HOUSE No. 4874 [LOCAL APPROVAL RECEIVED.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the City of Cambridge to grant a permanent easement on and over certain strips of land owned by the city of Cambridge in Watertown, Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex
David Maher, Mayor	120 Appleton St, Cambridge, MA 02138
Kenneth Reeves, Councillor	340 Harvard St.
	Cambridge, MA 02139
Leland Cheung, Councillor	101 Hampshire St.
	Cambridge, MA 02139
E. Denise Simmons, Councillor	188 Harvard St.
	Cambridge, MA 02139
Marjorie Decker, Councillor	61 Walden St.
	Cambridge, MA 02140
Sam Seidel, Councillor	48 Maple Ave.
	Cambridge, MA 02139

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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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 or rule or regulation to the 2 contrary, the City of Cambridge may grant a permanent easement on and over certain strips of land owned by the City of Cambridge in Watertown, Massachusetts and acquired by the City of 3 Cambridge in order to pipe water into the City of Cambridge for water treatment and 4 5 distribution, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, said easement to be granted for the purposes of 6 7 constructing, installing, maintaining, managing, operating, repairing, replacing, reconstructing, 8 and/or removing a bicycle/pedestrian path as part of a Department of Conservation and Recreation and Massachusetts Department of Transportation project to develop a 9 10 bicycle/pedestrian corridor between the Charles River Reservation in Watertown and Fresh Pond Parkway in the City of Cambridge for recreational use by members of the public. This easement 11 area is shown as PARCEL BPE-1 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in the Town of Watertown, 12

Middlesex County, showing location of easement to be granted to the Commonwealth of

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- Massachusetts (Department of Conservation and Recreation)," dated September 11, 2009,
- prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., and contains an area of about 16,293 square feet.
- 16 This plan is on file with the Department of Conservation and Recreation and shall be recorded
- with the Middlesex county registry of deeds.
- 18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.