HOUSE No. 4009

The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act providing for the preservation and improvement of land, parks, and clean energy in the Commonwealth.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for preservation and improvement of the environmental assets of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

SECTION 1. To provide for a program of improvement and preservation of the energy and environmental assets of the commonwealth, the sums set forth in this act, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this act, are hereby made available, subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds, which sums shall be in addition to any other amounts previously appropriated for these purposes; provided, that the amounts specified in an item or for a particular project may be adjusted in order to facilitate projects authorized in this act .

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- 9 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
- 10 Office of the Secretary

2000-7053 For improvements and replacements to the infrastructure and holdings of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs; provided, that these improvements or replacements may include, but shall not be limited to, buildings, equipment, vehicles and communication and technology equipment; and provided further, that any expenditures for communication and technology equipment under this item shall be subject to the approval of the chief information officer of the commonwealth..............\$10,000,000

Department of Environmental Protection

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2200-7021 For investment in water and air quality protection as required to meet the legislative and regulatory requirements of the Rivers Protection Act, the federal and state Clean Water Acts and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and to provide for integrated energy and environmental projects to optimize and preserve environmental quality and public health and provide for appropriate protection, restoration, management, and best use of air, energy, water and land resources, assets and infrastructure; provided, that this funding, may include, but not be limited to, research and the collection of data to support investment in environmental assets, such as research and studies to include but not be limited to studies of water quality, the development of wetlands conservancy and tidelands Geographic Information System (GIS) maps, the implementation of water quality monitoring initiatives, the collection and analysis of water quality samples, and the development of water quality analyses known as Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's); the assessment of water quality health and impaired use of waterways; projects related to non-point and point sources of water pollution; and wetlands circuit rider program; provided further, that funds may be expended for the assessment, prevention and abatement of pollution or environmental degradation to the land, water and air; provided further, that investments shall be made in water quality restoration of degraded estuarine habitat for those projects that are consistent with the criteria of any applicable and current water resources plan adopted under section 208 of the federal Clean Water Act, to include pilot projects that test innovative green wastewater management technologies and methods in appropriate environmental settings; provided further, that funds may be expended for local grants and research for implementation of the commonwealth's Sustainable Water Management Initiative, such grants and research to provide the data necessary for municipalities to invest in efficient and effective mitigation practice to restore and preserve the commonwealth's water resources, assets and infrastructure; provided further, that funds may be expended for Sustainable Water Management Initiative related research and implementation projects conducted by the department of fish and game and its divisions; provided further, that funds may be expended for grants to cities, towns and districts for the acquisition of lands and waters and easements by those cities, towns and districts to protect and conserve groundwater aquifers, recharge areas and underground water supplies, surface water supplies and watershed areas, and surface or underground lands adjacent to those resources, for the protection of such water that is determined by the department of environmental protection to be of potential use for water supply purposes, and for the digging of wells, related infrastructure and equipment to access such underground water for the use for drinking water supply purposes, and to protect public health and safety when existing water supply sources are unsafe or immediately threatened due to pollution or severe drought, by establishing and connecting to alternate water supply sources; provided further, that funds authorized in this item may be used for the purposes of the department's statewide air monitoring network which may include, but not be limited to, photochemical assessment monitoring stations, small particulate monitoring and air toxins monitoring; and provided further, that funds authorized in this line may include the upgrade of equipment to

57 comply with federal requirements; provided further, that not more than \$500,000 shall be 58 expended to acquire land for the purpose to protect drinking water well field resources in the 59 town of Dighton; provided further, that not more than \$6,000,000 shall be expended as a grant 60 for engineering, planning construction, and related infrastructure and equipment, to establish and 61 connect to an alternate public water supply source for the town of Charlton, to replace the town's 62 unsafe and contaminated existing public water supply source; provided further, that not more 63 than \$7,000,000 shall be expended as a matching grant for the reconstruction of the Whitla Drive 64 sewer pumping station in the city of Worcester, and for related improvements to reroute, extend, 65 and expand the capacity of the sewer system in the Route 20 corridor in said city and the town of 66 Millbury, and to connect said extension with the existing regional wastewater treatment facility, 67 including, without limitation, the cost of engineering and design, to protect public health and 68 reduce the existing threat of sewerage overflow discharge into Lake Quinsigamond and the 69 Broodmeadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall 70 be expended for the purpose of municipal grants for all non-federally covered costs, to remove 71 the combined sewer outflows which discharge effluent and storm water into the Connecticut 72 River from the cities of Springfield, Chicopee and Holyoke and the town of Ludlow, to comply 73 with administrative mandates from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and to 74 remediate river pollution from such outflows, and to make any necessary modifications and 75 improvements to sewer system infrastructure in said municipalities directly resulting from such 76 removal, and subject to the requirement that the expenditure of funds, shall comply with the 77 federal mandates and, the criteria and directives of the Connecticut River Clean-up Committee of 78 the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for said municipalities.

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Department of Fish and Game

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2300-7027 For the purposes of fresh water aquatic fisheries restoration to include, establishing benchmarks to identify and target the conservation natural fisheries communities, establishing protection goals for high quality fish communities, and the execution of fisheries habitat restoration projects on natural fish communities, as identified by the division of fisheries

Department of Conservation and Recreation

2800-7108 For the purpose of all non-federal costs associated with the dredging and the disposal of dredged materials from the Commonwealth's costal public harbors channels, anchorages and waterways, and publicly-owned berths within designated port areas and approach channels thereto, and other public tidewaters, non-tidewaters, tidal flats and waterways as set forth in section 10 of chapter 91 of the General Laws, collectively referred hereinafter as "designated port area dredging projects", including, but not limited to, maintenances dredging projects as defined under 310 CMR 9.00 and maintenance dredging projects with a subsidiary improvement dredging component; provided, the office of waterways in the division of engineering of the department shall recommend the allocation and priority of funding for designated port area dredging projects based upon the designated port area dredging plan and consisting of those projects that are qualified by (i) having received all applicable dredging permits and other required environmental approvals, and (ii) demonstrating the availability of other funding or written commitments for such other funding or financial assistance, necessary to complete the project; except, the office of waterways may recommend funds be allocated sooner when in an emergency or other situations it finds that certain designated port area dredging projects should be undertaken prior to the completion of the designated port area dredging plan, if the project is otherwise qualified; provided further, that a portion of the funds authorized under this item may be used for the proper disposal of dredged materials as determined necessary through the course of environmental review and related expenses to mitigate any adverse environmental impacts; provided further, that such funds may be used for any associated costs as related to this item, to include, without limitation, design, engineering inspections, audits and legal services; provided further, that grants for dredging projects may be made to cities and towns; and provided further, that the expenditure of funds from this item for designated port area dredging projects shall be made as directed by the secretary of energy and environment affairs, notwithstanding the recommendation of the office of waterways.....\$20,000,000

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2800-7027 For the acquisition of land and interests in land by the department of conservation and recreation and for associated costs, to including, planning, study, due diligence, title and appraisal services, site restoration, stewardship and costs associated with the defense of eminent domain takings for the purpose of protecting significant natural and cultural resources of the commonwealth and enhancing the department's system of forests, parks and reservations; provided, that funds may be used for development and implementation of a stewardship program on lands under the care and control of the department, including, but not limited to, resource and land use monitoring, signage, boundary delineation and monitoring, preparation of baseline documentation, stewardship planning, ecological monitoring and enforcement of conservation restrictions or detection and resolution of encroachments on land owned in fee simple, and repair of damage to property related to illegal uses, including off-road vehicle trespass; and provided further, that funds may be used for inventory, restoration and reclamation of recently acquired land, including demolition of structures, removal of debris, eradication of non-native species, and other services essential to these reclamation efforts............\$50,000,000

2840-7027 For the design, construction, reconstruction, repair, improvement or rehabilitation of flood control facilities and water resource protection related facilities of the department, including its various pump stations and structures......\$2,000,000

2800-7029 For a grant program to assist and provide funding to conservation districts as defined in sections 19 through 24, inclusive, of chapter 21 of the General Laws, to perform innovative projects to conserve the soil, water and related natural resources of the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, conservation education, demonstration projects, the MassEnvirothon, and other projects related water and soil conservation. The program shall be administered by the director of the division of conservation services; provided, that all expenditures and program priorities shall be approved by the state commission on soil, water and related resources; and provided further, that prior to any project expenditure, the director and state commission shall consider the applicability of any current natural recourses plan and the availability of any suitable matching grant funding from other sources.......\$1,625,000

Division of Energy Resources

9300-7919 For the energy conservation improvement program under section 11 of chapter 25A of the General Laws; provided, that funds in this item shall be allocated from time to time by the commissioner of energy resources for the purposes of the energy audit program, the energy conservation improvement program, and the alternative energy property program, and for other programs that increase energy efficiency and the deployment of renewable resources at public facilities; provided further, that when expending these funds, the commissioner shall take into consideration, among other relevant factors, the amount of available state and federal

