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GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Gilbert H. Boggs
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Dear Mr. Boggs:

**SUBJECT: Pedestrian Bridge across Proctor Creek from
Perry Homes to Gun Club Park.**

You may recall that last year I wrote Mr. Earl Metzger regarding the desperate need for a footbridge across Proctor Creek from Perry Homes to the Northeast corner of Gun Club Park. At that time, the estimated cost of a footbridge was between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Since our property line is on our side of the creek and the creek itself lies within the boundaries of the Perry Homes property, we asked that Atlanta Housing Authority consider undertaking the construction of this bridge to provide ingress to the park for the children in the eastern section of Perry Homes.

My letter was referred to you and your reply, dated October 28, 1966, was that the possibility of construction of "the footbridge to serve the park" would not be feasible from the Atlanta Housing Authority's standpoint because you did not have the necessary \$10,000 to \$15,000 nor did you have the authority from the Federal agency which must approve this type of expenditure. You further stated that you did not believe it would be considered an eligible cost.

We would first like to point out that this footbridge would not serve the park. On the contrary, the footbridge would serve the people of Perry Homes. In fact, our whole purpose in acquiring and developing the 42-acre Gun



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Club Park is to provide desperately needed recreation facilities for the more than one thousand families and more than 3200 children and teenagers who have been isolated for so long in the Perry Homes Housing Project.

We are aware of the new installation of culverts and the extension of the roadway from Perry Homes across Proctor Creek providing access to the site of your new 140-unit addition to the Project. However, this is a considerable distance from the proposed location of the footbridge; and the families who live in the eastern section of Perry Homes would face a quite lengthy hike to make their way west to the existing crossing and back through the new section of Perry Homes to the Park. As a matter of fact, many children in the eastern extremity will be able to stand in their yards and see the ball diamonds across the creek. We are convinced that a constant hazard will exist as these children attempt to ford Proctor Creek and make their own shortcut to the lower level of the Park. We feel very strongly that this type of situation should be eliminated and we feel that the Atlanta Housing Authority should accept the responsibility.

Realizing that it would not be feasible for you to spend \$10,000 to \$15,000 for this purpose, we have taken it upon ourselves to explore the possibility of constructing a safe and permanent footbridge at a more feasible cost. Mr. Charles G. Devon, Assistant Parks Engineer, has developed a plan for a bridge constructed of precast-prestressed concrete with hand rails and concrete footings that would cost less than \$1500 in place. Further, we are prepared to offer our technical assistance and labor to supervise and assist in the construction of the bridge. Enclosed is a proposal from Concrete Materials of Georgia, Inc., for the main bridge structure, including its erection, in the amount of \$1,067.53. This does not include the hand rails or the footings for which we would provide the labor and the materials are estimated to be approximately \$400. Also enclosed is a drawing showing details of the plan. In light of this new cost estimate, perhaps you will reconsider the possibility of the Housing Authority funding this bridge.

We have recently completed the first phase development of Gun Club Park at a cost of \$83,541. We have signed the contract for \$52,206 for the second phase development, which will include the ball diamonds on the lower end of the property adjacent to Proctor Creek, and the contractor is expected

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to commence work within a few days. In view of our efforts to complete this park, we sincerely hope that you will make every effort to provide this additional means of access to the park for the residents of Perry Homes.

Thank you for any consideration given our proposal. Please let us know of your decision in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Administrative Assistant

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