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Introduced by Sen. RAMOS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cities 1

AN ACT authorizing the city of New York to discontinue certain parkland in Flushing Meadows Corona Park in the borough of Queens currently consisting of asphalt parking lots to allow for a new development with at least fifty acres of parkland

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subject to the provisions of this act, but notwithstanding
2 any provision of law to the contrary, including without limitation the
3 provisions of chapter 729 of the laws of 1961, the city of New York is
4 authorized to discontinue the use as parkland and alienate through the
5 entering of leases or other agreements with New Green Willets, LLC, its
6 affiliates, and any other entity or entities the lands described in
7 section three of this act for the purposes of developing, constructing,
8 maintaining, operating, using, or occupying such lands with: (1) open
9 space at Flushing Meadows Corona Park, including ball courts, athletic
10 fields, and playgrounds; (2) transforming the Mets-Willets Point seven
11 train with enhanced functionality and traffic flow reconstruction of the
12 boardwalk entrance, and ADA accessibility; (3) upgrading pedestrian and
13 bike paths; (4) climate resiliency, including, but not limited to solar
14 panels, and flood mitigation infrastructure; (5) revitalization of the
15 Flushing Bay Promenade; (6) a multi-level parking facility with vehicle
16 charging stations; and (7) a hotel and convention center, upon such
17 terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the city and such company,
18 affiliate and other entity; provided, however, that such lands shall not
19 be used for the purposes of a gaming facility.

20 § 2. The authorization provided in section one of this act shall be
21 effective only upon the condition that the city of New York dedicates an
22 amount equal to or greater than the fair market value of the parklands
23 being discontinued towards the acquisition of new parklands and/or capi-
24 tal improvements to existing parklands and recreational facilities with-
25 in the borough of Queens, which capital improvements shall include the

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

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1 development of no less than fifty acres of free of charge public open
2 space, including, but not limited to, ball courts, athletic fields, and
3 playgrounds, with grass, trees, or other vegetation on parkland within
4 the land described in section three of this act or adjacent parkland,
5 including a north-south connection from the passerelle pedestrian bridge
6 towards Flushing Bay, provided that, notwithstanding any provision of
7 law to the contrary, the city of New York is authorized to enter into
8 leases or other agreements with such company, affiliate and other entity
9 to construct, maintain and operate such open space on such parkland in
10 accordance with this act for a term of no more than thirty years.

11 § 3. The lands authorized to be discontinued as parklands pursuant to
12 section one of this act are as follows:

13 All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land situated, lying, and
14 being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York,
15 being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

16 Commencing at the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly
17 line of Roosevelt Avenue (80' wide) and the westerly line of 126th
18 Street (80' wide) and running thence;

19 A. Along the southerly line of Roosevelt Avenue, S 68° 30' 17" W, a
20 distance of 10.20' to a point, thence;

21 B. Along a line that bears, N 21° 29' 43" W, a distance of 80.00' to a
22 point on the northerly line of Roosevelt Avenue and being the TRUE point
23 of BEGINNING, and running thence;

24 1. Along the northerly line of Roosevelt Avenue, S 68° 30' 17" W, a
25 distance of 2,377.78' to a point on a curve of the easterly easement
26 line of the Grand Central Parkway, thence;

27 2. Along the easterly easement line with a non-tangent curve to the
28 right, having a radius of 1,693.22', an arc length of 623.63', an inte-
29 rior angle of 21° 06' 09", and a chord that bears N 10° 40' 23" W, a
30 distance of 620.11' to a point of compound curvature, thence;

31 3. Continuing along the same with a curve to the right, having a radi-
32 us of 2,380.03', an arc length of 269.70', an internal angle of 6° 29'
33 34", and a chord that bears N 3° 07' 28" E, a distance of 269.56' to a
34 point of non-tangency, thence;

35 4. Continuing along the same, N 20° 03' 57" E, a distance of 172.22'
36 to a point on a curve, thence;

