Public Law 98-195
98th Congress

An Act

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to release on behalf of the United States a reversionary interest in certain land in the State of Delaware.

Dec. 1, 1983
[S. 1503]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subject to section 2, the Secretary of Agriculture shall release, on behalf of the United States, with respect to the land described in section 3, the condition contained in the deed dated September 24, 1954, recorded June 30, 1955, in deed book 447, page 595, in the Office of the Sussex County Recorder of Deeds, Georgetown, Delaware, between the United States of America and the State of Delaware, conveying certain tracts of land to the State of Delaware, which condition requires that the land conveyed be used for public purposes and if at any time such land ceases to be so used, it shall immediately revert to and become revested in the United States.

State of Delaware, release of reversionary land interest.

SEC. 2. The condition referred to in section 1, with respect to the land described in section 3, shall be released only upon certification by the Secretary of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to the Secretary of Agriculture that an area of wetlands, marsh, or shore lands within the State of Delaware containing at least 6.21 acres has been dedicated to public purposes. Such certification shall specify the location and set forth a legal description of the dedicated area, and shall be accompanied by a legal opinion establishing that title to the dedicated property is vested in the State of Delaware and that a restriction of public purpose applies to the dedicated property.

Certification.

SEC. 3. The land referred to in section 1 is a tract of land, being a portion of tract numbered 24 of those lands conveyed by James Leslie Ford, marshal of the United States for the District of Delaware, to the United States of America in the deed dated September 16, 1939, recorded November 20, 1939, in deed book 322, page 125, in the Office of the Sussex County Recorder of Deeds, Georgetown, Delaware, containing 6.21 acres of land, more or less, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the northeasterly side of Hassell Street (at 30 feet wide) with the northeasterly side of a 50-foot wide right-of-way known as Assawoman Street,

thence with said point of beginning and along the said northeasterly side of Hassell Street, and crossing the said 50-foot wide right-of-way known as Assawoman Street, south 05 degrees 20 minutes 55 seconds east, 297.80 feet to a point in the low water line of Little Bay;

thence by the various meanderings thereof, generally in a northwesterly and northeasterly direction, and the westerly limits of lands known as Bay View Park and Bay View Park first addition, 1,666 feet, more or less, to a point, said point being distant by the seventeen following tie lines connecting

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points in or near the said low water line from the last described point:

(1) south 39 degrees 04 minutes 05 seconds west, 45.00 feet to a point;

(2) north 68 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds west, 40.00 feet to a point;

(3) north 30 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds west, 72.00 feet to a point;

(4) north 66 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds west, 114.00 feet to a point;

(5) north 62 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds west, 178.00 feet to a point;

(6) north 41 degrees 07 minutes 35 seconds west, 180.00 feet to a point;

(7) north 22 degrees 10 minutes 50 seconds east, 138.00 feet to a point;

(8) north 79 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds east, 120.00 feet to a point;

(9) north 47 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds east, 87.00 feet to a point;

(10) north 27 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds east, 67.00 feet to a point;

(11) north 48 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds east, 121.00 feet to a point;

(12) north 66 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds east, 23.00 feet to a point;

(13) north 04 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west, 100.00 feet to a point;

(14) north 25 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds west, 74.00 feet to a point;

(15) north 77 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds west, 96.00 feet to a point;

(16) north 02 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east, 145.00 feet to a point; and

(17) north 81 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds west, 66.00 feet to a point;

thence by a line through Bay View Park the first and second additions, crossing Hassell Street and Todd Drive and through lots numbered 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and a portion of 20, north 09 degrees 57 minutes 20 seconds west, 650.30 feet to a point;

thence continuing through a portion of lot numbered 20 and recrossing a portion of said Todd Drive, north 40 degrees 04 minutes 20 seconds west, 115.00 feet to a point in the low water line of Jefferson Creek;

thence thereby the two following described courses and distances:

(1) south 77 degrees 36 minutes 45 seconds east, 68.63 feet to a point; and

(2) north 75 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds east, 30.90 feet to a point;

thence along the northeasterly line of lots numbered 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20 of Bay View Park second addition, south 15 degrees 24 minutes 53 seconds east, 698.18 feet to a point in the line dividing Bay View Park first addition from Bay View Park second addition and the northeasterly side of Hassell Street;

thence by new lines along the said northeasterly side of Hassell Street the three following described courses and distances:

(1) south 85 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds east, 53.72 feet to a point;

(2) south 15 degrees 24 minutes 53 seconds east, 295.00 feet to a point; and

(3) south 05 degrees 20 minutes 55 seconds east, 469.20 feet to a point on the northeasterly side of said Assawoman Street and the point and place of beginning.

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