

# 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>

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