

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Kelles) --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT authorizing the county of Cortland to transfer ownership of Linear Park to Lime Hollow Nature Center, Inc.

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, the county of Cort-  
2 land, acting through its governing body is hereby authorized to discon-  
3 tinue the use of Linear Park more particularly described in section  
4 three of this act, and to convey its interest in the real property to  
5 Lime Hollow Nature Center, Inc. upon terms agreed upon by the county of  
6 Cortland for use by Lime Hollow Nature Center, Inc. for park and/or  
7 recreational purposes.

8 § 2. The authorization provided in section one of this act shall be  
9 effective only upon the condition that the county of Cortland dedicate  
10 an amount equal to or greater than the fair market value of the park-  
11 lands being discontinued towards the acquisition of new parklands and/or  
12 capital improvements to existing park and recreational facilities.

13 § 3. The parklands authorized to be conveyed by the county of Cortland  
14 in section one of this act are located, bounded and described as  
15 follows:

16 ALL those certain pieces or parcels of land constituting the right of  
17 way and lands of the Branch Line of Railroad known as the Elmira, Cort-  
18 land and Northern Branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company situate  
19 in the Town of Cortlandville, County of Cortland and State of New York,  
20 beginning at a line marking the division of the Town of Groton, Tompkins  
21 County and the Town of Cortlandville, Cortland County at Chaining  
22 Station 3417+60, and extending generally easterly through said Town of  
23 Cortlandville to a point of ending marking the westerly line of a parcel  
24 of land containing seven hundred and fifty-five thousandths (0.755) of  
25 an acre, more or less, conveyed by Robert C. Haldeman, Trustee of the  
26 Property of Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, Debtor, to Cortland Wood  
27 Products, Inc. by deed dated September 28, 1978; said point of ending  
28 having a bearing of North two degrees thirty-eight minutes twenty-nine

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

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1 seconds West (N 2° 38'29" W), a distance of ninety-nine and twenty-eight  
2 hundredths (99.28) feet, more or less.

3 The area of land intended to be conveyed is twenty-one and four  
4 hundred seventeen thousandths (21.417) acres, more or less.

5 § 4. Should the lands described in section three of this act cease to  
6 be used for the purposes described in section one of this act, those  
7 lands shall revert to the county of Cortland for public park and recre-  
8 ational purposes.

9 § 5. The land to be transferred pursuant to this act and all struc-  
10 tures and facilities situated on such land shall be maintained, owned  
11 and operated for park purposes by the Lime Hollow Nature Center, Inc.

12 § 6. The use of such parkland and facilities to be transferred pursu-  
13 ant to this act shall continue to be made available to the general  
14 public of the state of New York, including all residents of the county  
15 of Cortland. Where the availability of such facilities is limited, use  
16 of such facilities must be determined by an equitable method.

17 § 7. In the event that the county of Cortland received any funding  
18 support or assistance from the federal government for the purchase,  
19 maintenance or improvement of the parklands set forth in section three  
20 of this act, the discontinuance and alienation of such parkland author-  
21 ized by the provisions of this act shall not occur until the county of  
22 Cortland has complied with any federal requirements pertaining to the  
23 alienation or conversion of parklands, including satisfying the secre-  
24 tary of the interior that the alienation or conversion complies with all  
25 conditions which the secretary of the interior deems necessary to assure  
26 the substitution of other lands shall be equivalent in fair market value  
27 and usefulness to the lands being alienated or converted.

28 § 8. This act shall take effect immediately.