

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 497**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Margaret R. Scarsdale*

*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 relative to rail-trail construction.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2025</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>4/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 497) of Margaret R. Scarsdale for legislation to authorize nonprofit organizations to apply for rail-trail construction project grants. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 422 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to rail-trail construction.

*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. Section 3I of chapter 23A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “municipalities”, in line 4, the  
3   following:- or nonprofit organization

4           SECTION 2. Said section 3I of chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
5   inserting, after the word “municipality”, in line 15, the following:- or nonprofit organization

6           SECTION 3. Said section 3I of chapter 23A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
7   inserting, after the words “city or town”, in line 28, the following:- or nonprofit organization.