a good start May 3. Already 120 boys have signed up to play under the supervision of Baseball Commissioner Haswell Franklin and the program's director Jim Walstrum. The program will offer a clinic for the 7 and 8 year olds, while the age groups of 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14 play full schedules.

The Softball Program for the Girls is already under way and enjoying a successful season. Approximately 50 girls are involved in a program of instruction and play; the girls range in age from 9 to 16 years of age.

The Tennis Program starts last in the Spring but it is certainly not the least successful or popular program offered by the Rec Council. The program's 60 openings were filled very quickly; so quickly in fact the Council is considering the establishment of night tennis to give more adults a chance on the courts and for instruction.

Even with all these activities the Towsontowne Recreation Council is planning several summer activities for the Ruxton School. Be on the lookout for ush things as more tennis, summer baseball, and arts and crafts during the summer months.

## Wind Damage Reported

The tornado-like winds that lashed the countryside during the week of April 3 left its share of damage in the Ruxton-Riderwood area. A number of large trees were uprooted in various sections, blocking a principal roadway for a short time. Electric service was also curtailed. Most lawns had their share of fallen branches with the resulting clean up jobs.

The gale winds with frigid temperature continued uninterrupted for over four days, the longest time for such a weather pattern within living memory.

## Membership Dues

Individual	\$7.50
Family	10.00
Business	15.00
Sustaining	15.00

## Manor Glen

Manor Glen is a small settlement in the Tenth District along the Jarrettsville Road. It undoubtedly received its name because it is on a tract of land which was once a part of My Lady's Manor.

## President Gives Outline

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question in the minds of any officials or any of the developers that our community was solidly opposed to the zoning changes and fully prepared and able to take whatever legal measures were necessary to defeat the zoning requests.

As a result of these community efforts, the Zoning Board of Appeals ruled against the request of Excavation Contractors, Inc. to change the zoning on the Sobeloff property, the Zoning Commissioner ruled against the request of Stumpp - Associates for zoning changes for the Joppa Road and Bellona Avenue property. Also, we have reason to be confident that the ruling by the Zoning Commissioner on the Rockland Bleach & Dye request will be favorable to our Association.

### ZONING MAP PLAN

Obviously the possibility of adverse zoning changes is one that faces us continually and there can be no let down by the Board of Governors or by the community. Of major concern now is the question of what changes will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. This plan which is being drawn up by the County Planning Staff will serve as the first step in a process that will lead to the 1976 Zoning Map which will be submitted to the County Council next year. It can have a major impact on the zoning for our community. Members of the Board have met with the staff of the Planning Department and are satisfied that there are no proposals in the initial draft of the Comprehensive Plan that will have a direct adverse effect to our community; however, the Board and residents of the community must pay close attention to this process during the coming months.

### LAKE ROLAND PROGRAM

For the last several years, the Association, through the Lake Roland Committee, has been actively working to develop a plan by which Lake Roland can be preserved. George Wills assisted by Marge Bright and Page Dame among others has spearheaded this effort. The progress has been slow and arduous but it now appears that the chances of implementing a system which will improve the lake as it exists and assure its preservation are definite near term possibilities. Following two community meetings, one in September and another in April, the community by written ballot has voted overwhelmingly to endorse the plan submitted by the engineers of the firm of Whitman Requardt and Associates. The cooperation from Baltimore City and Baltimore County

officials has been gratifying and the offer of assistance by Elliott Machine Corporation, C. L. Langenfelder & Co., and the Operating Engineers Union has provided great impetus to the effort.

### NOTE OF APPRECIATION

From a personal standpoint, it has been a great pleasure to have had the opportunity to serve as President of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association. All the members of the Board of Governors have been active, capable and most willing. Special recognition should be given to the jobs done by Dryden Hall who was chairman of the very demanding Zoning Committee; to George Wills for his continued leadership on Lake Roland and to Erroll Hay and Dick Harper who were most active in mobilizing the community on the major zoning cases. Ed Gontrum as editor of *The Bulletin* has provided an invaluable service to the community. Lew and Alice Sadtler have handled the secretarial and administrative tasks which have been quite demanding. Without their efforts, it is difficult to imagine how the Association could have operated this past year. There are many others also deserving credit; however, I sincerely believe that the real strength of this Association was expressed this year by the active involvement of you the members of the community. I thank you most profoundly.

