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To accompany the petition of Mrs. George William Cottrell, Jr., that the Metropolitan District Commission be authorized and directed to establish and maintain a wildlife sanctuary, to be known as the DeVoto Nature Reservation, in the city of Cambridge. Metropolitan Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Eight.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DEVOTO NATURE RESERVATION, IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law,  
2 the metropolitan district commission is hereby authorized and  
3 directed to develop and maintain a certain tract of land in the  
4 city of Cambridge and lying between Eliot bridge and land of  
5 the Watertown Arsenal and running along the Charles river  
6 reservation in the rear of the Cambridge cemetery, and now  
7 under the control and jurisdiction of said commission, as a wild-  
8 life sanctuary. The commission shall maintain said tract in  
9 its natural condition and plant therein trees and shrubs indige-  
10 nous to the area, and shall lay out a few unsurfaced footpath  
11 so as to facilitate the use and enjoyment of said tract. The  
12 commission shall also explore the possibilities of increasing all  
13 beneficial forms of wildlife, giving due consideration to econ-  
14 omic, esthetic and recreational values. No boulevard, parking  
15 or other road for vehicular traffic shall be constructed on or over  
16 said tract except with the express authority of the general court

17 hereafter granted. Said tract or sanctuary shall be known and  
18 designated as the DeVoto Nature Reservation.

1 SECTION 2. For the purpose of this act, and to make such  
2 additional improvements, including fencing the area if it is  
3 deemed advisable by the commission, the metropolitan district  
4 commission may expend such funds as may be appropriated  
5 therefor.

1 SECTION 3. Gifts for maintenance and development of the  
2 DeVoto Nature Reservation may be entrusted, given or devised  
3 to the commonwealth for the general purposes of this act or for  
4 any one or more of such purposes as the donor may designate,  
5 and the metropolitan district commission may expend any such  
6 funds, whether principal or income, subject to the terms of any  
7 such grant, gift, devise or bequest.