

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 403**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

*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 to protect open space, historical resources, and community housing from coastal threats.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/6/2017</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 403) of James M. Cantwell and others relative to community preservation funds for seawall repairs. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 635 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to protect open space, historical resources, and community housing from coastal threats.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 44B, as appearing in 2014 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the definition "preservation" and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 definition:-

4           "Preservation", protection of personal or real property from injury, harm or destruction,  
5 including but not limited to the construction, alteration, or rehabilitation of beaches, dunes,  
6 seawalls, and other coastal infrastructure for the purpose of protecting open space, historical  
7 resources, or community housing from flooding, sea-level rise, and storm surge.