

Legislation Text

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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 the Tacony-Holmesburg section of the Delaware River Trail, 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 the Tacony-Holmesburg section of the Delaware River Trail connecting the Tacony Boat Launch to Pennypack on the Delaware and the Frankford Boat Launch, 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 along the Delaware River bounded as follows:

1. on the SOUTH by the south boundary of the City of Philadelphia property that lies immediately south of Princeton Avenue (Tacony Boat Launch);
2. on the NORTH by the south boundary of the City of Philadelphia property that lies immediately south of Pennypack Path (the City park known as Pennypack on the Delaware);
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 south side of the City of Philadelphia property that lies immediately south of Princeton Avenue (Tacony Boat Launch) along a common property line with 7071 Milnor Street, to a point 100 feet south of the south right-of-way line of Princeton Avenue,
 - (B) from said point, diagonally to a point 100 feet west of the intersection of the south side of the Princeton Avenue right-of-way and the Tacony Boat launch,
 - (C) from said point following said right of way line crossing Milnor Street to the east right of way line of Interstate 95, and
 - (D) from the intersection of the south right-of-way line of Princeton Avenue

and the east right-of-way line of Interstate 95, north to the south side of the south boundary of the Pennypack on the Delaware.

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.