



shore area of Outer Banks

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and a half miles south of the Outer Banks Gun Club property, which is one of the largest remaining tracts still sought by the state.

Director of Administration William Turner commented after the Council of State accepted the deed to the 1,000-acre tract: "This gives us a large chunk — a good start toward winding up the project."

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former member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, built an A-frame home there in 1962.

The Reeves property near Cape Lookout and the Core Banks Gun Club are the last sizeable land holdings which are still unacquired. Numerous small parcels remain to be acquired also.

The Property Control Division of the Department of Administration has now obtained approximately 90 per cent of the 20,000-plus acres needed for establishment of the national seashore on the Tar Heel coast. The state is obtaining Core Banks and Portsmouth Island and will turn the property over to the National Park Service. The federal government is buying the third Outer Banks strip needed for the seashore — Shackleford Banks.

The project was authorized by former President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966 and land acquisitions by the State have been under way since then.

Slow Process

Purchase of the last remaining 3,000 acres has been a relatively slow process, and legal action by the state to condemn some of the land for public use is seen as a possibility.

The total amount of land sought during the windup negotiations has been variously reported as from 2,000 to 2,500 acres. The figure 3,000 is probably more accurate, meaning that Wednesday's 1,000-acre purchase brought the project one-third of the way to completion, Asst. Atty. Gen.

Council Land Ac

Land acquisitions approved by the Council of State Thursday brought the state to within 15 per cent of its proportional Seashore.

At a meeting with Gov. Scott, the council approved acquisition of approximately 10,000 acres on Core Banks, Portsmouth Island in Currituck County.

They also initiated condemnation proceedings for acquisition of about 125 acres at the seashore site.

This leaves an estimated 20,000 acres for North Carolina purchase in a total seashore tract of about 17,000 acres is to be bought with state funds.

The federal government purchase approximately 30,000 acres for the park Shackleford Banks.

A majority of the holdings the state must still acquire are owned by the Core Banks Gun Club (about 1,000 acres) and Charles M. Reeves of San Diego (about 800 acres). This property will probably have to be acquired through condemnation proceedings according to Parson Icenhour of the State Department of Administration.

Other acquisitions approved by the Council of State included:

—A lot at 536 N. Blount Street here for the future expansion of state governmental facilities.

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