



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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BILL NO. 200345

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**Referred to the
Committee on Public Property and Public Works**

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title, or a lesser interest in real estate, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation, or otherwise, in parcels of land along the Delaware River and in the bed of the former Kensington & Tacony Railroad, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, is authorized to acquire by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation or otherwise, fee simple title or a lesser interest in real estate, in some or all of the parcels of land identified in Section 2 of this Ordinance along the Delaware River and in the bed of the former Kensington & Tacony Railroad, for the purpose of making, enlarging, extending, operating and maintaining public parks for public recreation use.

SECTION 2. The lands subject to this Ordinance are the following:

A. Land within the bed of the former Kensington and Tacony Railroad, and bounded as follows:

1. on the SOUTH by south end of the Old Frankford Creek railroad bridge;

2. on the NORTH by northeast side of former Disston Street;
and

3. including the spur that starts west of former Disston Street and curves northwardly across former Disston Street and terminates at Milnor Street.

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B. Land along the Delaware River bounded as follows:

1. on the SOUTH by the north side of Comly Street;
2. on the NORTH by the south boundary of the City of Philadelphia property that lies immediately south of Princeton Avenue;
3. on the EAST, following the course of the Delaware River, by the Bulkhead Line of the north or northwest side of the Delaware River as amended by the Secretary of War September 10, 1940; and
4. on the WEST, following the course of the Delaware River,
 - (A) from the north side of Comly Street to the south side of former Disston Street, the western or northwestern most line of the former Kensington and Tacony Railroad right-of-way or easement, and
 - (B) from the south side of former Disston Street to the southern boundary of the City of Philadelphia property that lies immediately south of Princeton Avenue, a line 150 feet north or northwest of the Delaware River Bulkhead Line, amended by the Secretary of War, September 10, 1940.

SECTION 3. The City Solicitor is authorized to review and approve all documents necessary to complete the acquisitions authorized by this Ordinance. The City Solicitor is further authorized to include in those documents provisions that the City Solicitor deems necessary and desirable to protect the interests of the City.