Proposed Barnegat National Seashore Recreational Area New Jersey

3,100 miles 14 miles ocean beach
18 miles protected water front
24,000,000 people within 200 miles

\$2,480,000 probable cost 800 cost per acre 77,500 cost per mile water front 10,300 cost per 100,000 people

Inland and Ocean beaches are excellent and undertow is not very dangerous. Tree growth has been stunted by wind. Wildlife is of only slight value. However, there is enough ground cover to act as a sand binder for rather extensive Dunes. Mosquitoes are not a problem except during occasional rather strong off-shore winds.

The proposed area consists of two parts, separated by Barnegat Inlet which at times is a tide race. The region is very accessible to within a few miles of the area. Improvements necessary to make the area itself accessible will be rather expensive. The ownership consists of few comparatively large holdings and numerous small holdings with shacks. 36,000,000 people live within 300 miles and 13,500,000 within 100 miles of the area. The State owns some land and so does the Bureau of Lighthouses.

The area could be developed in such a way as to provide fine physical recreational facilities and still provide some very fine wild natural landscape.

