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## ACT 250 PLANS READY SOON

### PUBLIC HEARINGS UPCOMING

Drafts of Vermont's proposed land use and land capability plans will be distributed later this month preparatory to the holding of a series of state-wide public hearings. The two documents, which will be presented to the governor-elect and the 1973 General Assembly after their adoption by the Environmental Board, represent the climax of an ambitious developmental regulation program which began in 1969 with the formation of an investigatory commission by Governor Davis.

The Governor said last month he is "not hopeful" the two plans will be adopted by the legislature this winter because they will be "controversial." Several legislative leaders however have taken issue with the Governor, feeling the plans will find a sympathetic audience in the 1973 Assembly.

Meanwhile, Environmental Board Chairman Ben Partridge has been visiting personally with a number of influential legislators to discuss the content of the plans. Partridge plans to have the documents printed in a newspaper format and promises they will be given the widest possible distribution preparatory to the public hearings.

### PERU DAM APPLICATION STILL PENDING

A second hearing will be required to determine whether the Water Resources Board will allow Forest Mountain Estates to dam Flood Brook in Peru. Developer Lawrence Scalera wants to create a 15-acre lake providing frontage for about a third of the lots in his 126-acre subdivision.

The findings from the first hearing, held by the Board's referee, showed a need for expert testimony on the effect such a dam would have on fish and wild-life habitat. Other questions for which insufficient evidence was presented for a decision relate to whether the dam would be for the public good including its effect on downstream flow and its flood control capacity.