

SENATE No. 568

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Rebecca L. Rausch

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 relative to the Elm Bank Reservation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Rebecca L. Rausch

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex

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By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 568) of Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation relative to the Elm Bank Reservation. Environment and Natural Resources.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to the Elm Bank Reservation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of
2 conservation and recreation shall study and make recommendations to improve public and
3 emergency access to the Elm Bank Reservation located in the towns of Wellesley and Dover.
4 The report shall consider, without limitation, the purchasing of private land and the maintenance,
5 construction and rehabilitation of current state-owned land. The report shall also identify long
6 term expansion and rehabilitation of the current Elm Bank Reservation to maximize public use.
7 The report shall be filed with the joint committee on the environment, natural resources and
8 agriculture and the house and senate committee on ways and means no later than 90 days after
9 the passage of this act.