

[CHAPTER 334]

AN ACT

July 31, 1945
[H. R. 2032]
[Public Law 166]

Authorizing general shore-line investigations at Federal expense, and to repeal an Act for the improvement and protection of the beaches along the shores of the United States, approved June 26, 1936.

Shore-line investigations.

46 Stat. 945.
33 U. S. C. § 426.

Publication of useful data.

Cost.

"Shores."

Application of existing law.

Exception.

Report by Board.

46 Stat. 945.
33 U. S. C. § 426.

Additional requirement.

Expenses.

49 Stat. 1982.
33 U. S. C. §§ 427-430.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in addition to participating in cooperative investigations and studies with agencies of the various States as authorized in section 2 of the River and Harbor Act, approved July 3, 1930, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Engineers, through the Beach Erosion Board, to make general investigations with a view to preventing erosion of the shores of the United States by waves and currents and determining the most suitable methods for the protection, restoration, and development of beaches; and to publish from time to time such useful data and information concerning the erosion and protection of beaches and shore lines as the Board may deem to be of value to the people of the United States. The cost of the general investigations herein authorized shall be borne wholly by the United States. As used in this Act, the word "shores" includes the shore lines of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, Lake Champlain, and estuaries and bays directly connected therewith.

SEC. 2. All provisions of existing law relating to examinations and surveys and to works of improvement of rivers and harbors shall apply, insofar as practicable, to examinations and surveys and to works of improvement relating to shore protection; except that all projects having to do with shore protection shall be referred for consideration and recommendation to the Beach Erosion Board instead of to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors.

SEC. 3. The Beach Erosion Board, in making its report on any cooperative investigation and studies under the provisions of section 2 of the River and Harbor Act, approved July 3, 1930, relating to shore protection work shall, in addition to any other matters upon which it may be required to report, state its opinion as to (a) the advisability of adopting the project; (b) what public interest, if any, is involved in the proposed improvement; and (c) what share of the expense, if any, should be borne by the United States.

SEC. 4. Any expenses incident and necessary in the undertaking of the general investigations authorized herein may be paid from funds hitherto or hereafter appropriated for examinations, surveys, and contingencies for rivers and harbors.

SEC. 5. The Act of June 26, 1936 (Public, Numbered 834, Seventy-fourth Congress), is hereby repealed.

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[CHAPTER 335]

AN ACT

July 31, 1945
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[Public Law 167]

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to grant and convey to Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, certain lands of the United States in Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, for highway purposes and for ornamental-park purposes.

Springfield Township,
Montgomery County, Pa.
Conveyance of lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to grant and convey to Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, upon the conditions and limitations hereinafter expressed, three parcels of land, hereinafter described, which are parts of the property encompassed by Eastern Regional Laboratory, Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering, United States Department of Agriculture,

parcel 1 and parcel 2 to be held and used by the township for highway purposes, and parcel 3 to be held, used, and maintained as an ornamental park. The three parcels of land are situated in Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and bounded and described in accordance with a plan and survey thereof prepared for Springfield Township by David W. Bainbridge, registered professional engineer, January 18, 1940, and approved by the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township, January 22, 1940, as follows to wit:

Parcel 1: Beginning at the point of intersection of the northeasterly line of East Lane (forty feet wide) as opened by the court of quarter sessions of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in October 1922, with the southeasterly line of Mermaid Avenue (thirty-three feet wide) as opened by the said court of quarter sessions in October 1887; thence extending along the said southeasterly line of Mermaid Avenue north thirty-seven degrees nine minutes thirty seconds east two hundred and four and thirty-five one-hundredths feet to an angle; thence continuing along the said southeasterly line of Mermaid Avenue north twelve degrees forty-nine minutes east one hundred and sixty-five and fifteen one-hundredths feet to an angle, a point in the southeasterly line of Mermaid Avenue as opened by the said court of quarter sessions in December 1899; thence north thirty-seven degrees thirty-six minutes east forty and fifty-six one-hundredths feet to the point of intersection with the southeasterly line of Mermaid Avenue as it is proposed to be widened to fifty feet; thence south twelve degrees forty-nine minutes west one hundred and eighty-five and one one-hundredths feet to an angle; thence south thirty-seven degrees nine minutes thirty seconds west two hundred and thirteen and seventy one-hundredths feet to a point of curve; thence extending southwardly and southeastwardly on a curve to the left having a radius of eight feet the arc distance of twelve and sixty-two one-hundredths feet to a point; thence south thirty-six degrees forty-seven minutes thirty seconds west five feet to a point in the afore-mentioned northeasterly line of East Lane; thence north fifty-three degrees twelve minutes thirty seconds west sixteen and fifty-eight one-hundredths feet to the first-mentioned point and place of beginning.

