

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Cronin and 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 designating the Marion Stoddart riverwalk.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John J. Cronin</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>9/3/2025</i>

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By Mr. Cronin and Ms. Scarsdale of Pepperell, a joint petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Cronin and Margaret R. Scarsdale for legislation to designate the Marion Stoddart riverwalk in the town of Groton. 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