

HOUSE No. 1053.

Bill accompanying the petition of J. R. Caswell for legislation to authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to take by purchase or otherwise Downing's pond and Chandler's pond and lands in the vicinity thereof for park purposes. Metropolitan Affairs. January 23.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

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

7 the city of Newton, and if they deem proper may extend
8 roadways through and about the areas and hold the same
9 as part of the metropolitan park system.

1 SECTION 2. The metropolitan water and sewerage
2 board is authorized to acquire by right of eminent domain
3 a strip of land on each side of land now held in fee by
4 said board over the Cochituate viaduct, so as to make a
5 way not less than one hundred feet in width for a dis-
6 tance of three thousand feet, more or less, from Common-
7 wealth avenue in Boston to a proposed way through the
8 Waban valley, over private lands, so as to include Mon-
9 ument square, thence through Monument avenue to Wav-
10 erly avenue in Newton, said avenue to be not less than
11 one hundred feet in width and to have a central reserva-
12 tion of twenty-five feet in width to be used for street
13 cars. Said avenue may be continued, at the discretion
14 of the city of Newton, to and through Sargent street, to
15 and through Cabot street, to and through private lands,
16 by a curved line to Cabot park, so called, thence over the
17 Boston and Albany railroad tracks to Washington street
18 in Newton. Said commission may have power in con-
19 nection with the metropolitan park commission to make
20 a harmonious laying out of this way with the Chestnut
21 Hills water park.

1 SECTION 3. To meet expenses incurred under authority
2 of this act, the treasurer and receiver-general shall issue
3 scrip or certificates of indebtedness, or bonds, to the said
4 amount of two hundred thousand dollars, as an addition
5 to the metropolitan parks loan, series two. The sinking
6 fund already established by law shall also be maintained
7 for the purpose of extinguishing scrip, certificates or
8 bonds issued under the authority of this act. Any pre-

9 mium realized on the sale of such scrip or certificates or
10 bonds shall be applied to the payment of the interest on
11 the loan hereby authorized, as it accrues. Said scrip or
12 certificates of indebtedness, or bonds, shall be issued and
13 said sinking fund assessed and collected in accordance
14 with the provisions of said chapters two hundred and
15 eighty-eight and five hundred and fifty.

1 SECTION 4. All work authorized by this act shall be
2 done in accordance with the provisions of section two of
3 chapter four hundred and eighty-one of the acts of the
4 year eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

