

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, October 18, 2018

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, Planning & Sustainability, and the Conservation Commission

O-18.181 An Order

to Approve the Purchase of 119 Acres on Marble Brook, Leeds

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, The *Open Space and Recreation Plan: 2011-2018* recommends “preserve economically valuable land and fill gaps between protected land...[at] Mineral Hills, including Marble Brook”; and

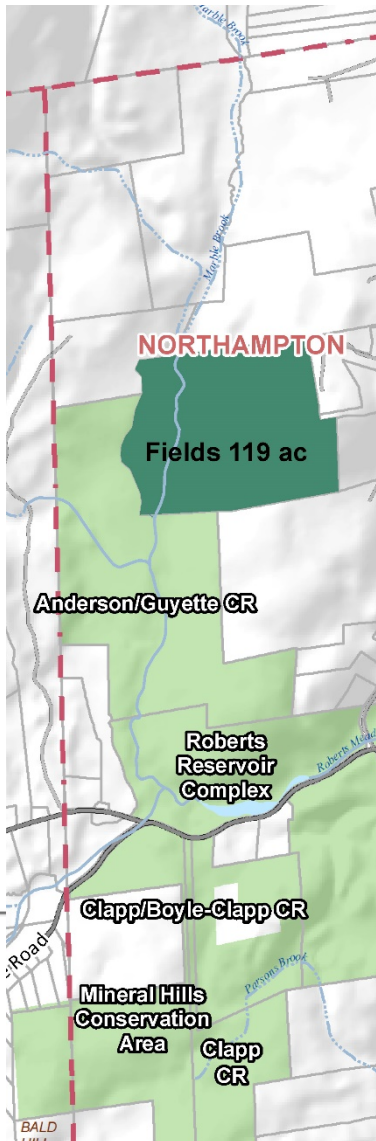
WHEREAS, The City is negotiating to purchase 119 acres of valuable wildlife and plant habitat that includes over half a mile of Marble Brook and abuts existing open space permanently protected with a conservation restriction;

Ordered, that

The Conservation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire for conservation and passive recreation purposes, as provided by MGL Chapter 40, §8C, any fee, easement or conservation restriction as defined in MGL Chapter 184, §31 or any other interest in the above land and any immediately adjoining land; that the City Council hereby accepts such conservation restrictions; that the Conservation Commission is authorized to grant conservation restrictions on any land so acquired; and that the Conservation Commission is authorized to contract for and expend any federal, state, or other aid available for this project, including any grant from the Division of Conservation Services of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, including the Landscape Partnership Grant Program, with such related restrictions and agreements as the City determines are agreeable;

Further that \$120,000 is appropriated for such acquisition; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$120,000 under MGL c.44, §7(3); and that the Conservation Commission is authorized to contract for any federal, state, or other aid available for this project, including any grant from the Division of Conservation Services of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs;

Further that any grants, donations, or sales shall be used to reimburse open space funds used for the purchase.



Fields 119 acres