212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219	volume of requests or expected requests from other entities for assistance under each program, the expected costs and public benefits of each program and, after information has become available from the energy audit program, the priorities and needs indicated by that information; provided further, that funds shall be expended on the buildings and facilities owned by public entities; and provided further, that grants may be issued, to include, but not limited to, municipalities, regional planning agencies, non-profit organizations and other public and non-public entities, for the purposes of this item
220	SECTION 2A.
221	EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
222	Office of the Secretary
223	0620-1001 For the water pollution abatement trust established in section 2 of chapter 29C of the General Laws for deposit in the Water Pollution Abatement Revolving Fund
225 226	established in section 2L of chapter 29 of the General Laws for application by the trust to the purposes specified in section 5 of said chapter 29C, any portion of which may be used as a
227	matching grant by the commonwealth to federal capitalization grants received under Title VI of
228	the federal Clean Water Act or for deposit in the Drinking Water Revolving Fund established in
229	section 2QQ of chapter 29 of the General Laws for application by the trust to the purposes
230	specified in section 18 of said chapter 29C, any portion of which may be used as a matching
231	grant by the commonwealth to federal capitalization grants received under the federal Safe
232	Drinking Water Act; provided, that funds may be used to assist homeowners in complying with
233	the revised state environmental code for subsurface disposal of sanitary waste, Title 5
234	\$57,000,000
235	1100-2510 For improvements to coastal facilities in designated and non-designated port
236	areas, including those defined in chapter 21F of the General Laws, 301 CMR 25, section 63 of
237	chapter 91 of the General Laws and 312 CMR 2.00; provided, that improvements may include,
238	but shall not be limited to, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, expanding, replacing, and
239	improving public facilities, piers, wharves, boardwalks, berths, bulkheads, and other harbor and
240	waterfront facilities; provided, that not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended on capital
241	improvements to the state pier facility in the city of Fall River, which shall be made to further
242	economic development within the port of Fall River; projects may include, but shall not be
243 244	limited to, the construction of the south basin of the state pier facility, the rehabilitation and replacement of all marine structures for Battleship Cove in the port of Fall River, commercial
245	fishing improvements, commercial marine transportation improvements, and other capital
246	improvements related to economic development within the port of Fall River
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248 1100-2511 For the purpose to provide a matching grant program for the repairs, 249 construction, modernization of equipment and capital improvements for marine railways, which 250 are privately-owned and located in designated port areas or maritime industrial zones; provided, 251 that the secretary of administration and finance shall make available the funds under this item to 252 Mass Development to administer such grant program opportunities; and provided further, that 253 each grant shall require a private funding match in an amount not to exceed twenty five percent 254 255 1100-2515 For the purpose to conduct a fishing capacity reduction program; provided, 256 that of the funds provided to the secretary of administration and finance, \$1,000,000 shall be 257 made available for deposit into the appropriate fund administered by the National Marine 258 Fisheries Service as required by the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) to 259 offset the cost of a loan issued pursuant to sections 1111 and 1112 of title XI of the Merchant 260 Marine Act of 1936 (46 U.S.C. App. 1279f and 1279g) for conducting a fishing capacity 261 reduction program for the northeast multispecies fishery. Obligation of such funds are subject to 262 the provision of specific federal legislative authority to issue the loan under sections 1111 and 263 1112 of title XI of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 (46 U.S.C. App. 1279f and 1279g), the 264 approval by referendum of the program and fee system pursuant to section 312(d) of the 265 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), and the 266 specific indemnification from litigation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the capacity 267 reduction program......\$1,000,000 268 1100-2530 To capitalize the Massachusetts Water Technology Innovation Trust Fund 269 established in section 9A of chapter 23J, within the Clean Energy Technology 270 Center....\$25.000,000 271 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS 272 Office of the Secretary 273 2000-7027 To capitalize the Dam Repair or Removal Fund as established by section 2IIII 274 of chapter 29 of the General Laws......\$35,000,000 275 2000-7028 For the design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair or removal 276 of state-owned dams, municipally-owned dams, other publicly-owned dams, and other dams for 277 which emergency action is required, and for inland-flood control projects on publicly-owned 278 land, and any related facilities and equipment; subject to the requirement that the secretary of 279 energy and environmental affairs shall give priority to dams and flood control projects, which 280 pose the greatest risk to public health or safety, the environment, or is included in this item, 281 subject to applicable law and regulation; and for a program of planning, permitting and construction of fish ways and other aquatic habitat improvements, including, the removal or 282 283 breaching of selected dams and impoundments on publicly-owned land and waterways; 284 provided, that \$150,000 shall be expended for improvements and repairs to the Factory Pond

285 Dam in the town of Hanover; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended for 286 improvements and repairs to the Studley Pond Dam in the town of Rockland; provided further, 287 that \$4,400,000 shall be expended for engineering and construction costs for the rehabilitation 288 and improvements to the Whitney Pond Dam in the town of Winchendon; provided further, that 289 \$1,000,000 shall be expended for repairs and improvements to the Lake Maspenock Dam owned 290 by the town of Hopkinton; provided further, that funds shall be expended for the complete 291 removal of the Rattlesnake Brook Dam in the town of Freetown; provided further, that not less 292 than \$1,700,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Lower Van Horn Dam in the city of 293 Springfield; provided further, that not less than \$790,000 shall be expended for repairs to the Big Bearhole Pond Dam in the city of Taunton; provided further, that \$7,200,000 shall be expended 294 295 for the rehabilitation and improvements to the Mill Pond Dam in the town of Wareham; and 296 provided further, that \$1,000,000 shall be expended for repairs to the dam at Route 25, in the 297 town of Wareham\$30,000,000 298 2000-7031 To capitalize the Climate Change Adaptation Infrastructure Investment Fund 299 as established by section 2LLLL of chapter 29 of the General Laws.......\$30,000,000 300 2000-7032 To capitalize the Small Communities Water Infrastructure Grant Fund as 301 established by section 2MMMM of chapter 29 of the General 302 Laws.....\$25,000,000 303 2000-7035 To capitalize the Land Protection Capital Investment Trust Fund as 304 established by section 35ZZ of chapter 10 of the General 305 Laws.....\$20,000,000 306 2000-7054 For the parkland acquisition and renovation for communities (PARC) grant 307 program, formerly the urban self-help program, to provide assistance to cities and towns in the 308 acquisition of land, assessment and remediation of brownfield and greyfield sites and demolition 309 on project sites and construction and restoration of gardens and farms for community agriculture, 310 parks and recreation areas under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution and any 311 regulations adopted by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs; provided, that 312 notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the title to any land acquired with the funds authorized in this item which is no longer used as open space shall revert to the 313 314 commonwealth to be managed as open space.....\$30,000,000

2000-7056 For the conservation partnership grant program to assist not-for-profit corporations and soil conservation districts defined in sections 19 through 24 of chapter 21 of the General Laws in acquiring interests in lands suitable for purposes of conservation or recreation; provided, that the corporation shall be formed for one of the purposes described in section 4 of chapter 180 of the General Laws and the corporation shall be considered an exempt organization within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; provided further, that grant funds shall be expended to reimburse an eligible corporation or soil conservation district

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for money expended by it in establishing a project approved by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs under this program in an amount that the secretary shall determine to be equitable in consideration of anticipated benefits from the project, but in no event shall the amount of the reimbursement exceed 50 per cent of the cost of the project; provided further, that no reimbursement shall be made under this item to a corporation or soil conservation district unless a project application is filed by the corporation with the secretary setting forth the plans and information that the secretary may require and approved by the secretary, nor until the corporation or soil conservation district shall have certified, in a manner approved by the secretary, its ability to provide an amount equal to the total cost of the project, nor until the project has been completed, to the satisfaction of the secretary, in accordance with the approved plans; provided further, that all projects shall include the grant by the corporation or soil conservation district of an appropriate perpetual conservation restriction, within the meaning of sections 31 and 32 of chapter 184 of the General Laws, to the city or town in which the project is located, to be managed by either its conservation or its recreation commission, or a federal or state agency, or a not-for-profit corporation, or combination of these entities; provided further, that all projects shall provide appropriate public access as determined by the secretary; and provided further, that the secretary may adopt rules and regulations to carry out this item.....\$8.000,000

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2000-7058 For the landscape partnership grant program to assist not-for-profit corporations and not-for- profit trust organizations, and cities and towns acting through their conservation commissions or water departments, in cooperation with the departments of conservation and recreation, fish and game and agricultural resources, to acquire interests in land across the commonwealth to permanently conserve and steward large, regionally appropriate, landscape-scale land conservation projects, and to assist cities and towns in local zoning and planning efforts; to further conservation and connectivity of working farms, forests and open space and prevent low-density sprawl development; to protect the water quality of aquifers, wells watersheds and other water bodies; and which promotes resilient ecosystems that are beneficial to communities, and valuable to wildlife habitat as defined by the Massachusetts Wildlife Action Plan and takes into account potential impacts associated with climate change; provided, that the not-for-profit corporation shall be formed for one of the purposes described in section 4 of chapter 180 of the General Laws and the corporation shall be considered an exempt organization within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; provided, that not-forprofit trust organizations shall be formed for the purpose of land conservancy or agriculture, and shall be considered an exempt organization within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; provided further, that the grants shall be expended in the completion of an approved project by an eligible corporation or trust organization, city or town in the approved acquisition of land and interests in land for permanent conservation purposes under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution or sections 31 and 32 of Chapter 184 of the General Laws and for associated costs including planning, study, due diligence, title, environmental site assessment, appraisal services, interest on loans, provided the rate does not exceed the current

average market rate, and site restoration and for stewardship including baseline documentation report creation and long-term stewardship monitoring agreements and for technical assistance in the development of city and town bylaws for natural resource protection zoning purposes and related city and town conservation purposes and for study, inventory and related work in preparation for and assessment of marketable ecosystem services provided by the project lands; provided further that grant funds shall be expended in the completion of an approved project by an eligible corporation or trust organization, city or town for a project previously approved by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs under this program in an amount that the secretary shall determine to be equitable in consideration of anticipated benefits from the cost of the project, but in no event shall the amount exceed 50 per cent of the total cost of the project as approved by the secretary; provided further, that all projects shall provide appropriate public access as determined by the secretary; provided further, that the secretary may adopt rules and regulations to carry out this item; provided further, that \$1,200,000 shall be expended as a grant for the purchase of approximately 49 acres of land by the Harwich Conservation Trust in the town of Harwich; and provided further, that \$800,000 shall be expended as a grant for the purchase by the Oyster Pond Environmental Trust of approximately 22 acres of land located in the Quissett area in the Oyster Pond Watershed in the town of Falmouth for the purpose to protect the environment and natural ecological systems of Oyster Pond......\$35,000,000

