

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE LAND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
TO THE NATIONAL RESOURCES BOARD**

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## P R E F A C E

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On November 28, 1934, the National Resources Board submitted to the President, in accordance with an Executive order, its report on National Planning and Public Works in Relation to Natural Resources and Including Land Use and Water Resources. Part II of that report was the Report of the Land Planning Committee. In the course of preparing part II of the above report a large volume of basic data and information was collected which could not then be included. The publication of the present report is for the purpose of making such data and information available to interested persons and organizations.

The present land report has been organized into 11 parts according to subject matter and the contributing agencies. These 11 parts are made available as 11 separate publications. Organization and publication on this basis was done because many persons and agencies are interested only in certain parts of the present report, and the necessity of purchasing the whole report in order to obtain the desired part or parts is thereby eliminated.

The present land report, when conceived as a whole, does not purport to be a complete work on the subject of land utilization, or of its related problems and proposed lines of action; neither is it designed to be a thoroughly integrated piece of work. The primary aim here has been to set forth the facts, analyses, and the recommended lines of action as developed by each of the various contributing governmental bureaus, divisions, sections, or individuals, on the problems with which each of such agencies or persons is concerned. The points of view are, therefore, those of the contributing agencies or individuals themselves. The Land Planning Committee presents the report as

information, but assumes no responsibility for the opinions expressed in it.

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