

**CONSENTING TO THE ACQUISITION OF LAND BY THE UNITED STATES**  
**Act of May 1, 1945, P.L. 353, No. 147**  
AN ACT

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Giving the consent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the acquisition by the United States of America of a tract of land in the Fortieth Ward, City of Philadelphia, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, known as the Naval Ammunition Depot of Fort Mifflin, Pennsylvania, and ceding jurisdiction to the United States.

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

Section 1. The consent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby granted, in accordance with the seventeenth clause, eighth section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States, to the acquisition by the United States of America of two certain tracts of land in the Fortieth Ward, City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, known as the Naval Ammunition Depot of Fort Mifflin, containing 28.0373 acres; the first tract containing 12.8485 acres, being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the center line of Fort or Fort Mifflin Road, said point being located S. 29 degrees 31' 41" E., 192.126 feet measured along the center line from an angle in said road, the said angle being located S. 29 degrees 17' 41" E., 2174.261 feet measured along the center line of the said Road from a point in the center line of Penrose Ferry Road; thence along the center line of Fort or Fort Mifflin Road S. 29 degrees 31' 41" E., 548.036 feet to a point in the line of land of the United States of America; thence along the said line S. 43 degrees 58' 41" W., 1532.001 feet to an angle in said line; thence still along the same S. 34 degrees 28' 36" W., 236.943 feet to a point; thence N. 56 degrees 21' 31" W., 114.967 feet to a point in the line of land of the City of Philadelphia; thence along the said line N. 30 degrees 28' 00" E., 1943.000 feet to a point in the line of land of Mary Louise Lowrey; thence along the said line N. 46 degrees 39' 19" E., 52.751 feet to the first mentioned point and place of beginning.

The second tract containing 15.1888 acres, being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in a line dividing this tract and land of the United States of America from land of the City of Philadelphia, and said point being located N. 39 degrees 20' 19" E., 685.882 feet along the said line from a point in the center line of Fort or Fort Mifflin Road, this latter point being located S. 29 degrees 17' 41" E., 1761.181 feet measured along the center line of Fort or Fort Mifflin Road from a point in the center line of Penrose Ferry Road; thence along the said line of land of the City of Philadelphia N. 39 degrees 20' 19" E., 985.425 feet to a point in the southerly pierhead and bulkhead line of the Schuylkill River; thence along the said pierhead and

bulkhead line S. 77 degrees 17' 41" E., 151.395 feet to an angle in the said line; thence still along the same S. 80 degrees 07' 32" E., 102.997 feet to a point in the line of land of the United States of America; thence along the boundary of the land of the United States of America as follows, viz: S. 11 degrees 28' 00" W., 72.179 feet to a P.C. of a curve; thence along a line curving to the right with a radius of 2964.775 feet the arc distance of 983.155 feet to the P.T. of the said curve; thence along the radial line of the said curve N. 59 degrees 32' 00" W., 14.970 feet to a point; thence S. 30 degrees 28' 00" W., 858.960 feet to a point; thence N. 26 degrees 25' 38" W., 150.770 feet to a point; thence N. 24 degrees 56' 21" E., 292.643 feet to a point; thence N. 10 degrees 56' 41" W., 617.035 feet to the first mentioned point and place of beginning.

Section 2. Exclusive jurisdiction in and over the aforesaid lands is hereby ceded to the United States of America by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dock yards, and other needful buildings, with the exception of roads abutting on said lands to be used by the United States for military and other public purposes, which are not already under the jurisdiction of the United States.

Section 3. The jurisdiction so ceded to the United States of America is granted upon the express condition that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall retain concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over the lands and buildings aforesaid, in so far that civil process in all cases, and such criminal process as may issue under the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania against anyone charged with crime committed outside said land, may be executed thereon in the same manner as if this jurisdiction had not been ceded. The United States shall retain such jurisdiction so long as the said land shall be used for the purposes for which jurisdiction is ceded and no longer.

Section 4. The jurisdiction so ceded to the United States shall be upon the further condition that the Commonwealth reserves to itself and its political subdivisions whatever power of taxation it may constitutionally reserve, to levy and collect all taxes now or hereafter imposed by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions upon property, persons and franchises within the boundaries so ceded.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.