2000-7065 For the local acquisition for natural diversity (LAND) grant program, formerly the self-help program, to provide assistance to cities and towns in the acquisition of conservation land under section 11 of chapter 132A of the General Laws, Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution and any regulations adopted by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs to effect this act or said section 11; provided, that notwithstanding any

2000-7070 For the development and support of a regional comprehensive climate change adaptation management plan grant program consisting of financial assistance to regional planning agencies to develop and implement comprehensive adaptation management plans at the regional level of government; and such plans shall include, but not be limited to, technical planning guidance for adaptive municipalities through a step-by-step process for regional climate vulnerability assessment and adaptation strategy development; development of definition of regional impacts by supporting municipalities conducting climate vulnerability assessments; and development of understanding regional characteristics, including regional environmental and socioeconomic characteristics; and such grants shall advance statewide, regional, and local efforts to adapt land-use, zoning, infrastructure, policies, and programs to reduce the vulnerability of the built and natural environment to changing environmental conditions as a result of climate change; provided, that the secretary of energy and environmental affairs may issue grants to regional planning agencies to implement said programs; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for the costs of services rendered by regional planning agency employees or by consultants.............\$30,000,000

Department of Agricultural Resources

2500-7024 For the agricultural environmental enhancement program on the abatement of all forms of pollution generated from agricultural activities originally funded under section 8 of chapter 258 of the acts of 1996; provided, that funds may be allocated by the commissioner of agricultural resources through competitive grants awarded to public and non-public entities to carry out the purposes of this item......\$2,000,000

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Amherst

7100-3000 For the design, rehabilitation or construction of a research and extension building of approximately 20,000 square feet, at the University of Massachusetts Center for Urban Sustainability in the city of Waltham for the purpose to conduct research and advance urban sustainable agriculture through public- private partnerships, to include, without limitation, urban agricultural issues related to food security, safety and access, environmental stewardship and workforce development; provided, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for the creation and development of an Eastern Regional Center for Urban Sustainability at Bristol County Agricultural High School in the town of Dighton; and for technology and space upgrades at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in the town of Amherst; and for the coordination among agricultural schools and institutes of learning in the commonwealth to educate and promote sustainable agriculture and related agricultural issues.........\$30,000,000

SECTION 2B.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Office of the Secretary

2000-7053 For the purpose of a forestry and tree planting greening program for projects throughout the commonwealth on publicly-owned land, to include, without limitation, the evaluation and planning of forestry and tree greening projects, tree stock and planting, and the care and protection of trees and forests; provided, the secretary shall give priority to the planting of trees in areas devastated by catastrophic weather events or wide-spread insect infestation or in area locations of aquifers, recharge areas, wells, reservoirs and other water bodies that will improve water quality as part of a natural ecosystem; provided further, that the secretary shall issue grants to cities and towns to achieve the purposes of this item; and provided further, that

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2000-7057 For the acquisition, development, construction and improvement of parks in urban neighborhoods currently underserved with parks consistent with attainment of environmental equity, including planning related to these parks; completion of urban forestry and tree planting projects, assessment and remediation of brownfield and greyfield sites intended for reuse as parks, drafting of architectural renderings, construction documents, and other technical documents necessary for parks construction, acquisition of land or interests in land for the creation of parks under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution, and for the construction, rehabilitation and improvement of parks. including, without limitation, all related facilities, landscaping, monuments and features, parking areas and roadways; and, for the development and implementation of plans to improve recycling, composting and energy efficiency in parks; and for the rehabilitation or establishment of parks on historic properties, landscapes and sites; provided, that the secretary of energy and environmental affairs may issue grants to public and non-public entities to implement these projects; provided further, that not more than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for a study to assess the feasibility, economic benefits, traffic and community impacts, project costs, and to create design plans and construction documents, for the proposal to reopen and reestablish a section of the historic Blackstone Canal as a park in the city of Worcester, and to include related costs for engineering, and an assessment and plan to reconfigure the city's sewer system affected by the project; provided further, that \$155,000 shall be expended for the Acushnet Avenue and Brooklawn Park Flooding Relief Project to install drainage and make other improvements to reduce surface flooding in Brooklawn Park, Acushnet Avenue and the Wilks Branch Library area in the city of New Bedford; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended for the design and construction of a veterans' war memorial in Isaac Prouty Park in the town of Spencer; provided further, that no less than \$800,000 shall be expended for the installation of traffic control signals and other related safety improvements, at the Parker Street vehicle entrance to Greenleaf Park in the city of Springfield; provided further, that \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the purpose to make improvements to the Boyden Park/Conservation Land Acquisition parcel as identified in the 2002 Boyden Park/Conservation Land Master Plan in the city of Taunton; and, provided further, that \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the redevelopment and modernization of Hopewell Park, Memorial Park, Weir Field, and Whittenton Field in city of Taunton, and subject to the provision, that no less than \$250,000 shall be expended for such improvement projects at each listed park or

2000-7055 For integrated energy and environmental projects to provide for appropriate conservation, protection, restoration, management, and best use of air, energy, water and land resources; to support the study and development of district energy systems, including municipally supported plans for the appropriate siting of district energy, heating or cooling project, micro grids or combined heat and cooling systems; to provide for the propagation,

protection, control and management of fish, other aquatic life, wildlife, and endangered species, to optimize and preserve environmental quality and public health, to encourage environmental equity; to provide for the assessment, prevention and abatement of water, land, air, noise, and other pollution or environmental degradation taking into account any relevant information from the BioMap2 mapping and the critical linkages project, to provide for assessment and mitigation and adaptation to climate change and regional flooding to provide geographic information systems and data, including, but not limited to, conservation and development plans, provided through the office of geographic and environmental information, to collect, store and provide geographic, energy, and environmental and other information, to provide environmental, land use, water budgets and other trends and conditions, provided, that the secretary may allocate funds for the purposes of this item; and provided further, that grants may be awarded to public or non-public entities to carry out this item; and provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be expended for a flood management study of the Assawompset Pond Complex that is part of the Taunton River Watershed, comprising of the towns of Freetown, Lakeville, Middleborough, Rochester and the cities of New Bedford and Taunton, including, but not limited to, an analysis of existing conditions and recommendations for flood management and mitigation, ecological sustainability and river flow improvements, and as relating to the water flows of the Nemasket River into the Taunton River and related water storage and flooding issues of Assawompsett

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2000-7056 For the improvement of recreational opportunities, protection of the ecological integrity and for limiting eutrophication in the commonwealth's lakes and ponds including, but not limited to, restoration of water depths, enhancement of fisheries habitat, control of nutrients, control of aquatic vegetation and associated water quality problems; that funds may be expended from this item for the costs of planning, feasibility analysis, engineering, design, permitting, construction and construction inspection and performance of dredging projects, including material management; provided, however, that priority funding shall be available for the construction of designed and permitted dredge projects and for any dredging projects authorized specifically under this item; and provided further, that the secretary of energy and environmental affairs shall award grants to public and non-public entities including municipalities, non-profit organizations and lake and pond associations to carry out the purpose of this item; provided further, that \$80,000 shall be expended for the purpose to improve, manage and protect the water quality in Thompson Pond in the town of Spencer; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended for the purpose to improve, manage and protect the water quality in Small Pond, also known as Little Stiles Pond or Lower Stiles Pond, in the towns of Spencer and Leicester; provided further, that not less than \$5,000,000 shall be expended for a dredging project and to improve, manage and protect the water quality, in Lake Wickaboag in the town of West Brookfield; provided further, that \$748,000 shall be expended for the purpose to improve, manage and protect the water quality and the water level in Sassaquin Pond in the town of Westport, including tree plantings and other improvements near the pond to reduce pollution and erosion from storm water run-off; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be

expended for the purpose to protect and preserve the water quality in Hammond Pond in the city of Newton, to include, without limitation, the stabilization of pond banks by drainage modifications and improvements, vegetation enhancements, macrobphtic weed removal and enhancing existing gardens and natural buffers; and provided further, that \$150,000 shall be expended for the purpose to improve, manage and protect the water quality in Crystal Lake in the city of Newton, to include, without limitation, the testing for water pollutants, and improvements to reduce pollution and erosion from water-run off near the pond\$25,000,000

2000-7051 For the development and support of local, regional, and state land use planning and management capabilities in support of smart growth efforts, including but not limited to convening the public to enhance awareness of and participation in planning, regulatory, and permitting decisions; research; land use data acquisition and analysis; site specific brownfields, feasibility, reuse and other assessments; plans for water, sewer, storm water, naturally occurring ecosystems, road, transit and other infrastructure investments; site specific land use plans including construction documents and architectural blueprints; the development of municipal open space and recreation plans, municipal master plans under section 81D of chapter 41 of the General Laws, regional policy plans under chapter 40B of the General Laws, and state plans for land conservation and development; subdivision, zoning, and other local, regional, or state land use bylaws, ordinances, policies, guidelines, and regulations; and for outreach, communications, education, and planning to advance environmental equity, smart growth, and the MA Sustainable Development Principles; provided, that the secretary of energy and environmental affairs may issue grants to organizations including but not limited to municipalities, regional planning agencies, non-profit organizations, and other public and nonpublic entities to implement said programs; and provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for the costs of services rendered by agency employees or by consultants.....\$10,000,000

