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operative within two years, from recording of deed, said rights shall revert to the department of environmental management.

SECTION 2. The consideration for the easements described in section one shall be subject to an agreement between the division of capital planning and operations and the town of Ashland.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the easements provided for in section one, the commissioner of the department of environmental management shall maintain the supervision of the land.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved July 9, 1982.

Chap. 291. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO TRANSFER A PORTION OF RIVERFRONT PARK IN THE CITY OF LOWELL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of section one of chapter six hundred and ninety-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-five, the department of environmental management is hereby authorized to transfer the care, custody and control of the public lands hereinafter described, or such portions thereof as may be necessary, to the department of public works, and that the said department of public works is hereby authorized to divert said hereinafter described public lands from their present public uses to highway uses, as provided in section 2.

Said public lands to be so transferred consist of rectangular parcel of land shown on a map entitled "Parsons Brinckerhoff Preliminary Property Plan dated May 7, 1982," which map said department of public works is hereby directed to file with the office of the chief engineer of the said department, and which parcel is bounded and described as follows:

A certain parcel of land supposed to be owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, department of environmental management, located forty-six (46) feet southerly of station 410+00 Pawtucket Boulevard baseline, in the City of Lowell, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a point on Pawtucket Boulevard layout line

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forty-six (46) feet right of station 404+00 Pawtucket Boulevard baseline; southerly by land now or formerly The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, department of environmental management ten (10) feet to a point about fifty-six (56) feet right of station 404+00 Pawtucket Boulevard baseline; northeasterly by land now or formerly of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, department of environmental management about four hundred twenty-eight (428) feet to a point about fifty-six (56) feet right of station 408+28 Pawtucket Boulevard baseline; southeasterly by land now or formerly of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, department of environmental management about two hundred twenty-two (222) feet to a point about two hundred forty-two feet (242) feet right of station 409+47 Pawtucket Boulevard baseline; northeasterly by land nor or formerly of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, department of environmental management about one hundred (100) feet to a point about two hundred twenty-three (223) feet right of station 410+45 Pawtucket Boulevard baseline; northeasterly by land now or formerly of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, department of environmental management about one hundred eighty-five (185) feet to a point about fifty-six (56) feet right of station 411+17 Pawtucket Boulevard baseline; northeasterly by land nor or formerly of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, department of environmental management about eight hundred thirty-three (833) feet to a point about fifty-six (56) feet right of station 419+50 Pawtucket Boulevard baseline; northerly by land now or formerly of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, department of environmental management about ten (10) feet to a point on said Pawtucket Boulevard layout line being forty-six (46) feet right of station 419+50 Pawtucket Boulevard baseline; thence westerly along said layout line about fifteen hundred fifty (1550) feet to the point of Beginning; containing about forty-nine thousand, eight hundred seventy-six (49,876) square feet of land (about one and fifteen hundredths (1.15 acres), more or less.

SECTION 2. The parcel of land described in section one shall be used by the department of public works for the approaches to a bridge over the Merrimack river from state highway route 113. In the event that said bridge is not constructed within three years of the transference to the department of public works, or in the event that it ceases to be used, said property shall revert to the department of environmental management.

SECTION 3. The provisions of sections sixty-two A through sixty-two H, inclusive, of chapter thirty of the General laws shall not apply to the construction and related activities

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associated with the above proposed project.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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Chap. 292. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWTON TO SELL AND CONVEY A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS THE EMERSON SCHOOL PROPERTY AND A PORTION OF PLAYGROUND LAND ADJACENT THERETO.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Newton is hereby authorized to sell and convey a certain parcel of land for such consideration as deemed reasonable by the mayor and the board of aldermen of said city, containing approximately seventy-five thousand three hundred and five square feet in area, shown as a portion of section 51, block 8, lot 1 on the books of the assessors of said city. Said land is located at the intersection of High street and Pettee street in said city, and includes a portion of adjacent playground land, with improvements thereon, known as the Emerson School property, part of said parcel being originally acquired by said city for schoolhouse and school yard purposes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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Chap. 293. AN ACT EXEMPTING ALL POSITIONS AT THE RAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY IN THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. All positions at the Ray Memorial Library in the town of Franklin shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. The provisions of section one shall not impair the civil service status of any person employed in a position at the Ray Memorial Library in the town of Franklin on the effective