

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4302**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carlos Gonzalez*

*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 authorizing the city of Springfield to convert certain park land at Emerson Wight Park.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>4/27/2016</i>

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By Mr. Gonzalez of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4302) of Carlos Gonzalez (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Springfield be authorized to use certain park land for other municipal purposes. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to convert certain park land at Emerson Wight Park.

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

1           An Act Authorizing the City of Springfield to Convert Certain Park Land at Emerson  
2 Wight Park to Construct a Community Center and Alleviate Traffic Congestion, and to Acquire  
3 and Dedicate Replacement Park Land.

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

6           Section 1. The city of Springfield, acting by through its city council, with the approval of  
7 its mayor, may covert certain parcels of land known to be part of Emerson Wight Park, to the  
8 Department of Public Works(DPW), for the construction and maintenance of cul-de-sacs located  
9 at the end of Rutledge Avenue and Wendell Place. The parcels to be converted contain  
10 approximately 0.42 acres collectively and are shown as Parcels A and B, areas of cul-de-sacs at  
11 the end of Rutledge Avenue and Wendell Place (0.17 and 0.25 acres respectively), on a plan

12 entitled "Plan of Proposed Conversion and Acquisition" by GZA Environmental Engineers  
13 ("Plan").

14 Section 2. The city of Springfield, acting by and through its city council, with the  
15 approval of its mayor, may also convert Parcel C (0.56) acres), which is known to be part of  
16 Emerson Wight Park, and shown on the above-referenced Plan, from park use to construct a  
17 Community Center to be maintained and controlled by the Springfield Park Commission.

18 Section 3: In consideration for the conversion of Parcels A AND B totaling 0.42 acres to  
19 traffic improvement use under the control of the DPW, and the conversion of Parcel C totaling  
20 0.56 acres as a Community Center under the Springfield Park Commission, the City of  
21 Springfield will acquire and dedicate, and the Springfield Park Commission agrees to accept,  
22 approximately 1.36 acres of replacement park land consisting of Parcels 1-7, Parcel 10, and  
23 portions of Parcel 9 and 11, as shown above-referenced plan, which will become part of Emerson  
24 Wight Park.

25 Section 4. The act shall take effect upon its passage.