2000-7059 For a program to be administered by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs to provide grants to cities and towns for the planning, design, technical assistance, construction and improvement of aqueduct recreational trails on the Cochituate, Weston, Sudbury and Wachusett aqueducts of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority ("MWRA"), and related road crossing locations on municipally-owned land right-of ways, to

2000-7065. For the design, construction, restoration, enhancement, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement or removal of infrastructure on the metropolitan region's public beaches owned by the commonwealth and under the care, custody and control of the department of conservation and recreation, including, but not limited to buildings, roads, trails and paths; provided, that costs payable from this item may include, but not be limited to, the costs of engineering, restoration, construction and other technical assistance services essential to these projects rendered by the department of conservation and recreation, maintenance employees or by consultants. Projects shall include, but are not limited to, those recommended by the Metropolitan Beaches Commission.........\$40,000,000

Department of Environmental Protection

2200-7023 For the purposes of discovery, assessment, containment, clean-up, and closure of existing or closed solid waste facilities causing or threatening to cause pollution as authorized by section 4 of chapter 21H of the General Laws; funds authorized in this item may also be used for capital expenditure associated with composting and recycling program consistent with the statewide Solid Waste Master Plan authorized by section 21 of chapter 16 of the General Laws; provided, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended as grants to towns with not more than 15,000 inhabitants, for recycling equipment including, sheds, dumpsters, storage containers and tank equipment and related signage, used in connection with the

temporary storage and recycling of batteries, paint, oil, mercury fluorescent light bulbs, electronic products and other hazardous wastes, for local municipal recycling programs; and provided further, that not more than \$100,000 shall be expended for an environmental assessment and study and the development of an environmental remediation plan for the town dump and Sears Farm sites in the town of Swansea......\$20,000,000

Department of Fish and Game

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2300-7020 For the acquisition of land and interests in land by the department of fish and game and for associated costs, including planning, study, due diligence, title and appraisal services, site restoration and stewardship for the purpose of protecting the native flora and fauna communities and for associated costs; provided, that the commissioner of fish and game may develop and utilize scientifically-based evaluation criteria to identify and select the most biologically significant areas throughout the commonwealth including, but not limited to, specific parcels, and that these lands may be purchased after being selected by this process and approved by the commissioner of fish and game; provided further, that funds may be expended on the development and implementation of a stewardship program on lands under the care and control of the department of fish and game and its divisions, either in fee simple or through conservation easement or conservation restrictions, including but not limited to resource and land use monitoring, baseline documentation report creation, signage, boundary marking and monitoring, stewardship planning, stewardship personnel, stewardship database development, ecological monitoring, and enforcement of conservation easements or conservation restrictions or detection and resolution of encroachments on land owned in fee simple, and repair of damage related to illegal off-road vehicle trespass; and provided further, that funds may be used for inventory, restoration and reclamation of recently acquired land, including demolition of structures, removal of debris, eradication of non-native species, and other services essential to these reclamation efforts; provided further, that the department of fish and game shall establish a program for the restoration and habitat protection of cranberry bogs and associated wetland systems, and for the acquisition in land or interests in land, by the department of fish and game of environmentally significant wetland habitats for the purpose of preservation of open space and to improve and protect natural water resources and quality that is essential to cranberry agriculture and plant habitat, and projects under said program may be carried out with other governmental agencies and entities, non-profit and conservation organizations, and public and private land owners. \$50,000,000

2300-7024 For a program of upland habitat management of forestlands, shrub lands, and grasslands, to provide habitat for native wildlife species experiencing long-term population declines, to control invasive, exotic species that degrade natural habitats, and to maintain independent, third party certification of sustainable resource management on state wildlife lands through the forest stewardship council or the sustainable forestry initiative; provided, that activities shall include, but shall not be limited to, implementation of habitat management plans as established by the division of fisheries and wildlife and approved by the director of the division and the commissioner of the department; and to establish and support an integrated, early detection and rapid response system for invasive species and to complete a strategic management plan for invasive species to prevent, control, eradicate and restore natural management areas; and for a landowner incentive grant program to restore declining species and their habitats identified in the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy on private lands that may include, but shall not be limited to, technical and financial assistance, implementation and monitoring as established by the division of fisheries and wildlife and approved by the director of the division and the commissioner of the department, and for associated costs; provided, that the associated costs may include, but shall not be limited to, restoration, management, monitoring services, and equipment purchases; provided further, that the projects may be carried out in cooperation with cities, towns, not-for-profit organizations, private landowners, conservation organizations, sportsmen's clubs or governmental agencies; provided further, that grants may be awarded to public and non-public entities to carry out the purposes of this item; and provided further, that the department may award grants to public and non-public entities to carry out the purposes of this item

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2300-7025 For river and wetland restoration programs in the division of ecological restoration, riverways program and the commissioner's office within the department of fish and game; provided, that funds authorized in this item may be utilized for river, wetland, and river corridor revitalization, ecological restoration and protection of aquatic ecosystems and functions

2300-7026 For the planning, engineering, design, construction, construction inspection, acquisition, development, and reconstruction of existing and new coastal and inland access sites including, but not limited to, boat launching facilities, fisherman boat access facilities, car-top boat launching facilities, canoe and kayak access facilities, sport fishing piers and shore fishing areas including, but not limited to, ramps, docks, floats and appurtenant facilities throughout the commonwealth including, but not limited to, construction of signage and informational kiosks, and the implementation of coastal projects developed jointly with the Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Fund; provided, that not less than \$350,000 shall be made available to the town of Dartmouth for the reconstruction and improvements to the Apponagansett Point Boat Ramp, also known as the Arthur F. Dias Landing in said town; provided further, that \$450,000 shall be expended to reconstruct the Weweantic River boat ramp and rebuild the boat ramp parking area in the town of Wareham; provided further, that \$400,000 shall be expended to reconstruct the Sabbatia Lake boat ramp and rebuild the boat ramp parking area in the city of Taunton; provided further, that \$75,000 shall be expended to repair the Tispaquin Pond boat ramp in the town of Middleboro; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for handicap access improvements at the Dick and Paula Woodward Fisherman's Access Area and public dock, at South Pond in the town of Brookfield; and provided further, that \$400,000 shall be expended to reconstruct the Nippenicket Lake boat ramp and rebuild the boat ramp parking area in the town of Bridgewater.....\$20,000,000

Department of Agricultural Resources

2500-7023 For the purpose of developing and implementing programs designed to address and to provide financial grants and assistance for agricultural economic and environmental sustainability, research, industry promotion, technology transfer, education and to facilitate improvements to agricultural infrastructure, energy conservation and efficiency, as well as

renewable energy projects, including the development and implementation of farm viability plans and other technical and engineering assistance to enhance the economic and environmental viability of farms, to promote urban agriculture, to provide for shorter term land covenants, and for undertaking of markets for agricultural products to assist in agricultural

business enhancement and transition, the creation of a program, including grants to public and non-public entities for the development and implementation of new procedures for energy conservation and efficiency, renewable and alternative energy sources to assist the commonwealth's agricultural community to grow and develop; provided further, that there be established a program to assist in the preservation and rehabilitation of facilities and land resources of agricultural fairs in the commonwealth through preservation covenants, grants, demonstration projects and other means, under section 38C of chapter 128 of the General Laws; provided further, that funds authorized in this item may be allocated by the commissioner through competitive grants; provided further, that the commissioner may adopt regulations relative to these grants; provided further, that \$8,000,000 shall be expended on programs for the purpose to promote urban agriculture, including, grants to municipalities and non-profit organizations to acquire land for urban agriculture, and for related infrastructure, equipments and technical assistance, subject to the requirement that such expenditures benefit recipient communities by promoting community, access to locally grown food, job creation, small business development, agricultural training and youth development; provided further, that not more than \$35,000 shall be expended as a grant for increasing the head start capacity and greater separation of animals as part of the bio-security protocol of the Natural Resources Management Program at the Bristol County Agricultural High School in the town of Dighton; and provided further, that not less than \$350,000 shall be expended for the purpose of the Massachusetts Farm Energy Program to implement programs to improve farm viability and reduce greenhouse gases by providing technical assistance, energy audits and financial grants related to energy efficiency conservation improvements and on-site production of renewable and alternate energy on farms......\$15,000,000

Department of Conservation and Recreation.

