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LAKE QUINSIGAMOND COMMISSION

UNDER CHAPTER 471, ACTS OF 1954, AND CHAPTER 519, ACTS OF 1955, AS AMENDED  
BY CHAPTER 250, ACTS OF 1956

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Chapter 70 of the Resolves of 1953 authorized the Department of Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of the possible recreational development in the vicinity of Lake Quinsigamond, and the report made pursuant thereto, together with its sketches, led to the enactment of chapter 471, Acts of 1954 (item No. 8255-05), which provided the Department with funds to implement the study of the same subject matter and to prepare detailed plans for such a development. The ensuing report (House, No. 2410), with detailed plans and surveys of Lake Park and Regatta Point, was the background for the enactment of chapter 519, Acts of 1955, as amended by chapter 250, Acts of 1956, by which the areas known as Lake Park and Regatta Point were acquired and developed, and section 4 of said chapter 519 authorized the Department to expend such additional sums as may be necessary to complete plans for the development of additional areas as provided in House, No. 2410 of 1955.

The Department has continued the authorized study, and supplementary to the analysis in said House, No. 2410, we have filed in the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives Appendix A, "Progress Report on Development of Lake Quinsigamond," containing more detail concerning the importance of and plans for the development of Aqua Park, heretofore called "the Gravel Pit area" and Great Brook Valley.

The acquisition and development of the two additional areas will result in the most complete and comprehensive recreation area in the commonwealth, serving as it will the needs and interests of the people of Metropolitan Worcester and those of people throughout the State as well as from other States, combining as it will on the same lake but in four separate parks the varied recreation facili-

ties needed for swimming, picnicking, boating, baseball, football, tennis, skating, assembly, concerts, plays, dining, walking, resting and playground; and catering to the cultural tastes and participating and spectator sports of all ages, all in a setting of beauty and safety.

We recommend for your consideration that the city-owned land at Great Brook Valley and the vacant land of the city of Worcester, Bianchi and Notre Dame Institute at Aqua Park be acquired by the State, that the proposed construction and development work be authorized to be carried on by the Department of Natural Resources, and upon completion be administered and maintained by the said department; and to implement this program that chapter 519, Acts of 1955, as amended, be further amended by legislation as set forth in Appendix B hereof.

ARTHUR T. LYMAN,

*Commissioner of Natural Resources.*

WALTER J. MOOSSA,

*Chairman, Lake Quinsigamond Commission.*

## APPENDIX B.

## PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A STATE PARK OF CERTAIN LAND AND BUILDINGS ADJACENT TO LAKE QUINSIGAMOND IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER AND THE TOWN OF SHREWSBURY.

*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. Section 1 of chapter 519 of the acts of 1955, as  
2 most recently amended by chapter 250 of the acts of 1956, is  
3 hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the fol-  
4 lowing: —

5 *Parcel 4.* — The area known as Aqua park, comprising ap-  
6 proximately twenty-five acres of land bounded and described  
7 as follows: — Beginning at a point on the shore of Lake Quin-  
8 sigamond and the northern boundary of the area called Natural  
9 History Park Development; thence running westerly across  
10 North Lake avenue to the westerly side line of said avenue;  
11 thence turning and running south by the said sideline to the  
12 southerly boundary of Bianchi land; thence turning and run-  
13 ning westerly by said Bianchi land to Plantation street, thence  
14 turning and running northerly by Plantation street to land of  
15 the city of Worcester; thence running northerly by said city  
16 land and Plantation street approximately four hundred and  
17 eighty-four feet to a point; thence turning and running easterly  
18 across said city land to North Lake avenue; thence turning and  
19 running northerly by said avenue to Lincoln street; thence turn-  
20 ing and running easterly to the city line between the city of  
21 Worcester and town of Shrewsbury; thence turning and running

22 southeasterly by said city line to Lake Quinsigamond; thence  
23 turning and running southerly by the shore of the lake to the  
24 point of beginning, all being within the city of Worcester.

25 *Parcel 5.* — The area known as Great Brook valley bounded  
26 as follows: — on the north by the northern sideline of Sand  
27 street, on the east by Holden street and Lake Quinsigamond,  
28 on the south by West Main street, on the west, by the Worcester  
29 Housing Authority, Plantation street extension, and Clinton  
30 road, lying partly in the city of Worcester and partly in the town  
31 of Shrewsbury, all owned by the city of Worcester, except  
32 Sand street and a small parcel of so-called Thomas land on West  
33 Main street, comprising approximately one hundred and twenty-  
34 five acres.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 519, as amended, is  
2 hereby further amended by adding after the word "landings" in  
3 subsection (1) the words: — marinas, dams, ponds, amphi-  
4 theater, field house, skating rink, playlands, music shell, meet-  
5 ing halls, and auditorium," — so that said subsection (1) will  
6 read as follows: — (1) To plan, construct, provide and main-  
7 tain, repair and operate recreational areas and such facilities  
8 as access roads, walkways, play fields, stadia, picnic areas, park-  
9 ing lots, bath houses, swimming, diving and wading pools,  
10 beaches, baby-sitting areas, power, row and paddle boats, boat  
11 houses, docks, landings, marinas, dams. ponds, amphitheater,  
12 field house, skating rink, playlands, music shell, meeting halls,  
13 auditorium, cafeterias, restaurants, refreshment stands, fire-  
14 places, benches, tables, chairs and shelters, pavilions, first-aid  
15 rooms, comfort stations, drinking fountains and such other  
16 facilities as the department deems necessary and desirable."

1 SECTION 3. Section 5 of said chapter 519 is hereby amended  
2 by striking out, in line 8, the words "one million five hundred  
3 thousand dollars" and inserting the words: — four million one  
4 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars; and provided, that the  
5 provisions of section thirty A of chapter seven of the General  
6 Laws shall not apply to expenditures made from this item, —  
7 so that the first sentence will read as follows: — To meet the  
8 cost of the program of acquisition and development author-

9 ized by this act, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the  
10 governor and council, issue and sell at public or private sale  
11 bonds of the commonwealth, registered or with interest coupons  
12 attached, as he may deem best, to an amount to be specified by  
13 the governor and council from time to time, but not exceeding,  
14 in the aggregate, the sum of four million one hundred and  
15 seventy-five thousand dollars; and provided, that the provi-  
16 sions of section thirty A of chapter seven of the General Laws  
17 shall not apply to expenditures made from this item.

