

HOUSE No. 1018.

[Bill accompanying the petition of George E. Hatch and others for legislation to authorize the taking of Downing's pond and Chandler's pond in the cities of Newton and Boston by the Metropolitan Park Commission, and for the construction of a boulevard in the city of Newton Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

AN ACT

To authorize the Taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond by the Metropolitan Park Commission, and the Laying Out of a Boulevard in the City of Newton.

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. The board of metropolitan park com-
2 missioners is hereby authorized to take by purchase or
3 otherwise the ponds known as Downing's pond and
4 Chandler's pond and lands under and in the vicinity
5 thereof, which they may deem suitable for a public park,
6 situated partly in the Brighton district of the city of
7 Boston and partly in the city of Newton, and, if they

8 deem proper, to fill in any part or the whole of either or
9 both of said ponds, and to hold the same as a part of the
10 metropolitan park system.

1 SECTION 2. The metropolitan board of water com-
2 missioners are authorized to acquire by right of eminent
3 domain a strip of land on each side of land now held in
4 fee by said board over the Cochituate viaduct, so as to
5 make a way not less than one hundred feet in width for
6 a distance of three thousand feet, more or less, from
7 Commonwealth avenue in Boston to a proposed way
8 through the Waban valley, over private lands, so as to
9 include Monument square, through Monument avenue,
10 to Waverley avenue in Newton, said avenue to be not
11 less than one hundred feet in width and to have a central
12 reservation of twenty-five feet in width, to be used for
13 street cars. Said avenue may be continued, at the dis-
14 cretion of the city of Newton, to and through Sargent
15 street, to and through Cabot street, to and through
16 private lands, by a curved line to Cabot park, so called,
17 thence over the Boston and Albany railroad tracks to
18 Washington street in Newton.

1 SECTION 3. The city treasurer of said city, on re-
2 quest of said board of park commissioners approved by
3 the mayor, may from time to time issue and sell bonds
4 of said city of Boston to the amount of two hundred
5 thousand dollars, and to hold the proceeds thereof to
6 pay the expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions
7 of this act, the bonds so issued not to be considered in
8 determining the debt limit of said city.

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