

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4159**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Benjamin Swan*

*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 city of Springfield to convert certain park land to construct a senior center, and to convert certain land to the Springfield Park Commission as replacement park property.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Mayor Domenic J. Sarno</i>	<i>City of Springfield</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>36 Court Street, Room 210</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Springfield, MA 01103</i>

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By Mr. Swan of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4159) of Benjamin Swan and Mayor Domenic J. Sarno (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Springfield be authorized to convert certain lands to construct a senior center and a replacement park. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to convert certain park land to construct a senior center, and to convert certain land to the Springfield Park Commission as replacement park property.

*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 city of Springfield, acting by through its city council, with the approval  
2 of its mayor, may convert a small portion (approximately 4.9 acres) of Blunt Park land, as shown  
3 on the plan attached as Exhibit 1A, entitled "Detail of Proposed Conversion Area" by GZA  
4 GeoEnvironmental, Inc.," from park use, for the construction of a new Senior Center, under the  
5 control of the Springfield Park Commission.

6           SECTION 2. In consideration for the conversion of 4.9 acres of Blunt Park Land for the  
7 building of a Senior Center, the city of Springfield will dedicate, and the Springfield Park  
8 Commission agrees to accept, replacement park land consisting of approximately 6.5 acres  
9 including Acquisition Area A and Acquisition Area B as shown on the plan attached Exhibit  
10 #1B, entitled "Proposed Acquisition Plan", which land is located approximately 0.1 miles

11 southwest of Blunt Park at the intersection of Alton Street and Roosevelt Avenue, which will  
12 result in a net gain of approximately 1.6 acres of park land.

13 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.