

By Mr. Muther of Newton, petition of Lorenz F. Muther, Jr., George E. Rawson, Leslie B. Cutler, Arthur G. Heaney, John W. Whittamore and another that the Metropolitan District Commission be directed to reacquire a portion of Norumbega Park in the city of Newton and to use the same for park, recreation and conservation purposes. Metropolitan Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO REACQUIRE A FORMER PORTION OF THE CHARLES RIVER RESERVATION AND TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN CONTIGUOUS LAND IN 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 district commission is hereby
2 authorized and directed to both reacquire an area formerly a
3 portion of the Charles River reservation and acquire a con-
4 tiguous portion of an area known as Norumbega park by eminent
5 domain under chapter seventy-nine or by purchase, gift or other-
6 wise for park, recreation and conservation purposes, said areas
7 comprising the land with the buildings and structures thereon
8 situated in Newton, Massachusetts, bounded and described as
9 follows:—

10 Beginning at the northeasterly corner of the premises at the
11 intersection of boundary lines between land now or formerly
12 of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, land now or formerly
13 of the city of Newton, and land now or formerly of Norumbega
14 Park Company as shown on a plan entitled "Commonwealth
15 of Massachusetts, Metropolitan District Commission, Parks
16 Division, Charles River Reservation, Newton, Plan of Land to be
17 Conveyed to Thomas L. Gill, dated August 13, 1947, by Ben-
18 jamin R. Davis, Director of Park Engineering," being plan ac-
19 cession number 27632-V.T., and recorded with Middlesex Reg-
20 istry of Deeds, South District, Plan No. 1344 of 1947, in Book
21 7187, Page 265; thence running south four degrees east a dis-
22 tance of three hundred and seventy-five feet; and thence run-
23 ning south thirty-seven degrees thirty minutes west a distance
24 of three hundred and twenty feet; and thence running south

25 sixty-two degrees west a distance of three hundred and forty
26 feet more or less; and thence running south thirty-seven degrees
27 east a distance of seven hundred and ten feet more or less to a
28 stone bound on the northwesterly line of Commonwealth Avenue;
29 and thence running southwesterly by the northwesterly line
30 of Commonwealth Avenue one hundred and sixteen and eighty-
31 five hundredths feet more or less to land of the Commonwealth
32 of Massachusetts; and thence running northwesterly by said
33 land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts one hundred and
34 twenty-five feet more or less to a corner; and thence running
35 southwesterly by said land of the Commonwealth of Massa-
36 chusetts forty-five feet more or less to the Charles River; and
37 thence running northwesterly, northerly, northeasterly, easterly
38 and northerly again by the Charles River to the northerly bound-
39 ary line of the said land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
40 shown on the aforementioned plan and land now or formerly of
41 the City of Newton; and thence south eighty-five degrees forty
42 minutes and forty-one seconds east one hundred and sixty feet
43 more or less to a point; and thence north seventy-seven degrees
44 thirteen minutes and forty-nine seconds east fifty-seven and sixty
45 hundredths feet more or less to a point; and thence south eighty-
46 four degrees twenty-nine minutes and eleven seconds east eleven
47 and sixty-seven hundredths feet more or less to the point of
48 beginning; together with an island in the Charles river lying in
49 said Newton to the northward of the northerly side of the above-
50 described premises and to the eastward of a peninsula included
51 at the northwesterly corner of the above-described premises and
52 shown on an unbounded portion of the aforementioned plan;
53 and together with so much of the bed of the Charles river within
54 said Newton adjacent to the aforementioned land as is not now
55 owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1 SECTION 2. Upon the acquisition of any land, buildings and
2 structures hereunder the metropolitan district commission shall
3 have all the rights granted to the said commission under chapter
4 ninety-two of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 3. If the metropolitan district commission should
2 enter into leases or other agreements in the course of exercising
3 its rights hereunder, all such leases and agreements shall con-
4 stitute a public record and shall, at all times, be available upon
5 reasonable request.