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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 22, 2015.

The committee on the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3238) of Carole A. Fiola and others for legislation to establish the Olmsted Park improvement fund, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3821) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act establishing the Olmsted Park improvement fund.

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

Chapter 21 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting after section 3E, the following section:-

Section 3F. (a) The department shall administer a program for the rehabilitation and improvement of Olmsted Parks in cities and towns of the commonwealth. For the purposes of this section the term "Olmsted Park" shall mean a municipal park designed by the architectural firm headed by Frederick Law Olmsted and designated by the department as an Olmsted Park. A city or town with an Olmsted Park within its boundaries that desires state assistance to rehabilitate or improve the Olmsted Park may apply in writing for a grant from the Olmsted Park Improvement Fund established in this section.

(b) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund, to be administered by the department, that shall be known as the Olmsted Park Improvement Fund to be used without prior appropriation for the purposes of providing rehabilitation and improvement grants to cities and towns with an Olmsted Park within its

14 municipal boundaries. The fund shall consist of public and private sources such as gifts, grants
15 and donations, interest earned on such revenues and any funds provided from other sources.
16 Revenues deposited in the fund that are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert
17 to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in the following fiscal year.

18 (c) The department shall award competitive grants from the Olmsted Park Improvement
19 Fund to qualifying municipalities for rehabilitation and improvement projects of Olmsted Parks
20 that are located within those municipalities.