
To accompany the petition of Rufus H. Cook (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Northampton be authorized to borrow money for the purpose of constructing flood protection works along the Connecticut River and the Mill River. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON TO
CONSTRUCT FLOOD PROTECTION WORKS ALONG THE CON-
NECTICUT RIVER AND THE MILL RIVER.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby de-
3 clared to be an emergency law, necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public safety and con-
5 venience.

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

1 SECTION 1. The city of Northampton, for the pur-
2 pose of protecting its highways and public or private
3 property from damage by freshet or any flow of the
4 Connecticut or the Mill river, may by its city council
5 from time to time acquire land and easements inland
6 and may construct dikes, walls, drains, bridges and
7 other flood protection works. Said flood protection
8 works may be constructed in conjunction with the
9 Connecticut river flood protection projects of the
10 United States of America. The provisions of sec-

11 tions thirteen and twenty of chapter ninety-one of
12 the General Laws shall apply to projects herein
13 authorized.

1 SECTION 2. For the purposes authorized by sec-
2 tion one, the city of Northampton may borrow from
3 time to time, within a period of three years from the
4 passage of this act, such sums as may be necessary,
5 not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred thousand
6 dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor, which
7 shall bear on their face the words, Northampton
8 Flood Control Loan, Act of 1939. Each authorized
9 issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans
10 shall be paid in not more than twenty years from
11 their dates. Indebtedness incurred under this act
12 shall be in excess of the statutory limit, but shall, ex-
13 cept as provided herein, be subject to chapter forty-
14 four of the General Laws, exclusive of the limitation
15 contained in the first paragraph of section seven
16 thereof.

1 SECTION 3. The orders passed by the city of
2 Northampton in nineteen hundred and thirty-eight
3 relating to flood control in conjunction with the Fed-
4 eral government, and the loan order approved by
5 the mayor on December fifteenth, nineteen hundred
6 and thirty-eight, and acts done pursuant to said or-
7 ders are hereby ratified and confirmed and shall have
8 the same effect and validity as if sections one and
9 two had been in effect prior to the passage of said
10 orders.

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