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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. RUSSELL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT authorizing the Village of Norwood to enter into a lease with Clarkson University

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

Section 1. The village of Norwood, located in the county of St. Lawrence, is hereby authorized, acting by and through its village board and upon such terms and conditions as determined by such board, to discontinue the use of certain municipally owned waterfront park land and to lease for a term not to exceed twenty-five years the waterfront park lands which are more particularly described in section three of this act to Clarkson University for the purpose of conducting rowing activities.

S 2. The authorization provided in section one of this act shall be effective only upon the condition that the village of Norwood dedicate an amount equal to or greater than the fair market value of the lease of the waterfront park land described in section three of this act for the acquisition of additional waterfront park land and/or for capital improvements to existing waterfront park and recreational facilities.

S 3. The waterfront park land authorized to be leased by section one of this act are more particularly described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of Potsdam, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York, being part of described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Village of Norwood Recreation Park, said point being located approximately North 10 degrees 04 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 389.15 feet from an iron pipe found at the northeasterly corner of a parcel of land as conveyed by the Village of Norwood to Karl Cuthbert and Lillian Cuthbert by deed dated December 12, 1984 and

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

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recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's office in Liber of Deeds 987 at page 176, and running:

Thence North 74 degrees 53 minutes 05 seconds West parallel to and fifteen feet distant from the southerly wall of a 60 foot by 80 foot boathouse a distance of 110.00 feet to a point;

Thence North 15 degrees 06 minutes 55 seconds East parallel to and fifteen feet distant from the westerly wall of a 60 foot by 80 foot boathouse a distance of 90.00 feet to a point;

Thence South 74 degrees 53 minutes 05 seconds East parallel to and fifteen feet distant from the northerly wall of a 60 foot by 80 foot boathouse a distance of 110.00 feet to a point;

Thence South 15 degrees 06 minutes 55 seconds West parallel to and fifteen feet distant from the easterly wall of a 60 foot by 80 foot boathouse West a distance of 90.00 feet to the point of beginning;

Having an area of 9900 square feet (0.23 acres) of land, more or less;

This parcel is intended to describe a portion of that parcel of land as conveyed to the Village of Norwood by Albert and Elizabeth Woodward by deed dated September 8, 1959, and recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's office in Liber 660 of deeds at Page 173.

S 4. Should the leased lands described in section three of this act cease to be used for the purposes described in section one of this act, the lease shall terminate and those lands shall revert to the village of Norwood for public waterfront park and recreational purposes. At the time of such reversion, the property shall be returned to its previous state, consistent with public waterfront park and recreational purposes.

S 5. Such waterfront park land described in section three of this act shall be made available to the general public on an equitable basis. Where availability of public facilities is limited, the use of such facilities must be determined by a reservation policy which provides priority use to the general public.

S 6. If the park land that is the subject of this act has received funding pursuant to the federal land and water conservation fund, the discontinuance of park land authorized by the provisions of this act shall not occur until the municipality has complied with the federal requirements pertaining to the conversion of park lands, including satisfying the secretary of the interior that the discontinuance will include all conditions which the secretary of the interior deems necessary to assure the substitution of other lands shall be equivalent in fair market value and recreational usefulness to the lands being discontinued.

S 7. This act shall take effect immediately.