37 5. Continuing along the same with a non-tangent curve to the left,
38 having a radius of 520.00', and arc length of 413.78', an interior angle
39 of 45° 35' 31", and a chord that bears N 18° 52' 29" E, a distance of
40 402.95' to a point of reverse curvature, thence;

41 6. Continuing along the same with a curve to the right, having a radi-
42 us of 771.58', an arc length of 276.48', an interior angle of 20° 31'
43 51", and a chord that bears N 6° 20' 39" E, a distance of 275.00' to a
44 point on a curve of the southerly line of Northern Boulevard (variable
45 width), thence;

46 7. Along the southerly line of Northern Boulevard with a curve to the
47 left, having a radius of 5,053.50', an arc length of 300.54', an interi-
48 or angle of 3° 24' 27", and a chord that bears N 67° 42' 06" E, a distance
49 of 300.49' to a point of compound curvature, thence;

50 8. Continuing along the same with a curve to the left, having a radius
51 of 4,053.50', an arc length of 63.83', an interior angle of 0° 54' 08",
52 and a chord that bears N 65° 32' 49" E, a distance of 63.83' to a point
53 of compound curvature, thence;

54 9. Continuing along the same with a curve to the left, having a radius
55 of 7,017.50', an arc length of 712.28', an interior angle of 5° 48' 56",

1 and a chord that bears N 62° 11' 17" E, a distance of 711.98' to a point
2 of compound curvature, thence;

3 10. Continuing along the same with a curve to the left, having a radi-
4 us of 1,017.50', an arc length of 43.36', an internal angle of 2° 26'
5 30", and a chord that bears N 58° 03' 34" E, a distance of 43.36' to a
6 point of tangency, thence;

7 11. Continuing along the same, N 56° 50' 19" E, a distance of 274.53'
8 to a point of curvature, thence;

9 12. Continuing along the same with a curve to the right, having a
10 radius of 828.50', an arc length of 168.69', an internal angle of 11°
11 39' 58", and a chord that bears N 62° 40' 18" E, a distance of 168.40'
12 to a point of tangency, thence;

13 13. Continuing along the same, N 68° 30' 17" E, a distance of 104.68'
14 to a point, said point being the corner formed by the intersection of
15 the southerly line of Northern Boulevard (variable width) with the
16 westerly line of 126th Street (80' wide), thence;

17 14. Along the westerly line of 126th Street, S 21° 29' 43" E, a
18 distance of 1,687.91' to a point, thence;

19 15. Continuing along the same, S 19° 51' 59" W, a distance of 15.44'
20 to the point or place of BEGINNING.

21 EXCEPTING, the area within and including the exterior walls of the
22 stadium known, as of the date hereof, as Citi Field. Said overall parcel
23 containing 3,352,577 Square Feet (76.9646 acres) more or less.

24 All bearings and distances are in the New York State Plane Coordinate
25 System, Long Island Zone (NAD83/2011 Epoch 2010.00).

26 § 4. In the event that the city of New York received any funding,
27 support or assistance from the federal government for the purchase,
28 maintenance or improvement of the parklands set forth in section three
29 of this act, the discontinuance and alienation of such parklands author-
30 ized by the provisions of this act shall not occur until the city of New
31 York has complied with any federal requirements pertaining to the alien-
32 ation or conversion of parklands, including satisfying the secretary of
33 the interior that the alienation or conversion complies with all condi-
34 tions which the secretary of the interior deems necessary to assure the
35 substitution of other lands shall be equivalent in fair market value and
36 usefulness to the lands being alienated or converted.

37 § 5. If the parklands described in section three of this act are not
38 being used or in the process of being converted for use in accordance
39 with the purposes stated in subdivision one of this act within fifteen
40 years of the effective date of this act or if such parklands shall ever
41 be used for a purpose other than for the purposes described in section
42 one of this act, such parklands shall revert back to the city of New
43 York department of parks and recreation to be used for park and recre-
44 ational purposes or for the purposes provided by chapter 729 of the laws
45 of 1961, including any amendments thereto.

46 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.