

HOUSE No. 3900

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford

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 Northampton to amend a certain conservation easement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>5/20/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>5/20/2021</i>

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By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3900) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Northampton be authorized to amend a certain conservation easement in said city. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act authorizing the city of Northampton to amend a certain conservation easement.

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 any general or special law to the contrary, the city of
2 Northampton, acting by and through its mayor and conservation commission, may amend the
3 Open Space Restriction and Public Right of Way Easement recorded at Hampshire Registry of
4 Deeds at Book 5900, Page 26 and Book 5898, Page 39 to allow any parking within 200 feet of
5 the gravel road shown on a plan entitled “Boundary Survey of Land of the Commonwealth of
6 Massachusetts, formerly the Northampton State Hospital, Northampton, Massachusetts” dated
7 December 17, 1996 and recorded at Hampshire Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 183, Page 3,
8 Sheet 3 and allow underground piping and heat exchange for ground source heat pumps and to
9 record the new restriction as conservation restriction under the authority of MGL Chapter 184,
10 Section 31.

11 Section 2. As a condition and in consideration for the amendment to the easement as
12 provided in section 1 of this act, and at the same time as such release, the city of Northampton,
13 acting by and through its conservation commission, shall accept an expanded public right-of-way
14 easement to allow the public to pass and repass on foot trails for the purpose of fishing, hiking,
15 winter sports on all trails within 100 feet of the Mill River on the northerly side of the river,
16 northerly and westerly of the Smith College crew house, and westerly of College Lane on the
17 Smith College campus, Northampton.