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2840-7024 For the design, construction, reconstruction, removal, improvement or rehabilitation of department reservations, forests, parks, harbor islands, skating rinks, swimming pools, golf courses, tennis courts, basketball courts, playgrounds, other recreational facilities, beaches and related facilities, storage buildings, office buildings and other parks buildings and equipment and for the planning, design, construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or improvement of department bike paths, greenways, recreational trails, and related facilities and equipment; provided, that \$10,000,000 shall be expended for the planning, design, construction of recreation swimming related facilities and improvements, to include, without limitation, swimming platforms and related equipment at the Lower Basin of the Charles River in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$10,000,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to the Horseneck Beach State Reservation in the town of Westport, subject to the restriction that the department shall not relocate any of the existing 32 waterfront campsites at the Horseneck Beach campgrounds as a result of such improvements; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for the design and construction of a visitors and education center for the Freetown State Forest located in the town of Freetown; and provided further, that

2840-7026 For recreational trails matching grants to assist nonprofit organizations and cities and towns to construct, repair and protect recreational trails, including water trails, trails that access rivers, lakes and ponds, and trails for the use of recreational vehicles and snow vehicles, as described under section 20 of chapter 90B of the General Laws; provided,that grant funds shall be expended to reimburse a nonprofit organization, city or town in an amount that the commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation shall determine to be appropriate relative to the anticipated benefits of the project; provided further, that the non-profit organization, or city, or town shall contribute at least 20 percent of the project costs, which may include in-kind expenses; and provided further, the funds expended from this item for the cost of employees shall not exceed 5 percent of the funds expended from this item in a fiscal year

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SECTION 2C.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Department of Conservation and Recreation

2890-7020 For the design, construction, reconstruction, repair, improvement, or rehabilitation of department of conservation and recreation parkways, boulevards, multi-use trails, internal state park roads and recreational trails, pedestrian bridges and related appurtenances and equipment including, but not limited to, the costs of engineering and other services for those projects rendered by department of conservation and recreation employees or by consultants; provided, that funds may be expended for pedestrian and bicycle safety, traffic calming, landscape improvements, street lighting, and safety equipment; provided further, that all work funded by this item shall be carried out according to standards developed by the department of conservation and recreation pursuant to historic parkways preservation treatment guidelines to protect the scenic and historic integrity of the bridges and parkways under its control; provided, that \$32,000,000 shall be expended to complete the planning, design and construction of Phase II of the Historic Parkways Initiative along the section of the Memorial Drive between the Longfellow Bridge and the Boston University Bridge, also known as the BU Bridge, in the city of Cambridge, to construct and make improvements to pedestrian pathways, bike and paths, and to make betterments to landscaping; and in accordance with the MassDOT's Healthy Transportation Directive; and provided further, that not more than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the construction of a recreational trail around Watson Pond and for connecting access trails, in Watson Pond State Park in the city of Taunton......\$78,000,000

SECTION 2D.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS.

Division of Energy Resources

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9300-7918 For the energy conservation improvement program under section 11 of chapter 25A of the General Laws; provided, that costs payable from this item shall include, but not be limited to, the costs of engineering and other services essential to these projects rendered by department of environmental protection and maintenance employees or by consultants; provided further, that funds in this item shall be allocated from time to time by the commissioner of energy resources for the purposes of the energy audit program, the energy conservation improvement program, and the alternative energy property program, and for other programs that increase energy efficiency and the deployment of renewable resources at public facilities; provided further, that when expending these funds, the commissioner shall take into consideration, among other relevant factors, the amount of available state and federal financial resources, the needs of each program with respect to public buildings and facilities, the volume of requests or expected requests from other entities for assistance under each program, the expected costs and public benefits of each program and, after information has become available from the energy audit program, the priorities and needs indicated by that information; provided further, that funds shall be expended on the buildings and facilities owned by public entities; provided further, that for projects which the secretary of administration and finance certifies to the comptroller directly or indirectly generate new state revenue or budgetary savings, the comptroller shall transfer those budgetary savings or revenue to the state treasurer for payment of debt service related to those projects; and provided further, that grants may be issued, including, but not limited to, municipalities, regional planning agencies, non-profit organizations and other public and non-public entities, for the purposes of this item; provided, that not more than \$100,000 shall be expended for the development and installation of a solar energy farm at the Bristol County Agricultural School in the town of Dighton; and provided further, that not less

than \$2,000,000 shall be expended on energy efficiency and environmental improvements to Union Station in the city of Springfield.....

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862 SECTION 2E.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance

1102-2015 For the accelerated energy program to improve the energy efficiency of state-owned facilities which includes costs associated with planning and studies, prepayment of lease for a term that exceeds the useful life of the facility, gifts, or other transfers, or by eminent domain under chapter 79 of the General Laws, for the preparation of plans and specifications, repairs, construction, renovations, improvements, asset management and demolition, disposition and remediation of state-owned and former county facilities and grounds and repair and maintenance of buildings and building systems and equipment at various facilities of the commonwealth; provided, that all maintenance and repair work funded in this item shall be listed in the capital asset management information system administered by the division of capital asset management and maintenance; provided further, that, where appropriate, the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance may transfer funds in accordance with the delegation of project control and supervision process under section 40B of chapter 7 of the General Laws; provided further, that costs payable from this item shall include, but not be limited to, the costs of engineering and other services essential to these projects rendered by division of capital asset management and maintenance employees or by consultants; and provided further, that amounts expended for division employees may include the salary and salary-related expenses of these employees to the extent that they work on or in support of these projects............\$62,000,000

SECTION 2F.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance

1102-2016 For the accelerated energy program to improve the energy efficiency of state-owned facilities and municipal owned facilities which includes costs associated with planning and studies, prepayment of lease for a term that exceeds the useful life of the facility, gifts, or other transfers, or by eminent domain under chapter 79 of the General Laws, for the preparation of plans and specifications, repairs, construction, renovations, improvements, asset management and demolition, disposition and remediation of state-owned and former county facilities and grounds and repair and maintenance of buildings and building systems and equipment at various facilities of the commonwealth; provided, that all maintenance and repair work of state-owned facilities, funded in this item shall be listed in the capital asset management

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Office of the Secretary

2000-7026 For the design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation improvement or removal of coastal infrastructure, including but not limited to seawalls, jetties, revetments, retaining walls, natural occurring ecosystems and other infrastructure designed to reduce damage from flooding or waves of coastal areas; provided, that costs payable from this item may include, but not be limited to, the costs of engineering and other technical assistance services essential to these projects rendered by the office of coastal zone management within the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, the office of waterways within the department of conservation and recreation and the department of fish and game and its divisions, and maintenance employees or by consultants; provided further, that loans may be made to local government units to carry out this item; provided further, that grants may be awarded to public entities to carry out this item; and provided further, that before expending funds for a project under this item, an evaluation shall consider whether the project: (i) has a moderate or high protection level in accordance with The Massachusetts Coastal Infrastructure Inventory and Assessment Project, (ii) is in a declining condition from any maintenance and engineering reports, (iii) improves the resilience to the impact of climate change, (iv) expands the benefits of naturally occurring ecosystems, and (iv) protects public safety and health, including, without limitation, wells and public water supplies, hazardous waste sites, sewerage treatment plants and the use of hospitals and essential public safety facilities; and provided further, that \$7,200,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction of the state-owned, Point Allerton Avenue seawall in the town of Hull.....\$65,000,000

SECTION 3. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth, in an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of \$200,625,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth under this section shall be designated on their face, Preservation and Improvement of Environmental Assets Loan Act of 2013, and shall be issued for a maximum terms of years, not exceeding 30 years, that the governor may recommend to the general court under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. All these bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2048. All interest and payments on account of principal of these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund unless otherwise specified. Bonds and interest on bonds issued under this section, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.

SECTION 4. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2A, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth, in an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of \$551,000,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth under this section shall be designated on their face, Preservation and Improvement of Environmental Assets Loan Act of 2013, and shall be issued for a maximum terms of years, not exceeding 30 years, that the governor may recommend to the general court under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. All these bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2048. All interest and payments on account of principal of these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund unless otherwise specified. Bonds and interest on bonds issued under the authority of this section, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.

SECTION 5. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2B, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth, in an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of \$449,000,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth under this section shall be designated on their face, Preservation and Improvement of Environmental Assets Loan Act of 2013, and shall be issued for a maximum terms of years, not exceeding 30 years, that the governor may recommend to the general court under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. All these bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2048. All interest and payments on account of principal of these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund unless otherwise specified. Bonds and interest on bonds issued under this section, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.

SECTION 6. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2C, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate,

the sum of \$78,000,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth under this section shall be designated on their face, Environmental Transportation Assets Loan Act of 2013 and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not to exceed 30 years, which the governor may recommend to the general court under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. All these bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2048. All interest and payments on account of principal of these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund unless otherwise specified. Bonds and interest on bonds issued under this section, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.

SECTION 7. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2D, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth, in an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of \$15,000,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth under this section shall be designated on their face, Preservation and Improvement of Environmental Assets Loan Act of 2013, and shall be issued for a maximum terms of years, not exceeding 30 years, that the governor may recommend to the general court under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. All these bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2048. All interest and payments on account of principal of these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund unless otherwise specified. Bonds and interest on bonds issued under this section, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.

SECTION 8. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2E, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate, \$62,000,000. All such bonds issued by the commonwealth shall be designated on their face, Accelerated Energy Program Improvement Act of 2013, and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not exceeding 30 years, as the governor may recommend to the general court under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. The bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2048. All interest and payments on account of principal on these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund. Bonds and interest on bonds issued under this section shall, notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, be general obligations of the commonwealth.

SECTION 9. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2F, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate, \$250,000,000. All such bonds issued by the commonwealth shall be designated on their face, Accelerated Energy Program Improvement Act of 2013, and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not exceeding 30 years, as the governor may recommend to the general court under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. The bonds shall be payable not

later than June 30, 2048. All interest and payments on account of principal on these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund. Bonds and interest thereon issued under this section shall, notwithstanding any other provisions.

SECTION 10. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2G, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth, in an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of \$65,000,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth under this section shall be designated on their face, Coastal Infrastructure Investment Loan Act of 2013, and shall be issued for a maximum terms of years, not exceeding 30 years, that the governor may recommend to the general court under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. All these bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2048. All interest and payments on account of principal of these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund unless otherwise specified. Bonds and interest on bonds issued under this section, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.

