

HOUSE No. 3814

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Lawn, Jr.

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 providing for the construction of improvements to Arsenal Park in the town of Watertown.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/23/2019</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/23/2019</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/23/2019</i>

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By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3814) of John J. Lawn, Jr., Jonathan Hecht and William N. Brownsberger (with the approval of the town council) relative to the construction of improvements to Arsenal Park in the town of Watertown. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act providing for the construction of improvements to Arsenal Park in the town of Watertown.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
2 contrary, the city known as the town of Watertown is hereby authorized to enter into one or more
3 agreements with private parties for the coordination, funding, and construction of renovations,
4 improvements, and upgrades to the property owned and controlled by the town of Watertown
5 and known as Arsenal Park on such terms and conditions, including the length of the term
6 thereof, as shall be determined by the Town Manager to be in the best interests of the Town.

7 SECTION 2. The procurement of construction services for such renovations,
8 improvements, and upgrades may be undertaken in cooperation between the town and the private
9 parties utilizing public and private funds, and any contracts therefor shall be exempted from the
10 provisions of the general laws related to the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling,
11 repair and maintenance of improvements to public property, including chapter 30B, sections 44

12 to 58, inclusive, of chapter 7C, sections 44A to 44H, inclusive, of chapter 149, and section 39M
13 of chapter 30 of the general laws.

14 SECTION 3. The provisions of sections 26 through 27H, inclusive, of said chapter 149
15 shall apply to any contracts entered into for the construction of such improvements to said
16 Arsenal Park.

17 SECTION 4. Prior to the construction of any improvements pursuant to this act, any
18 contractor hired hereunder shall provide the town of Watertown with a performance and labor
19 and materials payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent of the value of the
20 improvements to be constructed upon the public property, and with certificates of insurance
21 indicating the existence of such coverage as the town manager shall determine to be in the best
22 interests of the town.

23 SECTION 5. All improvements constructed pursuant to this act shall become and shall
24 remain the property of the town of Watertown.

25 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.