Parcel 2: Beginning at a point on the southwesterly line of Mermaid Avenue south fifty-two degrees twelve minutes thirty seconds east one hundred and thirty-three and seventy-one one-hundredths feet distant from the angle point of the southeasterly and southwesterly lines of Mermaid Avenue as opened by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in December 1899, where the said highway is in juxtaposition to Flourtown Avenue (formerly known as Apple Street) northwest thereof; thence south fifty-two degrees twelve minutes thirty seconds east eighty and thirty-one one-hundredths feet to a point; thence south seventy-six degrees nine minutes thirty seconds west three hundred and eighteen and eighteen one-hundredths feet to a point of curve; thence continuing southwestwardly on a curve to the left having a radius of seventy-two feet the arc distance of forty-eight and forty-five one-hundredths feet to a point on the southeasterly line of Mermaid Avenue; thence extending along the southeasterly line of Mermaid Avenue north thirty-seven degrees thirty-six minutes east one hundred and twenty-eight and twenty-seven one-hundredths feet to a point of curve; thence southwardly and southeastwardly on a converse curve to the right having a radius of eight feet the arc distance of nineteen and seventy-five one-hundredths feet to a point; thence extending along the northwesterly line of the proposed relocation of Mermaid Avenue north

seventy-six degrees nine minutes thirty seconds east two hundred and one and sixty-five one-hundredths feet to a point of curve; thence continuing northwardly and northwestwardly on a curve to the left having a radius of eight feet the arc distance of seventeen and ninety-two one-hundredths feet to the first-mentioned point and place of beginning.

Parcel 3: Beginning at the angle point of the southeasterly and southwesterly lines of Mermaid Avenue as opened by the court of quarter sessions of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in December 1899, where the said highway is in juxtaposition to Flourtown Avenue (formerly known as Apple Street) northwest thereof; thence extending along the said southwesterly line of Mermaid Avenue south fifty-two degrees twelve minutes thirty seconds east one hundred and thirty-three and seventy-one one-hundredths feet to a point of curve; thence extending southwardly and southwestwardly on a curve to the right having a radius of eight feet the arc distance of seventeen and ninety-two one-hundredths feet to a point; thence extending along the northwesterly line of the proposed relocation of Mermaid Avenue south seventy-six degrees nine minutes thirty seconds west two hundred and one and sixty-five one-hundredths feet to a point of curve; thence extending westwardly and northwestwardly on a curve to the right having a radius of eight feet and the arc distance of nineteen and seventy-five one-hundredths feet to a point on the southeasterly line of Mermaid Avenue; thence extending along the said southeasterly line of Mermaid Avenue north thirty-seven degrees thirty-six minutes east one hundred and sixty-six and fourteen one-hundredths feet to the first-mentioned point and place of beginning.

Conditions.

The land in parcel 3 is to be granted and conveyed subject to the conditions that Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, shall accept and use such land solely for ornamental-park purposes; that the area shall not be used as a building site; and that if such township shall at any time cease to use such land for ornamental-park purposes, or shall permit the use of such land for any other purposes, or shall alienate, or attempt to alienate the land, the land shall revert to the United States of America.

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[CHAPTER 336]

AN ACT

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[Public Law 168]

To authorize the Secretary of State to continue to completion the collecting, editing, and publishing of official papers relating to the Territories of the United States.

Territorial papers of
the U. S.
Collecting, editing,
etc.

43 Stat. 1104.

Appropriation
authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State is authorized to continue to completion the work of collecting, copying, arranging, editing, copy reading, and index making of the official papers relating to the Territories of the United States as initiated and carried on under the Act approved March 3, 1925, as amended to date (5 U. S. C. 167-168C), and to have them issued as a Government publication, of which four hundred and twenty copies shall be delivered to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, for distribution to the libraries heretofore designated by the Governors of the various States, one hundred copies for the use of the Department of State, and one hundred copies for distribution by the Joint Committee on Printing, and for this purpose there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not