

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN
DISTRICT COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF SWIM-
MING POOLS, SKATING RINKS AND OTHER
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE MET-
ROPOLITAN PARKS DISTRICT.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION,
20 SOMERSET STREET, BOSTON 8, December 1, 1953.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of Massachusetts
in General Court Assembled.*

Chapter 78 of the Resolves of the 1953 legislative session authorizes and directs the Metropolitan District Commission to make an over-all survey of the Metropolitan Parks District relative to the construction and operation of swimming pools, skating rinks and other recreational facilities in the communities therein, as follows:—

Resolved, That the metropolitan district commission is hereby authorized and directed to conduct an over-all survey of the metropolitan parks district relative to the advisability and necessity of constructing and operating swimming and wading pools, skating rinks, playgrounds and other recreational facilities in the various communities therein; to study the possibility of establishing a definite policy as to the further construction and operation of recreational facilities of this character by the parks district; and to determine if a well-balanced plan for the development of such projects can be prepared, said plan to show suitable or logical locations and the order in which the projects should be attempted as the district may be able to finance them. Said commission, in carrying out the provisions of this resolve, shall consider especially those projects reported on in house document numbered 1955 of nineteen hundred and fifty-two, current house document numbered 2168, and the subject matter of current senate documents numbered 303, 304 and 317, and of current house docu-

ments numbered 221, 230, 234, 351, 433, 529, 531, 690, 1089, 1090, 1097, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1109, 1560, 1562, 1569, 1992 and 2003. Said commission shall report to the general court the results of its survey and its recommendations, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives not later than the first Wednesday of December in the current year. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this resolve, said commission may expend such sums as may be appropriated therefor. *Approved July 1, 1953.*

House, No. 1955 of 1952 and House, No. 2168 of 1953 are earlier reports of the Commission to the last two legislative sessions on a number of bills for the construction of swimming pools, skating rinks, playgrounds and other recreational facilities in essentially all sections of the Metropolitan Parks District.

Chapter 78 of the Resolves lists twenty-three bills for study in addition to these earlier reports, practically all of which are reintroductions of bills covered by the reports, as follows:

Senate, No. 303 again asks for a swimming pool and locker building in Franklin Park; Senate, No. 304, a children's playground at Forest Hills in the vicinity of the Arborway housing project; Senate, No. 317, again petitions for a swimming pool at Carter Field, Chelsea; House, No. 221, a swimming pool in Saugus; House, No. 230, a swimming pool, diving pool and wading pool, all of generous dimensions at Franklin Park; House, No. 234, a swimming pool and locker building near the Mission Hill municipal building, Roxbury; House, No. 351, a swimming and wading pool in Roberts Park, Ward 17, Dorchester; House, No. 433, a swimming pool, wading pool and recreational area at Jerry's Pit, Cambridge; House, No. 529, a swimming pool at Lenox Street, Roxbury; House, No. 531, again Franklin Park; House, No. 690, a swimming pool and recreation center in Chelsea; House, No. 1089, a swimming pool, locker building and skating rink at Chestnut Hill Reservoir; House, No. 1090, the same in Allston; House, No. 1097, a swimming pool, field house and playground at Franklin Field; House, No. 1105, a swimming pool and bathhouse on

Revere Beach Parkway, Everett; House, No. 1106, a swimming pool and recreation center in the Mission Hill section of Boston; House, No. 1107, a swimming pool and recreation area in the Carolina Avenue section of Boston (Jamaica Plain); House, No. 1109, swimming pools at Cleveland Circle and the Stanley Ringer playground in Boston; House, No. 1560, a swimming pool in Hyde Park; House, No. 1562, an expenditure of \$20,000 to repair and alter the Nahant Beach bathhouse; House, No. 1569, to provide outdoor bathing facilities at the Marcella Street playground, Roxbury; House, No. 1992, a swimming pool and wading pool in Ward 3, Everett; and House, No. 2003, for an investigation of bathing and swimming facilities in Woburn.

In addition to facilities of this nature the Commission has constructed and is now operating, it is also engaged in the construction of other recreational projects with funds provided by the Legislature specifically for these purposes.

The Commission believes it would be advantageous if an over-all survey of the parks district could be made with relation to the advisability of the development of a program, and respectfully refers to its reports of previous years in each of which it was recommended that funds be provided for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. GREENOUGH,
Commissioner.