Richard C. Macgill, Jr.

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## Springtime In Ruxton

Flowers are blooming in profusion. Gardens at the various homes have never been more beautiful with varicolored tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and the ever-dominant forsythia. Soon there will be a profusion of white and pink dogwoods to accentuate the colorful picture of spring. In the meadow near Lake Roland there are areas where the beds of violets with their delicate blue coloring seem to have supplanted the usual grassy slopes.

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## Association Membership

Membership in the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Improvement Association is a guarantee that problems affecting the welfare of the community, including zoning and all pertinent matters involving county jurisdiction, will be discussed and acted upon by the Association. It is important, therefore, that residents become a part of this organization to protect their properties and the general interest of their community.

## Victory for Protestants Noted in Zoning Appeals

Since the last issue of *The Bulletin*, your Association is pleased to report the occurrence of the following matters pertaining to applications for reclassification of undeveloped land within our community.

By its opinion dated January 6, 1975, the County Board of Appeals denied the application of Excavation Construction Company, Inc. (Sobeloff property) for reclassification of this approximately thirty-eight acre parcel of land located on the northeast corner of Brookside Lane and Bellona Avenue from DR 2 and DR 3.5 to DR 16. No appeal was taken from this Order by the petitioner within the time allowed for same. The denial of this application represents a significant victory for the interests of the community and its Association in preserving the integrity and character of our residential development.

### STUMPP PROPERTY

By its order of January 9, 1975, the Zoning Commission of Baltimore County denied the application of G. B. Stumpp Associates, Inc. for reclassification from DR 2 and DR 3.5 to a DR 16 zone, the 6.2 acre parcel of land located at the northeast corner of Bellona Avenue and Joppa Road. In mid-February our Association was advised that the applicant filed a timely appeal to the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County to this decision of the Zoning Commissioner. The backlog of cases presently pending before the Board of Appeals makes it unlikely that this matter will be reviewed prior to August, 1975.

The application filed in respect to the Rockland Bleach and Dye Works Co., Inc., tract seeks reclassification of 4.1 acres located on the east side of Falls Road from DR 1 to ML. All testimony concerning this application has been introduced in the hearing before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, who, at this writing, has not issued his opinion and order in respect of the same.

### WINDSOR CASE TRACT

This small tract adjoining the Sobeloff property has been the subject of an application by its owner for reclassification from DR 1 to DR 16, which application was perfunctorily denied by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County. The owner filed a timely appeal and the matter came on for hearing before the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County on March 27. One day of testimony was taken before the Board was forced to continue the hearing due to a conflict in its schedule with other matters.

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## Huddles To Speak At Association Meeting

Gary Huddles, Chairman of the County Council of Baltimore County, will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association to be held Wednesday, May 21, 8 P.M., in the auditorium of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Boyce and Carrollton Avenues, Ruxton.

Mr. Huddles, in addition to being Chairman of the County Council, is also the Councilman representing the Second District of which our community is a part. He will discuss the proposed Comprehensive Plan which will establish policies controlling the future use of land, the provision of public facilities and the preservation of natural resources. This subject is of major importance to the entire community as it will be the basis for the 1976 Zoning Map. The more the public understands this system the better it will be equipped to influence the final decisions which could neutralize successes in fighting zoning changes.

Also attending the meeting will be representatives from the Maryland Department of Transportation to report on the progress of their study of the feasibility of using the Northern Central line through Ruxton as a mass transit artery for commuters. They have done considerable work in this area and their ideas should prove quite interesting. There will be opportunities to ask questions after the presentation. All members of the community are urged to attend this meeting.

