

**SENATE . . . . . No. 568**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Rebecca L. Rausch***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the Elm Bank Reservation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>Norfolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>10/31/2023</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>11/8/2023</i>

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By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 568) of Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation relative to the Elm Bank Reservation. Environment and Natural Resources.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to the Elm Bank Reservation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of  
2   conservation and recreation shall study and make recommendations to improve public and  
3   emergency access to the Elm Bank Reservation located in the towns of Wellesley and Dover.  
4   The report shall consider, without limitation, the purchasing of private land and the maintenance,  
5   construction and rehabilitation of current state-owned land. The report shall also identify long  
6   term expansion and rehabilitation of the current Elm Bank Reservation to maximize public use.  
7   The report shall be filed with the joint committee on the environment, natural resources and  
8   agriculture and the house and senate committee on ways and means no later than 90 days after  
9   the passage of this act.