

HOUSE No. 4564

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin Swan

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

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

An Act authorizing the City of Springfield to convert Park land at Ruth Elizabeth Park for traffic improvement use pursuant to article 97, and to acquire and dedicate replacement park land.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>7/29/2016</i>

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By Mr. Swan of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4564) of Benjamin Swan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Springfield be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land for traffic improvement purposes. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act authorizing the City of Springfield to convert Park land at Ruth Elizabeth Park for traffic improvement use pursuant to article 97, and to acquire and dedicate replacement park land.

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

1 The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

2 In the Year Two Thousand Sixteen

3 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD TO CONVERT PARK

4 LAND AT RUTH ELIZABETH PARK FOR TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT USE

5 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 97, AND TO ACQUIRE AND DEDICATE

6 REPLACEMENT PARKLAND

7 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,

8 and by the authority of the same, as follows:

9 SECTION 1. The city of Springfield, acting by through its city council, with the

10 approval of its mayor, may convert certain land known to be part of Ruth Elizabeth Park,
11 to the Department of Public Works (DPW), for improvements to Hickory Street including
12 two-way traffic and the installation of sidewalks on both sides of the street, to provide
13 safer circulation patterns and pedestrian access, as part of the Central Street Traffic
14 Improvement Project. The portion of the land to be converted contains approximately
15 0.054 acres, and is shown as the "Conversion Parcel" on a plan entitled "Plan of Proposed
16 Conversion and Acquisition" by GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., Engineers and Scientists.
17 ("Plan").

18 SECTION 2. In consideration for the conversion of the Conversion Parcel, totaling
19 0.054 acres, to traffic improvement use under the control of the Department of Public
20 Works, the City of Springfield will acquire and dedicate, and the Springfield Park
21 Commission agrees to accept, approximately 0.802 acres of replacement park land
22 consisting of Acquisition Parcels A, B, and C, as shown on the above-referenced Plan,
23 which will thereafter become part of Ruth Elizabeth Park.

24 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

25 To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
26 Massachusetts In the General Court Assembled.

27 The undersigned, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor of the City of Springfield, in the name and on
28 behalf of said City, and in the pursuance of an order, a duly attested copy of which is
29 hereto annexed, petition the General Court for legislation entitled "AN ACT
30 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD TO CONVERT PARK LAND AT
31 RUTH ELIZABETH PARK FOR TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT USE PURSUANT TO
32 ARTICLE 97, AND TO ACQUIRE AND DEDICATE REPLACEMENT PARK LAND"
33 in substantially the same form as a draft Act attached hereto.

34 Respectfully submitted,

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36 Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor

37 City of Springfield

38 36 Court Street

39 Springfield, MA 01103