SECTION 11. The secretary of administration and finance shall submit a report on the progress of any projects funded through the authorizations in this act to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means, and the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the previous year planned spending, previous year spending, current year planned spending, current year spending to date, original estimated total project cost, project description, location of the project, type of spending, type of asset and useful life of the project once completed. The report shall be submitted on June 30 and December 31 of each year for a period of 8 years after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 12. To provide for the continued availability of certain bond-funded spending authorizations which otherwise would expire, the balances of the following appropriation items and any allocations thereof are hereby extended through June 30, 2017, for the purposes of and subject to the conditions stated for these items in the original authorizations and any amendments to such authorizations: 1100-2500, 1102-6000, 1102-7000, 2000-2011, 2000-2012, 2000-2017, 2000-2019, 2000-2021, 2000-2035, 2000-7013, 2000-7014, 2000-7015, 2000-7016, 2000-7018, 2000-7022, 2000-7023, 2000-7024, 2000-7025, 2200-2011, 2200-2015, 2200-2017, 2200-7011, 2200-7012, 2200-7013, 2200-7014, 2200-7015, 2200-7017, 2200-7018, 2200-8969, 2240-8820, 2250-8820, 2250-8822, 2300-2014, 2300-2016, 2300-2017, 2300-7010, 2300-7011, 2300-7013, 2300-7014, 2300-7015, 2300-7016, 2300-7017, 2300-7018, 2500-7012, 2500-7013, 2500-7014, 2800-7011, 2800-7012, 2800-7013, 2800-7015, 2800-7016, 2800-7017, 2800-7018, 2800-7019, 2800-7022, 2800-7097, 2800-7098, 2820-1420, 2820-2011, 2820-2012, 2840-2023, 2840-7014, 2840-7017, 2890-7010, 2890-7011, 6121-0800, 6121-0816, 6121-0817, 6121-0847, 8000-9012, 9300-7010, 9300-7909.

SECTION 13. Each agency acquiring land or an interest in land under section 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D and 2G may expend an amount not to exceed 5 per cent of the amount appropriated to that agency in section 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D and 2G for the purpose of reimbursing nonprofit land conservation organizations or land trusts for reasonable expenses directly associated with the acquisition of land or interests in land subsequently conveyed to the commonwealth. Reimbursements shall be made at the discretion of the agency. The secretary of energy and environmental affairs shall determine by regulation what shall constitute reasonable expenses. If the commonwealth does not take title to the property through no fault of the nonprofit organization or the commonwealth, the commonwealth may reimburse the nonprofit organization for reasonable expenses associated with due diligence. An organization receiving a reimbursement under this section shall convey the land or interest in land to the agency for an amount not to exceed the actual purchase price paid by the organization for the land or interest in land in addition to any reimbursement received under this section.

SECTION 14. No amounts authorized in section 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D and 2G shall be used by a recipient municipality for the supplementing or supplanting of normal operating expenses of any function of the municipality.

SECTION 15. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, funds may be expended for services rendered by agency employees or by consultants necessary to support projects authorized in section 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D and 2G.

SECTION 16. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon acquiring any fee interest in land for purposes within Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, all state agencies, commissions and boards expending or receiving state funds under this act shall obtain the approval of the secretary of energy and environmental affairs before implementing or endorsing any prohibition of fishing, hunting or trapping on that land and shall provide the secretary with written justification of the prohibition.

SECTION 17. Notwithstanding section 30 of chapter 29 of the General Laws or section 65 of chapter 30 of the General Laws, a portion of the funds authorized in section 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D and 2G may be used for the costs associated with the purchase of title insurance and services for title examinations, reports and certifications.

SECTION 18. All expenditures from items in section 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D and 2G authorized as grants to non-public entities shall be expended for public purposes and shall comply with Article 103 of the Amendments to the Constitution and 815 CMR 2.00.

SECTION 19. Item 2000-7013 of section 2A of said chapter 312 of the acts of 2008 is hereby amended by inserting after the words "section 11; provided" the following words:-

that any land protected with funds authorized in this item be open to the general public for appropriate passive recreation; provided further,

SECTION 20. Item 2000-7014 of said section 2A of said chapter 312 is hereby amended by striking out the word "park", in the first place it occurs, and inserting in place thereof the following word:- parkland

SECTION 21. Item 2000-7016 of said section 2A of said chapter 312 is hereby amended by striking out the words "For the conservation partnership grant program to assist not-for-profit corporations in acquiring interests in lands suitable for purposes of conservation or recreation; provided, that the corporation shall be formed for one of the purposes described in section 4 of chapter 180 of the General Laws and the corporation shall be considered an exempt organization within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; provided further, that grant funds shall be expended to reimburse an eligible corporation for money expended by it in establishing a project approved by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs under this program in an amount that the secretary shall determine to be equitable in consideration of anticipated benefits from the project, but in no event shall the amount of the reimbursement exceed 50 per cent of the cost of the project; provided further, that no reimbursement shall be made under this item to a corporation unless a project application is filed by the corporation with the secretary setting forth the plans and information that the secretary may require and approved by the secretary, nor until the corporation shall have certified, in a manner approved by the secretary, its ability to provide an amount equal to the total cost of the project, nor until the project has been completed, to the satisfaction of the secretary, in accordance with the approved plans; provided further, that all projects shall include the grant by the corporation of an appropriate perpetual conservation restriction, within the meaning of sections 31 and 32 of chapter 184 of the General Laws, to the city or town in which the project is located, to be managed by either its conservation or its recreation commission, or a state agency, or both;" and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

For the conservation partnership grant program to assist not-for-profit corporations and soil conservation districts defined in sections 19 through 24 of chapter 21 of the General Laws in acquiring interests in lands suitable for purposes of conservation or recreation; provided, that the corporation shall be formed for one of the purposes described in section 4 of chapter 180 of the General Laws and the corporation shall be considered an exempt organization within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; provided further, that grant funds shall be expended to reimburse an eligible corporation or soil conservation district for money expended by it in establishing a project approved by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs under this program in an amount that the secretary shall determine to be equitable in consideration of anticipated benefits from the project, but in no event shall the amount of the reimbursement exceed 50 per cent of the cost of the project; provided further, that no reimbursement shall be made under this item to a corporation or soil conservation district unless a project application is filed by the corporation with the secretary setting forth the plans and information that the secretary may require and approved by the secretary, nor until the corporation or soil conservation district shall have certified, in a manner approved by the

secretary, its ability to provide an amount equal to the total cost of the project, nor until the project has been completed, to the satisfaction of the secretary, in accordance with the approved plans; provided further, that all projects shall include the grant by the corporation or soil conservation district of an appropriate perpetual conservation restriction, within the meaning of sections 31 and 32 of chapter 184 of the General Laws, to the city or town in which the project is located, to be managed by either its conservation or its recreation commission, or a federal or state agency, or combination thereof;

SECTION 22. Item 2200-7011 of said section 2A of said chapter 312 is hereby amended by striking out the words "For the purposes of water quality monitoring, assessment and protection as required to meet the legislative and regulatory requirements of the Rivers Protection Act, the federal and state Clean Water Acts and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and to provide for integrated energy and environmental projects to optimize and preserve environmental quality and public health and provide for appropriate protection, restoration, management, and best use of air, energy, water and land resources; provided, that this funding, may include, but not be limited to, studies of water quality, the development of wetlands conservancy and tidelands Geographic Information System (GIS) maps, the implementation of water quality monitoring devices, the collection and analysis of water quality samples, the development of water quality analyses known as Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's), and projects related to non-point and point sources of water pollution, and the wetlands circuit rider program; otherwise referred to as Area 10 in the town's CWRMP " and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

For investment in water and air quality protection as required to meet the legislative and regulatory requirements of the Rivers Protection Act, the federal and state Clean Water Acts and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and to provide for integrated energy and environmental projects to optimize and preserve environmental quality and public health and provide for appropriate protection, restoration, management, and best use of air, energy, water and land resources, assets and infrastructure; provided, that this funding, may include, but not be limited to, research and the collection of data to support investment in environmental assets, such research and studies to include but not be limited to studies of water quality, the development of wetlands conservancy and tidelands Geographic Information System (GIS) maps, the implementation of water quality monitoring initiatives, the collection and analysis of water quality samples, and the development of water quality analyses known as Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's); projects related to non-point and point sources of water pollution; and, the wetlands circuit rider program; provided further, that funds may be expended for local grants and research for implementation of the commonwealth's Sustainable Water Management Initiative, such grants and research to provide the data necessary for municipalities to invest in efficient and effective mitigation practices to restore and preserve the commonwealth's water resources, assets and infrastructure; provided further, that funds authorized in this item may be used for the purposes of the department's statewide air monitoring network which may include, but not

1159 limited to, photochemical assessment monitoring stations, small particulate monitoring and air 1160 toxins monitoring; and provided further, that funds authorized in this line may include the 1161 upgrade of equipment to comply with federal requirements. 1162 SECTION 23. Item 2200-7017 of said section 2A of said chapter 312 is hereby amended 1163 by striking out the words "department of environmental protection to be of potential use for 1164 water supply purposes; provided, that any grants approved by the department" and inserting in place thereof the following words:-1165 1166 executive office of energy and environmental affairs to be of potential use for water 1167 supply purposes; provided, that any land protected with funds authorized in this item be made 1168 open to the general public for passive public recreation where appropriate; and provided further, 1169 that any grants approved. 1170 SECTION 24. Item 2300-7010 of said section 2A of said Chapter 312 is hereby amended by striking out the words "fisheries and wildlife" and inserting in place thereof the following 1171 1172 words:- fish and game. 1173 SECTION 25. Said item 2300-7010 of said section 2A of said chapter 312 is hereby 1174 further amended by inserting after the word "conservation easement" the following words:- or 1175 conservation restrictions. 1176 SECTION 26. Said item 2300-7010 of said section 2A of said chapter 312 is hereby 1177 further amended by inserting after the words "of conservation restrictions" the following words:or conservation easements. 1178 1179 SECTION 27. Item 2300-7011 of said section 2A of said chapter 312 is hereby amended 1180 by inserting after the words "education centers," the following words:- dams. 1181 SECTION 28. Item 2300-7013 of said section 2A of said chapter 312 is hereby amended 1182 by inserting after the words "implementation of recovery" the following words:- and 1183 rehabilitation. 1184 SECTION 29. Said item 2300-7013 of said section 2A of said chapter 312 is hereby 1185 amended by inserting after the words "species recovery" the following words:- and rehabilitation 1186 projects.

