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NEW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE ESTABLISHED

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today announced that land bequeathed to the Department of the Interior by the late Adolph D. Williams, Richmond, Va., has been established by the Fish and Wildlife Service as a national wildlife refuge.

Mr. Williams maintained an active interest in the conservation of wildlife during his lifetime and took careful steps to assure that the property, which accommodates large numbers of wild geese and ducks, would be used as a haven for these migratory waterfowl and for other wild creatures after his death.

The land is located in a section of Chesterfield County, Va., known as Presquile. Presquile was originally a peninsula jutting out into the James River, but channel developments pierced the neck of land and created an island which is the parcel Mr. Williams has bequeathed to the Interior Department. The area at present supports wintering geese, wood ducks, black ducks, small birds, and other native wildlife.

The island contains approximately 1,329 acres and will be known as Presquile National Wildlife Refuge. In comparison with other Fish and Wildlife Service refuges, the sanctuary is rather small in area. This is compensated for, however, by the fact that the property is so situated that it forms a link in the chain of waterfowl refuges in the Atlantic Flyway.

An active program of waterfowl management, along with conservation measures in connection with the other wildlife on the island, will be conducted.

John DeLime, former maintenance supervisor at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge in Florida, will manage the refuge.

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