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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor  
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Dear Mayor Allen:

With regard to the attached letter and report from the State Water Quality Control Board, the following comments are offered:

1. The request of the Emory Community Legal Services Center was discussed between this office and the State Water Quality Control Board prior to the delivery of a copy of the report to that Service Center. It is apparent that this group is working in conjunction with some of the residents of the Proctor Creek basin in an effort to speed some solutions to the many problems that they visualize in that area. One of the problems concerns itself with the high level of pollution and the flooding problems associated with the Proctor Creek area which have been problems of long standing and some of which will remain for a long time in the future, I fear.
2. The City of Atlanta has a working plan to provide relief from sanitary sewer overflows and the worst elements of the pollution load in Proctor Creek, but unfortunately that plan, as programmed in 1963, 64 and 65, required a 5-year time period for a reasonable degree of relief. This is not satisfactory, in light of the recent desire for increased low-rent housing areas which have a great potential in the land resources available in this basin.
3. This office has revised its plans relative to the reduction of pollution in the Proctor Creek basin in an effort to conform with the desires of the administration relative to low-rent housing in this area and have provided for some temporary relief to existing and projected problems during the upcoming year.
4. A major item in this program is the \$250,000.00 temporary treatment facility proposed in the Water Pollution Control Division's 1968 budget. This facility is intended to prevent the overflow of untreated sanitary sewage from the separate sanitary sewer system in the lower end of the Proctor Creek basin, and at the same time provide the necessary leeway for the addition of some ten thousand population projected for this area due to the increased drive for housing.



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5. There are several other problem areas in the Proctor Creek basin that will receive attention during late 1967 and early 1968. This office will be glad to brief you on problem areas and proposed solutions in this area at your convenience.

I trust that this will provide you some general information relative to the report enclosed and enable you to have a talking knowledge of the problem at hand.

Yours very truly,



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RHM:ck

Enclosures