SECTION 30. Item 2300-7014 of said section 2A of said chapter 312 is hereby amended by striking out the words "the commissioner shall identify at all scales the natural and cultural resources at risk from invasive species and conduct baseline assessments of invasive species at those sites and to educate the public to help prevent and control invasive species".

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SECTION 31. Item 2300-7017 of section 2A of said chapter 312 is amended by inserting after the words "and management studies;" the following words:-

provided further, that funds may be expended from this item for a cooperative research program between the department of fish and game and the division of fisheries and wildlife, University of Massachusetts cooperative research unit, and United States Geological Survey to study the status of the aquatic biological diversity in the flowing and impounded water of the commonwealth and the impacts of anthropogenic factors on aquatic resources and develop and implement capital mitigation projects for impacts to aquatic species and other factors; provided further, that research shall include, but not be limited to, the impacts of water withdrawal, impervious cover, and water impoundments;

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SECTION 32. Item 2500-7013 of said section 2A of said chapter 312 is hereby amended by inserting after the words "of farms" the following words:- to promote urban agriculture.

SECTION 33. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 35YY, the following section:-

Section 35ZZ. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund known as the Land Protection Capital Investment Trust Fund to be used for the permanent care, monitoring and enforcement of conservation restrictions, agricultural preservation restrictions and watershed preservation restrictions as defined in section 31 of chapter 184, and for which the commonwealth has provided public funding for land protection and are permanently held by the executive office of energy and environmental affairs and its divisions and agencies, and conservation commissions established by section 8C of chapter 40, and not-for-profit organizations organized for the purposes of land conservation and authorized to do business in the commonwealth and considered an exempt organization within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended and deemed in need of assistance by the secretary of the executive office of energy and environmental affairs. There shall be credited to the fund any appropriations, grants, gifts, bond proceeds or other monies authorized by the general court. Deposits to the fund and any income derived from the investment of amounts credited to the fund shall be expended to fund the permanent care, monitoring and enforcement of conservation restrictions, agricultural preservation restrictions and watershed preservation restrictions currently held or acquired by the executive office of energy and environmental affairs and its divisions and agencies, conservation commissions established by section 8C of chapter 40 and not-for-profit corporations as described above. Monies shall also be expended to support state agency staff and conservation commissions for these purposes, and to issue grants and contracts to vendors, nonprofit organizations and municipalities to perform these duties and purposes.

(b) The secretary of energy and environmental affairs, as trustee, shall administer the Land Protection Capital Investment Trust Fund. All amounts credited to the fund may be expended, without further appropriation. The secretary shall report annually, not later than January 15, to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture relative to the source and amount of funds

- deposited into the fund, the amount distributed to each agency and the purpose and recipient of expenditures from the fund.
- 1233 (c) Monies deposited into the fund that are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.
- SECTION 34. Chapter 21 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting after section 33A, the following section:-

Section 33A½. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33, if a town having a population of not greater than 20,000 inhabitants according to the latest federal census, has received a grant from the division equal to 60 per cent of the cost of construction, the division shall make an additional grant to said town to ensure a total of 90 per cent federal and state funding on the eligible portions of the project or projects of said town.

SECTION 35. Subsection (a) of section 23 of chapter 20 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the end of the first paragraph, the following sentence:-

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, or any general or special law to the contrary, such payment to be made to an agricultural land owner, for the purpose of acquiring an agricultural preservation restriction pursuant to this section, may upon the election of the land owner, be divided and remitted in partial payments of approximate equal amount until the total amount owed is paid; provided however, such election shall be limited to the receipt of partial payments on a yearly basis for a period not to exceed 5 years from the date of the conveyance of the agricultural restriction.

SECTION 36. Section 1 of chapter 23J of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of "Trust fund", the following two definitions:-

"Water Technology Innovation", advanced and applied technologies that may require less energy to operate and improve the management, treatment, distribution and efficient use of water resources including, but not limited to, drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, surface water, groundwater and salt water across a portfolio of uses, but not limited to, municipal, industrial, commercial, domestic and agricultural.

"Water trust fund", The Massachusetts Water Technology Innovation Trust Fund established pursuant to section 9A.

SECTION 37. Subsection (a) of section 2 of said chapter 23J, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph, the following paragraph:-

The center shall further promote the public interests by promoting water technology innovation and industry development in accordance with section 9A.

SECTION 38. Subsection (e) of said section 2 of said chapter 23J, as so appearing, is hereby amended inserting after the second paragraph, the following paragraph:-

The board shall appoint and employ a director for the water trust fund, and shall fix his compensation and conditions of employment. The director of the water trust fund shall report to the executive director. The director of the water trust fund shall have a full range of previous experience in the water technology industry.

SECTION 39. Subparagraph (30) of subsection (a) of section 3 of said chapter 23J, as so appearing, is hereby amended, by striking out, in line 170, the word "and,".

SECTION 40. Said subsection (a) of said section 3 of said chapter 23J, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after subparagraph (31), the following two subparagraphs:-

- (32) to borrow and repay money by issuing bonds or notes, to apply the proceeds of such bonds or notes to the furtherance of the center's purposes under this chapter and to pledge or assign or create security interests in any revenues, receipts or other assets or funds of the center to secure bonds or notes, including without limitation amounts received or held in the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust Fund established pursuant to section 9; provided, that bonds and notes issued under this provision shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the commonwealth or of any political subdivision thereof or a pledge of the faith and credit of the commonwealth or any such political subdivision and that such bonds and notes shall be payable solely from the amounts pledged to, received or held in such Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust Fund; and
 - (33) to administer the water trust fund in accordance with Section 9A.

SECTION 41. Subsection (g) of section 9 of said chapter 23J, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

The amounts collected pursuant to section 20 of chapter 25 shall be impressed with a trust for the benefit of the trust fund. To facilitate the center's ability to issue bonds and notes secured by amounts in the trust fund, the commonwealth shall covenant with the holders of those bonds and notes that the amounts collected under said section 20 of said chapter 25 shall not be diverted from the trust fund and that the rates of the mandatory charge under said section 20 of said chapter 25 shall not be reduced while and such bonds or notes are outstanding; provided, that bonds and notes issued pursuant to the security provided by this provision shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the commonwealth or of any political subdivision thereof or a pledge of the faith and credit of the commonwealth or any such political subdivision and that

such bonds and notes shall be payable solely from the amounts pledged to, received or held in such Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust Fund. In furtherance of the public purposes of the trust fund, income derived from the investment of amounts collected under said section 20 of said chapter 25 shall be expended by the center as provided in subsection (a) and, in the discretion of the center, in furtherance of the public purposes of the center and for the costs of departments and agencies that support or are other consistent with the purposes of the trust fund.

SECTION 42. Said chapter 23J of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting after section 9, the following section:-

Section 9A. (a) There is hereby established and placed within the center a separate fund to be known as the Massachusetts Water Technology Innovation Trust Fund. The center shall hold the water trust fund in an account or accounts separate from other funds. The fund shall be credited any appropriations, bond proceeds or other monies authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited thereto, and any income derived from the investment of amounts credited to the water trust fund. All amounts credited to the water trust fund shall be held in trust and used solely for activities and expenditures consistent with the public purpose of the water trust fund as set forth in subsection (b), including the ordinary and necessary expenses of administration and operation associated with the water trust fund. Unless otherwise specified, all monies of the center, from whatever source derived, shall be paid to the treasurer of the center. Such monies shall be deposited, in the first instance, by the treasurer in national banks, in trust companies, savings banks and cooperative banks chartered under the laws of the commonwealth, or in other banking companies in compliance with section 34 of chapter 29. Funds in these accounts shall be paid out on the warrant or other order of the treasurer of the center and the director of the water trust fund or other person that the board may authorize to execute warrants.

- (b) The center may make expenditures from the water trust fund for the public purpose of supporting a water industry cluster in Massachusetts and promoting the development of jobs in the water technology industry. Such expenditures may include, but shall not be limited to the following: (i) supporting the development of pilot and demonstration projects and other activities designed to advance the commercialization of promising water technologies in the commonwealth, (ii) supporting the creation and operation of testing and piloting facilities for the advancement of water technology, (iii) the provision of financial support for the development and application of water-related technologies at all levels including, but not limited to, basic and applied research and commercialization activities; and (iv) creation of funding programs including water technology challenges, international partnerships, relevant conference programs and other means of encouraging water technology innovation in the commonwealth.
- (c) Public interests to be advanced through the center's actions shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following: (i) the development and increased use and affordability of water technology innovation in the commonwealth and the New England region; (ii) the creation of

additional employment opportunities in the commonwealth through the development of water technologies; (iii) the stimulation of increased public and private sector investment in, and competitive advantage for, water innovation technology and related enterprises, institutions and projects in the commonwealth and the New England region; and (iv) the stimulation of entrepreneurial activities in these and related enterprises, institutions and projects.

