

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 643

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Nick Collins*

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*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 establishing a commission on open space and green space.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>

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By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 643) of Nick Collins and Linda Dorcena Forry for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to green space and open space in the city of Boston. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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

An Act establishing a commission on open space and green space.

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

1           SECTION 1. There shall be a special commission established on green space and open  
2 space in the city of Boston. The commission shall investigate and study: (i) current open space  
3 and green space requirements for developments in excess of 10,000 square feet located in growth  
4 zones in ward 6 and ward 7 of the city of Boston; (ii) communication with the impacted  
5 community during the design review process on changes to developments prior to any hearing  
6 before the Boston zoning board of appeals; (iii) neighborhood priorities for open space and green  
7 space; and (iv) opportunities to create open space and green space. The commission shall report  
8 its findings and reports to the joint committee on the environment, natural resources and  
9 agriculture no later than June 1, 2016.

10           SECTION 2. The commission membership shall consist of 9 members: the senator from  
11 the first Suffolk district or designee; the representative from the fourth Suffolk district or  
12 designee; the Boston city councilor from district 2 or his designee; three members selected by the

13 mayor of Boston, one member from the Boston Redevelopment Authority, one member from the  
14 Inspectional Services Department and one member from Boston Parks and Recreation; one  
15 Boston city councilor elected at-large appointed by the city council president or designee; the  
16 commissioner of the department of environmental protection or designee; and the commissioner  
17 of the department of conservation and recreation or designee.