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April 2, 1990

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TO: Leslie Carothers, Commissioner
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

FROM: Richard K. Clifford, Chief 
Bureau of Parks and Forests
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RE: BRIEFING MEMO ON THAMES ESTUARY HERITAGE PARK -

As you may recall, the 1989 Session of the General Assembly approved \$2,700,000 in bonding for the Heritage Park Program, with the clear understanding of Representative Cibes that it was to be utilized for the Thames Estuary Heritage Park. In the interim, we have been working with Representative Cibes and local officials to establish the park, preferably this year at the request of Representative Cibes. Although no substantial progress realistically can be accomplished in the time available, New London officials and Representative Cibes wish to designate the park in conjunction with their "Sail Festival" in early July. This could involve a ceremony including the Governor at City Pier, where a City-operated visitors information kiosk would serve as the initial element of the Heritage Park.

However to meet this tight time schedule in view of the statutory requirements including dedication, the following steps will be necessary:

1. DEP Commissioner establish advisory board appointed from lists provided by New London and Groton Legislative bodies (both municipalities should provide lists on or about April 17).
2. DEP Commissioner must publish a public hearing notice at least 30 days prior to hearing (publication date on or about May first).
3. DEP Commissioner must conduct public hearing at least 30 days prior to designation (hearing on or about June 1).
4. Local legislative bodies must approve the park in terms of

name, boundaries, and theme and owners of sites to be included
~~must consent (this latter requirement to be the responsibility of~~
local officials).

5. DEP Commissioner designate Heritage Park in July during "Sail Festival".

If you have any questions, I will be glad to answer them.

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