

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2888**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Timothy R. Madden*

*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 authorizing the town of Edgartown to use a certain parcel of conservation land for grass field airport purposes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Daniel A. Wolf*

*Timothy R. Madden*

*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*

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By Mr. Madden of Nantucket, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2888) of Timothy R. Madden and Daniel Wolf (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Edgartown to use a certain parcel of conservation land for grass field airport purposes. [Local Approval Received.] [Municipalities and Regional Government].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act authorizing the town of Edgartown to use a certain parcel of conservation land for grass field airport purposes.

*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. The Town of Edgartown, acting by and through its conservation  
2 commission may transfer to its board of selectmen the care, custody and control of a portion of a  
3 certain portion of a parcel of land acquired for conservation purposes, containing 87,791+ sf  
4 (2.02+ acres), to be used for grass field airport purposes, on such terms and conditions as the  
5 conservation commission considers will be in the best interests of the town. Said parcel is shown  
6 as the “Airfield Operations Area” on a plan on file in the office of the Conservation Commission  
7 entitled “Site Plan A, the Town of Edgartown” by Schofield, Barbini & Hoehn, Inc. dated  
8 September 20, 2010. The parcel is a portion of the Katama Airfield and Nature Preserve,  
9 Edgartown Self-Help #5, conveyed to the town of Edgartown in a deed recorded in the Dukes  
10 county registry of deeds in book 487 page 620, and subject to the Self-Help Program Project  
11 Agreement recorded in book 429 page 537, amended in Book 431 Page 292.

12 SECTION 2. The Town of Edgartown, acting through its board of selectmen and  
13 conservation commission, may amend a Conservation Restriction granted by the Town of  
14 Edgartown to The Nature Conservancy, dated February 2, 1988 and  
15 recorded in the Dukes County Registry of Deeds in Book 497, Page 148 (the  
16 “Conservation Restriction”), and associated Self-Help Agreement and Management Plan, on land  
17 known as the Katama Airfield and Nature Preserve (the “Airfield”), which land is more  
18 particularly described in the Conservation Restriction. This amendment shall:

19 1) allow for the renovation and expansion of the existing hanger at the Airfield, from a  
20 50’x 53’ structure to a 60’ x 100’ structure;

21 2) add 62.5+ acres of land known as the Nickerson Parcel and the Atwood Realty Trust  
22 Parcel to the land protected under the Conservation Restriction;

23 3) convert 6,700 square feet of land at the Airfield, currently mowed and used for  
24 Airfield operations, to be maintained in natural state;

25 4) remove the area shown as “Airfield Operations Area 2.02 acres+, 87,791 s.f.+” on  
26 a plan of land entitled “Site Plan A the Town of Edgartown, Scale: 1”=40’ November 2, 2010,”  
27 which plan is on file with the Town Clerk, from the control of the Executive Office of Energy  
28 and Environmental Affairs of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

29 5) include the approval by The Nature Conservancy, as the holder of the  
30 Conservation Restriction, of the hanger expansion as contemplated above; and

31 6) designate a zone for airport operations as described in Section 1, and limit uses within  
32 that zone to the construction, maintenance, repair, demolition, or replacement of the expanded

33 hanger and other facilities currently located within said zone, or necessary for or appurtenant to  
34 the operation of a grass-runway airfield substantially as it has been operated historically and is  
35 currently operated, subject to the approval of the Grantee of the Conservation Restriction, which  
36 approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

37           SECTION 3. In consideration and as a condition of the transfer authorized in section 1,  
38 the Town of Edgartown shall transfer to the care and control of its conservation commission a  
39 parcel of land 21.2+ acres in size owned by the Town and located off Pennywise Path, being a  
40 portion of the land described in an Order of Taking, dated August 3, 1999 and recorded with the  
41 Dukes County Registry of Deeds in Book 772, Page 875. The Town shall also convey a  
42 Conservation Restriction to the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission on the entire 21.2+  
43 acre parcel, restricting use to the following purposes: (i) 5+ acres shall be restricted for  
44 conservation purposes; and (ii) the remaining 16.2+ acres shall be restricted for conservation,  
45 parks and recreation, water supply, installation of a solar array not to exceed 6 acres and to be  
46 located in the 12.95 acre lot on the site plan for the town of Edgartown by Schofield, Barbini &  
47 Hoehn dated December 2, 2010, on file with the Conservation Commission, specific siting of  
48 said solar array to be reviewed by the Mass. Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program,  
49 and wastewater discharge as indicated at the 3.1 acre parcel on said site plan for the Town of  
50 Edgartown by Schofield, Barbini & Hoehn, Inc, dated December 2, 2010.

51           The plan showing the area is on file with the Town Clerk.

52           SECTION 3. If the land conveyed pursuant to section 1 ceases to be used for the  
53 purposes described in said section 1, the land shall revert back to the Edgartown conservation  
54 commission for conservation and passive recreation purposes.

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56 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.