
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1746 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY HARHAI, COHEN, MILLARD, THOMAS AND MAHONEY,
DECEMBER 9, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 9, 2015

AN ACT

1 Authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain
2 land owned by the Borough of West Newton, Westmoreland
3 County, in return for the development of park and open space
4 lands within the Borough of West Newton, Westmoreland County.

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

7 Section 1. Release of restrictions in the Borough of West
8 Newton, Westmoreland County.

9 (a) Authorization.--Pursuant to the requirements of section
10 20(b) of the act of June 22, 1964 (Sp.Sess., P.L.131, No.8),
11 known as the Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act, the
12 General Assembly hereby authorizes the release of Project 70
13 restrictions from the land owned by the Borough of West Newton,
14 Westmoreland County, which is more particularly described in
15 subsection (c), in exchange for the development of park and open
16 space lands as provided in subsection (d).

17 (b) Land to be released from Project 70 restrictions.--The
18 Borough of West Newton intends to sell a portion of the land it
19 owns and wishes to release the land described in subsection (c)

1 from Project 70 restrictions.

2 (c) Description of premises to be conveyed.--The land to be
3 conveyed shall be ALL THAT CERTAIN parcel of land lying and
4 situate between South Water Street and the Youghiogheny River in
5 the Borough of West Newton, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania,
6 being more fully described as follows, to wit:

7 FIRST:

8 BEGINNING at a point on the West side of South Water Street and
9 a post corner on land now or formerly of Nannie C. Montgomery;
10 Thence along said South Water Street, South 35°45' West, a
11 distance of 71.50 feet to a point at the South end of a two-
12 story brick dwelling;
13 Thence on a line along the South end of said brick dwelling to a
14 point on the bank of the Youghiogheny River;
15 Thence North 25°45' East along the Youghiogheny River, a
16 distance of 72.51 feet to a point on the bank of the
17 Youghiogheny River and land now or formerly of Nannie C.
18 Montgomery;
19 Thence in an Eastwardly direction along the line of land now or
20 formerly of Nannie C. Montgomery, a distance of 122 feet, more
21 or less, to the post corner on the West side of South Water
22 Street, being the place of beginning.

23 SECOND:

24 BEGINNING at a point on the West side of South Water Street at
25 corner of lot of ground now or formerly of Mabel R. Duncan;
26 Thence along the West side of South Water Street, South 35°45'
27 West, a distance of 210.50 feet to a point at the corner of land
28 now or formerly of the C.S. Weimer estate;
29 Thence by said land now or formerly of said estate, North 54°15'
30 West, a distance of 47 feet to a point on the bank of the

1 Youghiogheny River;
2 Thence along said river, North 11°06' East, a distance of 93.5
3 feet to a point;
4 Thence still along said river, North 28°45' East, a distance of
5 126.46 feet to a point on said river bank at the corner of land
6 now or formerly of Mabel R. Duncan;
7 Thence in an Eastwardly direction along the line of land now or
8 formerly of Mabel R. Duncan to a point on the North side of
9 South Water Street, being the place of beginning.
10 Being the same premises known as the John C. Plumer House, which
11 the Historical Society of West Newton, by deed dated February
12 23, 1968 and recorded in Westmoreland County Deed Book Volume
13 1979, page 1147, granted and conveyed unto the Borough of West
14 Newton.

15 (d) Use of sale proceeds and interest.--An amount equal to
16 or greater than the fair market value of the land described in
17 subsection (c) shall be deposited into a special interest-
18 bearing account established by the Borough of West Newton for
19 the development of park and open space lands in the Borough of
20 West Newton. None of the funds shall be disbursed from this
21 special account until a plan is developed by the Borough of West
22 Newton for the intended use of the funds and until such plan has
23 been approved by the Department of Conservation and Natural
24 Resources. Any funds remaining in the special account five years
25 after the date of deposit shall immediately be paid to the
26 Commonwealth for deposit into the Project 70 Land Acquisition
27 Sinking Fund or current equivalent.

28 Section 2. Effective date.

29 This act shall take effect immediately.