

By Mr. Manning of Milton, petition of George V. Kenneally, Jr., M. Joseph Manning and Joseph J. Semensi that the Metropolitan District Commission be directed to develop plans for the creation of a wild life refuge program in the Fowl Meadow marsh in the towns of Milton and Canton. Urban Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT AMENDING AN ACT GRANTING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LANDS FROM THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

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

1 Chapter 724 of the acts of 1969 is hereby amended by  
2 striking out lines 1 through 31 thereof and substituting  
3 therefor the following:—

4 The area known as the Fowl Meadow marsh in Milton and  
5 Canton is hereby designated as a wildlife and waterfowl  
6 refuge of state and local significance. To preserve said wildlife  
7 and waterfowl refuge, the metropolitan district commission is  
8 hereby directed to plan for the creation of a wildlife habitat  
9 improvement and wildlife refuge program in said Fowl  
10 Meadow marsh for the purposes of creating open water areas,  
11 developing a variety of habitat conditions, providing access  
12 for observation and study of the flora and fauna in a two  
13 hundred and ninety-four acre section of the Fowl Meadow  
14 marsh, and for the further purpose of supplementing the  
15 wildlife education program conducted by the Blue Hills  
16 Trailside Museum. For the purpose of developing said plan  
17 for the Fowl Meadow marsh, the metropolitan district com-  
18 mission is directed to consult with the United States Depart-  
19 ment of Agriculture, soil conservation service and the Massa-  
20 chusetts division of fisheries and game. The metropolitan

21 district commission shall submit to the general court the  
22 plans for the development of the Fowl Meadow marsh in  
23 Milton and Canton together with recommendations and  
24 drafts of legislation, if necessary, to carry said plans into  
25 effect by filing the same with the clerk of the house of repre-  
26 sentatives on or before the last Wednesday in January,  
27 nineteen hundred and seventy-one.