## First National Provides New Banking Facilities

With a grand opening of five days, March 10 to March 15, the First National Bank launched a branch office at Ruxton for the convenience of the many families of the Ruxton-Riderwood area, beginning with a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 10 at 9 A.M. by Charles F. Schmitt, retired senior vice-president of First National Bank and a resident of Ruxton.

The bank, an attractive brick structure of colonial design with adequate parking facilities in both the front and the rear, is located at the northeast corner of Bellona Avenue and Ruxton Road, the former site of the American Oil Company station.

In addition to the usual counters for tellers, there is adequate space for patrons as well as office quarters. The color scheme is subdued and

relaxing. A featured service is the safe deposit box department. The bank is open from 9 A.M. until 2 P.M., Mondays through Thursdays and from 9 A.M. until 6 P.M. on Fridays.

Carol Altice is manager and Margaret Wright serves as administrative aide. Bernadette Campitelli is head teller and Carolyn Meyers and June Rosenbrock are tellers.

First National has worked with the Improvement Association on the type of signs to be used and a committee from the community will work with the bank's landscape architect in the planting.

## Membership Gain Reflects Full Community Approval

New memberships together with the yearly membership renewals continue to give support to the growing work of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association. This financial and personal interest on the part of the residents of the community indicates a real concern in neighborhood problems with confidence in the organized leadership of the association. Following is a list of new members since the November issue of **The Bulletin**:

Ms. Anne C. Cadigan  
Dr. B. Steven Gold  
Mr. and Mrs. Julio Gonzalez, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Harryman  
Mrs. A. P. Jones  
Mr. Ralph L. Olson  
Mr. and Mrs. William M. Owen  
Dr. William E. Peterson  
Pleasant View Civic Association  
Mrs. Henry P. Rodgers  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Schmidt  
Mrs. Reuel Shepard  
Dr. and Mrs. Sylvester Sterioff, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Tangires  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kenneth Warner  
Mr. Eugene L. Wolfe, Jr.  
First National Bank of Md.  
(Ruxton Office)

## Shawan Village

Shawan, a village along the Falls Road, was named after a Shawnee tribe of Indians who camped on this site on their travels from Pennsylvania. Another source states that when white men first came to this area they found an Indian village called Shawan located there.

The Yeoho Road, which meets the York Road, just above Sparks, derived its name from an Indian word meaning "beautiful".

## Victory for Protestants (Continued from Page 4)

Although the subject tract is of considerably smaller size than the Sobeloff property, the significance of this application is not lessened by this size differential. It is to be hoped that the issues raised by this Appeal will be found by the County Board of Appeals to be substantially similar to those recently before it in respect of the Sobeloff property and that the Board's decision in the instant case will be consistent with that previously rendered.

The continued interest by members of the community and their support of our council have largely been responsible for the consistently favorable results which during the ensuing months your Association has been able to achieve for its members in all matters before the Zoning Commissioner and County Board of Appeals.

J. M. Dryden Hall, Jr.

## Parking Lot Arrangement

With the warm spring weather bringing out the border planting, the parking lot at Graul's Store seems to be fitting in with the attractive rural background of the neighborhood. When the larking lot was enlarged last year, a number of the old trees were preserved. Mr. Charles Harrington, owner of the property and former proprietor of the store for many years, cooperated in every way with this important project.

