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WILDLIFE DEMONSTRATION AREA TO BE DEVELOPED IN RHODE ISLAND

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Rhode Island became the 30th state in the country to receive aid from the U. S. Department of Agriculture under the Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Act, the U. S. Biological Survey has announced. With funds appropriated by Congress for restoration of wildlife resources of the various states, the Rhode Island Fish and Game Commission, in cooperation with the Rhode Island State College, will develop the Burlingame Reservation as a demonstration and research area.

Set up on a 5-year basis, the approved project is designed to use the area to test methods of wildlife rehabilitation under practical conditions, the Biological Survey states. By observation and careful study, the Advisory Board headed by Dr. Basil E. Gilbert, Dean of Rhode Island State College, expects to determine the efficiency of game management techniques as they apply to conditions in Rhode Island.

The federal government will contribute 75 percent of the costs of the study, and the state 25 percent. Contributing to Rhode Island's share of expenses are the Federated Sportsmen's clubs and other interested groups and individuals.

During the last fiscal year, the first since the Federal Aid Act was passed by Congress, states have set up 57 conservation projects costing \$420,031, according to the Biological Survey.

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