

No. 1985-91

AN ACT

SB 1248

Authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Secretary of Environmental Resources, to sell and convey to the City of Philadelphia a tract of reclaimed land between the old shoreline and present dike line extension of the Delaware River in the Township of Tincum, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, contiguous to and having common boundaries with lands presently owned by the City of Philadelphia, and to quitclaim other areas near said land taken by the City of Philadelphia for the Philadelphia International Airport.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Secretary of Environmental Resources, is authorized and directed on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to sell and convey to the City of Philadelphia, a municipal corporation of Pennsylvania, its successors and assigns, for a consideration equal to the fair market value as determined by an appraisal of the Department of General Services, the following tract of reclaimed land situate along the Delaware River, in the Township of Tincum, County of Delaware, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

FORMER TURNING BASIN

PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

All that certain tract, piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Tincum, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania being a Former Turning Basin of the United States Emergency Shipping Board Fleet Corporation and now filled and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point for a corner in the low water line of the Delaware River as established September 12, 1917, and being a corner of a Patent granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the United States Emergency Shipping Board Fleet Corporation as recorded in Patent Book H, Volume 79, Page 37, etc.; thence extending from said point of beginning along the said low water line of the Delaware River, along the said Patent to the United States Emergency Shipping Board Fleet Corporation, north 55 degrees 08 minutes 20 seconds west a distance of 412.92 feet to a point for a corner; thence extending still along same, north 74 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds west a distance of 1181.40 feet to a point for a corner; thence still along same, north 84 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west a distance of 828.00 feet to a point for a corner; thence still along same, north 63 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west a distance of 507.00 feet to a point for a corner at the low water line of the Delaware River as established in 1885; thence extending along the said low water line of 1885, north 79 degrees 12 minutes

00 seconds west a distance of 750.00 feet to a point for a corner; thence extending still along same, north 85 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds west a distance of 531.52 feet to a point for a corner in the westerly edge of the Former Turning Basin and being the northeasterly corner of a Patent granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to American International Corporation as recorded in Patent Book H, Volume 78, Page 262, etc.; thence extending along the said westerly line of the Former Turning Basin, along the said Patent to American International Corporation, south 27 degrees 04 minutes 15 seconds east a distance of 2431.49 feet to a point for a corner at the former stone dike of a former island known as Little Smith Island, now filled and incorporated with other lands adjacent and contiguous hereto; thence extending along the said former stone dike line as extended along the southerly line of the Former Turning Basin, north 69 degrees 00 minutes 40 seconds east a distance of 3121.16 feet to the first mentioned point and place of beginning.

Containing within said bounds, 96.526 acres of land, more or less, exclusive of that portion of the above described land being in the vicinity of the former 14 1/2 acre island known as Little Smith Island which was surveyed for the Commonwealth as *Printz Island* and was granted by Patent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Thomas and Aubrey Smith as recorded in Patent Book H, Volume 43, Page 321, etc., on February 13, 1841. And said island was subsequently dredged for the said Former Turning Basin and since refilled along with other lands now or formerly of the City of Philadelphia, adjacent to and contiguous with the above described tract of land.

Section 2. The Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Secretary of Environmental Resources, is also hereby authorized to release and quitclaim for nominal consideration any right, title or interest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (riparian or otherwise) in, to and for all the land west of the above described tract within the bounds of the acreage condemned by the City of Philadelphia by virtue of ordinance approved December 18, 1945, (page 535), as amended by ordinance approved February 4, 1947, (page 39), and under proceedings to No.175 1/2, September Term, 1947, in the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County, for the Philadelphia Southwest Airport (now Philadelphia International Airport); and also that land condemned by the City of Philadelphia by virtue of ordinance approved November 22, 1955, (page 862), as the property of or claimed by Marion A. Crothers; Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington R.R. Co. and Tinicum Real Estate Holding Corp., for the Philadelphia International Airport.

Section 3. The deed of conveyance and quitclaim deed shall be approved as provided by law and shall be executed by the Secretary of General Services in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 4. Costs and fees incidental to the conveyance and quitclaim shall be borne by the grantee.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 17th day of December, A. D. 1985.

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