- (d) In furtherance of any strategic and operational plans, and other public purposes and interests, and consistent with all of the powers otherwise granted to the center under section 3 of this chapter, the center may expend monies from the water trust fund to: make grants, contracts, loans, equity investments; provide financial or debt service obligation assistance; or take any other action, in such forms, under such terms and conditions and under such selection procedures as the center deems appropriate and otherwise in a manner consistent with good business practices; provided, however, that the center shall generally employ a preference for competitive procurements; provided further, that the center shall endeavor to leverage the full range of the resources, expertise and participation of other state and federal agencies and instrumentalities, as well as private industry, in the design and implementation of programs conducted pursuant to this section; and provided further, that the board determines and incorporates into the minutes of its proceedings a finding that such actions are calculated to advance the public purpose and public interests set forth in this section. The center may also expend monies from the water trust fund to employ the director of the water trust fund and to compensate the center for the reasonable costs of operation of the water trust fund.
- (e) The board shall establish a water technology innovation advisory board to be appointed by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs. The advisory board shall consist of the executive director of the Center or her designee, the commissioner of the department of environmental protection or his designee, 2 members from the water technology innovation industry, 1 member who shall be a representative of a public water utility in the commonwealth and 1 member who shall be a representative of an institution of higher education in the commonwealth with knowledge and expertise in the field of water innovation. The advisory board shall meet periodically at such times and in such places as determined by its members. The advisory board shall make periodic reports and recommendations to the board of directors provided however that no such recommendations shall be considered binding upon the board of directors.
- (f) The center shall have the ability to pursue water technology innovation and industry development activities described in this section unless and until the water trust fund ceases to have sufficient resources to do so.
- SECTION 43. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 2IIII, as inserted by section 3 of chapter 448 of the acts of 2012, inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 2IIII. (a) There shall be established and set upon the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Dam Repair or Removal Fund into which shall be deposited amounts credited or transferred to the fund by the general court or any other source including, without limitation, federal grants; loan repayments; investment earnings on monies in the fund; and any other amounts required to be credited to the fund by operation of law, resolution or agreement entered into by the department of conservation and recreation. The fund shall be administered by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs. Monies deposited into the fund that are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in the subsequent fiscal year.

- (b) Amounts credited to the fund shall be used, without further appropriation, for the costs associated with the operations of the office of dam safety within the department of conservation and recreation and the operations of the division of ecological restoration within the department of fish and game, but such expenditures shall be solely for the purposes stated in this section and no funds shall be transferred from the trust to any other fund, and to provide grants or loans to local governmental bodies, charitable organizations and private dam owners to finance or refinance costs of inspection, repair and removal projects including, but not limited to, projects related to dams. The amount expended from this fund during any fiscal year for the costs of employees shall not exceed 5 percent of the funds expended from the fund in that fiscal year. As used in this section, a "local governmental body" shall include a municipality, district or regional governmental unit and a commission or board of a municipality and district or regional governmental unit.
- (c) On or before September 1 of each year, a local governmental body, charitable organization or private dam owner may apply to the secretary of energy and environmental affairs for assistance in financing the cost of an eligible infrastructure project. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations for the administration and implementation of this section including, but not limited to, a priority system for the approval of projects. Priority shall be given to projects that (i) are owned or operated by agencies of the commonwealth, local governmental bodies and tax-exempt charitable organizations; and (ii) have been classified by the department of conservation and recreation as high hazard or significant hazard dams.

SECTION 44. Chapter 29 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting, after section 2KKK, the following two sections:-

Section 2LLLL. (a) There shall be established and set upon the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Climate Change Adaptation Infrastructure Investment Fund into which shall be deposited amounts credited or transferred to the fund by the general court or any other source including, without limitation, federal grants, loan repayments, investment earnings on monies in the fund, and any other amounts required to be credited to the fund by operation of law, resolution or agreement entered into by the department of conservation and recreation, office of coastal zone management or the department of fish and game. The fund

shall be administered by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs. Monies deposited into the fund that are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in the subsequent fiscal year.

- (b) Amounts credited to the fund may be used, without further appropriation, for the costs associated with the operations of the office of waterways and the office of dam safety within the department of conservation and recreation, the department of environmental protection the department of fish and game and its divisions and the office of coastal zone management within the executive office of energy and environmental affairs for the costs associated with operations, but such expenditures shall be solely for the purposes stated in this section and no funds shall be transferred from the trust to any other fund, and to provide grants or loans to agencies of the commonwealth, local governmental bodies to finance or refinance costs of inspection, repair and removal projects including, but not limited to, projects related to seawalls, jetties, revetments, retaining walls, and inland flood control. The amount expended from this item during any fiscal year for the costs of employees shall not exceed 5 percent of the funds expended from the fund in that fiscal year. As used in this section, a "local governmental body" shall include a municipality, district or regional governmental unit and a commission or board of a municipality and district or regional governmental unit.
- (c) On or before September 1 of each year, a local governmental body or public flood control infrastructure owner may apply to the secretary of energy and environmental affairs for assistance in financing the cost of an eligible infrastructure project. Priority shall be given to projects that are owned or operated by agencies of the commonwealth or local governmental bodies.

Section 2MMMM. There shall be set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Small Communities Water Infrastructure Grant Fund, which shall be deposited amounts credited by any appropriations and authorizations of the general court, and other such amounts to be credited to the fund from any other source. The state treasurer as the custodian and treasurer of the fund shall receive and deposit in accordance with state law, all monies credited to such fund to provide the highest rate of interest consistent with the safety of the monies so deposited. All accrued fund investment income shall be credited to the fund. Monies deposited into the fund that are expended are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available in the following fiscal year.

Expenditures from the fund shall be made by the commissioner of the department of environmental protection solely to provide financial assistance to eligible municipalities and other local governmental units as defined under section 1 of chapter 29C, for: (i) grants for the costs related to the planning, design or construction of abatement facilities pursuant to section 33 of chapter 21; (ii) grants for costs related to the planning, design or construction for water pollution abatement projects as provided under section 33E of chapter 21; (iii) additional grant assistance, including to subsidize the reduction of principal balance of loans or debt service

1450 costs, for projects financed by the Clean Water Trust under chapter 29C; (iv) grants to subsidize 1451 the cost related to the construction of sewer collection systems, notwithstanding, the awarding of such grants from this fund shall not restrict the awarding of any other grants or financial 1452 1453 assistance under section 30A of chapter 21, or any other law or regulation; (v) grants for the the 1454 cost of the development of a water pollution abatement plan; notwithstanding, the awarding of 1455 such grants from this fund shall not restrict the awarding of any other grants or financial assistance for such costs under section 31 of chapter 21, or any other law or regulation; (vi) 1456 1457 financial assistance for the cost of repairs, improvements, equipment and technical assistance 1458 directly related to public septic systems, storm water collection systems and water systems for fire control; (vii) funding for municipalities to provide technical and limited financial assistance 1459 grants to local residential property owners, including owners of mobile homes, relating to on-site 1460 septic disposal systems and the testing of drinking water wells; (viii) financial assistance grants 1461 1462 for costs for emergency alternative public drinking water sources to substitute existing water 1463 sources or systems, that are unsafe for public health due to contamination; and (ix) financial assistance grants for costs of initial: feasibility studies, planning, assessments, engineering 1464 1465 surveys and project costing related to repairs, installation and improvements of public: drinking 1466 water systems, wells, sewer collection systems, septic systems and fire control water systems. 1467 No expenditure shall be made from this fund to provide financial assistance to a municipality 1468 with more than 20,000 inhabitants or a local governmental unit, not a municipality, that has more 1469 than 20,000 service recipients.

SECTION 45. Paragraph (2) of subsection (p) of section 6 of said chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 739, the figure "\$50,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$75,000

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SECTION 46. Paragraph (9) of said subsection (p) of said section 6 of said chapter 62, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 784, the figure "\$2,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$5,000,000

SECTION 47. Subsection (b) of section 38AA of chapter 63 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 41, the figure "fifty thousand" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$75,000

SECTION 48. Subsection (h) of said section 38AA of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 81, the figure "\$2,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$5,000,000

SECTION 49. Chapter 62 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 6N, the following section:-

Section 6O. A taxpayer that pays for a Forest Stewardship Plan shall be allowed a credit against the taxes imposed under this chapter. The credit shall be equal to 100 per cent of the cost

of the Forest Stewardship Plan. The amount of the credit that may be claimed by a taxpayer for each Forest Stewardship Plan shall not exceed \$6,000.

The term "Forest Stewardship Plan" as used in this section shall mean a forest management plan for a 10 year period that: (i) has been prepared on a form by a state forester who is licensed under sections 47 through 50, inclusive, of chapter 132, which has been executed by the state forester and the owner of forest land, (ii) complies with the guidelines developed by the department of conservation and recreation for forest stewardship plans, (iii) is approved by the department

of conservation and recreation, based upon an inventory of the forest resources, and (iv) qualifies as a forest management plan for the purposes of chapters 61, 61A and 61B.

SECTION 50. Section 34A of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "town", in line 1, the following words:- or any other public or quasi public agency or entity

SECTION 51. Said section 34A of said chapter 164, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "municipality" as appearing, in lines 3,7, 12, 13, 21, 29, 31, 35, 37, 40, 42, 44, 48, 52, 57, 60, 65, 67, 70 and, 72, in each instance, the following words:- or any other public or quasi public agency or entity

SECTION 52. Said chapter 164 of the General Laws, is hereby further amended by striking out section 116B, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 116B. (a) Whenever the commonwealth or a city or town undertakes the repair of streets, roads or sidewalks the appropriate gas company shall provide for the maintenance and improvements of its gate boxes located in the streets, roads or sidewalks to be repaired, so that the gate boxes are more easily and immediately accessible. A gas company may apply for funds under chapter 90 to assist in paying the costs of the maintenance and improvement.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any city or town, water district, or state agency receiving financing from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust shall provide to the local gas distribution company a scope and schedule, including list of streets, that will be included in any of its projects financed through the Trust on or before the first day of October of a calendar year. Any community or agency receiving funds shall process any required permits from a local gas distribution company within a reasonable time to allow the company to proceed with any main replacement or repairs deemed necessary.