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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. HOOPER -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to authorize the commissioner of general services to transfer and
convey certain unappropriated state land to the municipality of Free-
port for community programs

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subject to the provisions of this act but notwithstanding
2 any other provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner of general
3 services is hereby authorized to transfer and convey to the municipality
4 of Freeport, in consideration of one dollar and upon such other consid-
5 eration as the commissioner may deem proper, the state land located at
6 63 Babylon Turnpike, Freeport, in the county of Nassau, known as the
7 Freeport Armory, declared to be abandoned state land by the division of
8 military and naval affairs.
9 S 2. The lands authorized by section one of this act to be transferred
10 and conveyed are as follows:
11 ALL that piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the
12 Village of Freeport, in the County of Nassau, State of New York, more
13 particularly bounded and described as follows:
14 BEGINNING at a point where the easterly line of Lakeview Avenue is
15 intersected by the southerly line of Hempstead-Babylon Turnpike and
16 running from said Point of Beginning thence southeasterly along the
17 southerly line of Hempstead-Babylon Turnpike about six hundred forty-six
18 (646) linear feet to the land of the City of New York and the Long
19 Island State Park Commission; thence running southwesterly and along the
20 lands of the City of New York and along the Long Island State Park
21 Commission two hundred (200) linear feet; thence running northwesterly
22 and parallel with the southerly line of Hempstead-Babylon Turnpike about
23 four hundred thirty (430) linear feet to a point which would be ten (10)
24 feet easterly from the center line of the 18 inch diameter water main
25 tank header pipe; thence running northwesterly about fifty-eight (58)
26 linear feet and parallel with the 18 inch diameter water main tank head-
27 er pipe, to a point which would be about one hundred sixty-eight (168)

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 linear feet southerly from the southerly line of Hempstead-Babylon Turn-
2 pike, when measured at right angles thereto; thence running southwester-
3 ly and ten (10) feet parallel with and northerly from the 12 inch diam-
4 eter water main tank header pipe, when measured at right angles thereto,
5 about one hundred seven (107) linear feet to a point in the easterly
6 line of Lakeview Avenue; thence running northerly and along the easterly
7 line of Lakeview Avenue about two hundred fifty-eight (258) linear feet
8 to a point in the southerly line of Hempstead-Babylon Turnpike, the
9 point or place of beginning, containing within said bounds about three
10 (3) acres.

11 BEING the same lands described in a deed from the Village of Freeport
12 to the People of the State of New York, dated June 13, 1949 and recorded
13 in the Nassau County Clerk's Office on June 20, 1949 in Book 3857 of
14 Deeds at page 384.

15 S 3. The description in section two of this act of the land to be
16 conveyed is not intended to be a legal description but is intended to
17 identify the parcel to be conveyed. As a condition of the purchase, the
18 municipality of Freeport may submit to the commissioner of general
19 services, for his or her approval, an accurate survey and description of
20 the lands to be conveyed, which may be used in the conveyance thereof.

21 S 4. The office of general services shall not transfer or convey the
22 aforesaid land unless application in a form acceptable to the office of
23 general services is made to the office of general services by the muni-
24 cipality of Freeport which application must be made within one year
25 after the effective date of this act. As part of that application the
26 municipality of Freeport must submit to the office of general services a
27 report containing a master plan setting forth a proposed use and occu-
28 pancy of such land pursuant to an advertised public hearing that
29 conforms with the public purpose set forth in section five of this act,
30 including letters of commitment from not less than six community organ-
31 izations not affiliated with the municipality of Freeport or its parents
32 and subsidiaries. The municipality of Freeport is situated to help
33 develop, maintain, and operate the facility as a refuge focusing on
34 educational endeavors that have specialized programs for at-risk youth
35 and will house the following organizations for their youth programs: the
36 Long Island Youth Foundation, Inc. "Imani Dancers", the Delta Sigma
37 Theta Sorority, Inc., the Dr. Stanley L. Ralph Creative Arts Center
38 Project. The Quonset Hut will be used by the Freeport police department
39 and the Freeport Armory would also be accessible to EOC of
40 Freeport/Roosevelt. Such report shall also contain a health and safety
41 assessment, including but not limited to, possible asbestos contam-
42 ination and abatement, air and soil and groundwater quality, the struc-
43 tural integrity of the buildings performed by a certified structural
44 engineer, and any health and safety improvements including such environ-
45 mental remediation as may be necessary. Such report shall also contain
46 an independent audit of the financial operations of the municipality of
47 Freeport for the past three years, and the record of three public hear-
48 ings documenting community response if such public purpose includes the
49 placement of a charter school.

50 S 5. The land described in section two of this act shall be used by
51 the municipality of Freeport exclusively for voluntary youth associ-
52 ations, educational and recreational programs to assist at-risk youth,
53 and public safety purposes and upon termination of such use title to the
54 lands so transferred along with any improvements made thereto shall
55 revert to the state of New York.

56 S 6. This act shall take effect immediately.