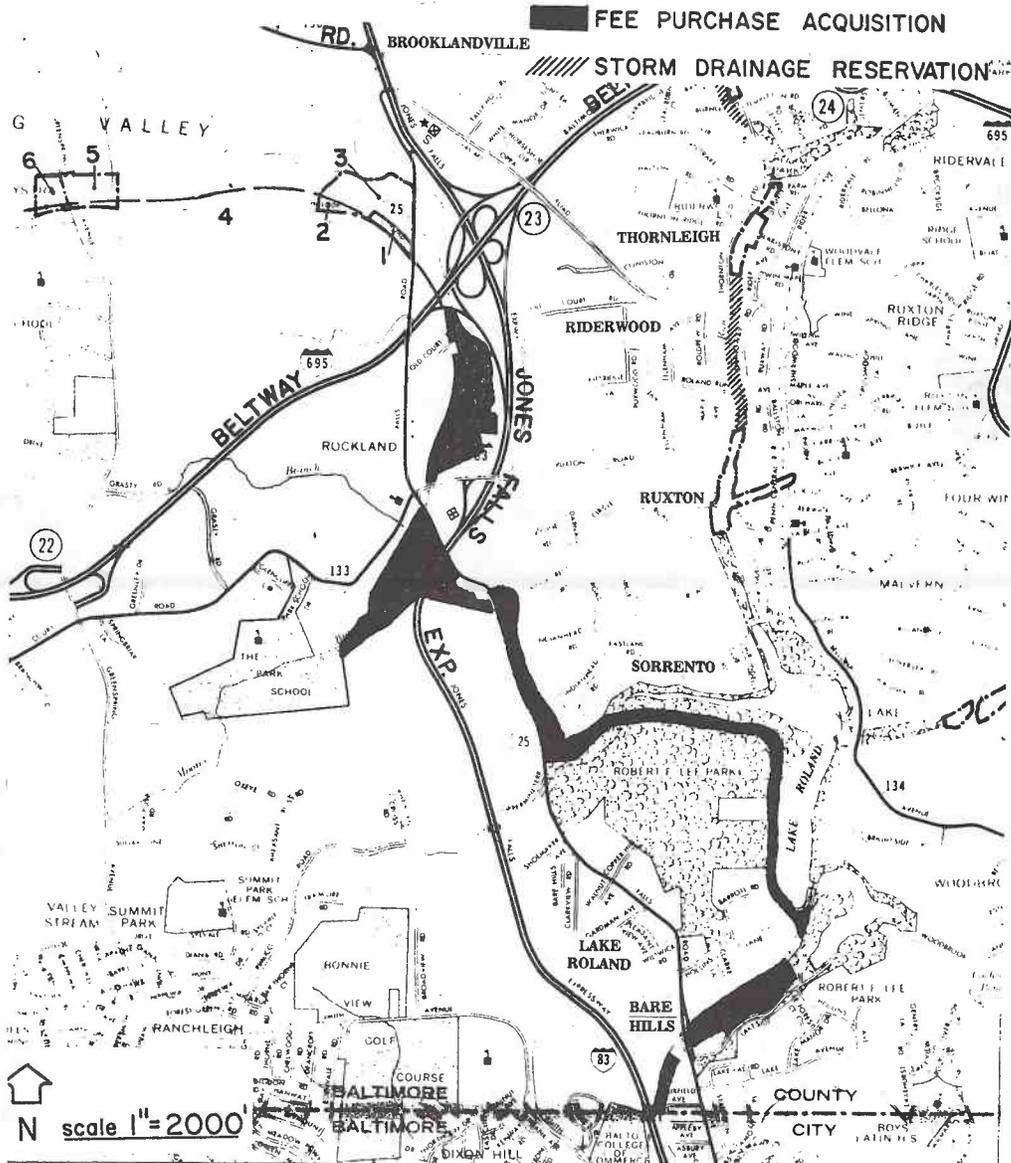
## Worthington Valley

In the year 1706, land was first patented to the Worthington Valley, near Glyndon, by Cornelius White who received 2000 acres called Welshes Cradle. In 1740, William Worthington purchased Welshes Cradle and, as the members of his family were the first permanent settlers in this area, his name was given to this valley.

## Song Birds Arrive

Song birds are finally making their appearance, perhaps delayed by the unusually cold weather. Robins were not seen in any numbers until late April. A flock of gold finches were flocking one warm afternoon near the Club Road bridge at Lake Roland. And the peepers, the harbingers of spring, are nightly chorusing in their marshy habitat.

# JONES FALLS STREAM VALLEY PARK



The Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area  
 Improvement Association, Inc.  
 1304 Maywood Avenue, Balto., Md. 21204

(ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED)

<p><b>BULK RATE</b>                  U. S. POSTAGE  <b>PAID</b>                  Riderwood, Md.                  Permit No. 8</p>
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