

HOUSE No. 5113

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Margaret R. Scarsdale and John J. Cronin

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 designating the Marion Stoddart riverwalk.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>9/3/2025</i>

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By Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Margaret R. Scarsdale that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to designate a certain trail in the J. Harry Rich State Forest in the town of Groton as the Marion Stoddart riverwalk. Environment and Natural Resources.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act designating the Marion Stoddart riverwalk.

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 accessible trail located along the Oxbow of the Nashua River in the J. Harry Rich
2 State Forest in the Town of Groton shall be designated and known as the Marion Stoddart
3 Riverwalk in recognition of Marion Stoddart's contributions to restoring the Nashua River,
4 spearheading the passage of the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, founding the Nashua River
5 Watershed Association, and inspiring generations to safeguard the river and its surrounding
6 ecosystems through community-driven conservation education. The Department of Conservation
7 and Recreation shall erect suitable markers bearing such designation in compliance with the
8 standards of the department