

**HUNTING PARK AND LEGACY OF ELLIOTT CRESSON ENLARGING POWERS**  
**Act of May 15, 1871, P.L. 873, No. 785**  
AN ACT

Cl. 11

Enlarging the duties and powers of the commissioners of Fairmount park, by requiring them to take charge of Hunting Park, in the City of Philadelphia, and of the legacy of Elliott Cresson, providing for the planting of trees in said city.

Section 1. Hunting park transferred to commissioners

The care and management of The Hunting Park, in the City of Philadelphia, is hereby transferred and committed to the commissioners of Fairmount Park, who shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required to take charge of the same, and lay out, enclose, plant and adorn the same; and who shall possess and exercise the like powers and authorities, in every particular, over the said Hunting Park, as now by existing laws, or hereafter by such as may be passed, they now have, or may hereafter come to have, over Fairmount Park, in the City of Philadelphia. 1871, May 15, P.L. 873, Sec. 1.

Section 2. It shall and may be lawful for said commissioners to survey, locate, lay out and establish an avenue, which shall not be less than one hundred feet in width, which shall extend from Hunting park to Fairmount park, connecting the two parks with each other, at such points as the commissioners aforesaid may think best; and all and singular the provisions of existing laws relating to Fairmount park, concerning the mode of acquiring possession of land and of the title to land, are hereby to the land and property necessary, in the judgment of said commission, to be required in order to the laying out and establishment of said avenue; the said avenue shall be laid out, paved and adorned as a park road by said commissioners, and shall be under their police control and supervision.

Section 3. That for the purpose of squaring the said Hunting park, and making the same more suitable in shape for use as a park, the park commissioners may negotiate with the owner of ground on the east side of said Hunting park, and south side of Bristol street, and acquire the title to an area of ground, at least as large as all that part of the said Hunting park situate north of the line of said Bristol street, which latter ground shall be given in exchange for the ground so acquired east of the said Hunting park and south of said Bristol street; and a deed or deeds, so agreed to be given in even exchange to the person entitled to receive the same, shall be executed by the mayor of the city of Philadelphia, whenever he shall be requested so to do by the park commissioners; and the said exchange to be made on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy two.

Section 4. Moneys for duties respecting Hunting Park to be provided

It shall be the duty of the councils of the City of Philadelphia from time to time, on the request of said

commissioners, to provide such moneys as the said commission may require for the proper execution of the duties imposed upon them by this act. 1871, May 15, P.L. 873, Sec. 4.

Section 5. Commissioners to execute trust for planting of shade trees

The care and management of the legacy made to the City of Philadelphia, by the late Elliott Cresson, of the sum of five thousand dollars, the income of which is to be applied to the planting of shade trees in said city, in accordance with the provisions of his will, is hereby assigned, appointed and transferred to the commissioners of Fairmount Park, who are hereby authorized and directed to receive, execute and discharge the said trust, and to whom the City of Philadelphia is hereby authorized to pay over any accumulation of interest and income now existing, and such as from time to time accrues, for that purpose. 1871, May 15, P.L. 873, Sec. 5.