

HOUSE No. 4714

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel R. Carey and Joanne M. Comerford

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 Hadley to convey a conservation restriction on certain parcels of land.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Daniel R. Carey

2nd Hampshire

Joanne M. Comerford

Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester

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By Representative Carey of Easthampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4714) of Daniel R. Carey and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Hadley be authorized to convey a conservation restriction on certain parcels of land in said town to Kestrel Land Trust. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act authorizing the town of Hadley to convey a conservation restriction on certain parcels of land.

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. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of
2 Hadley, acting by and through its board of selectmen acting as the board of water
3 commissioners, may convey to Kestrel Land Trust, a nonprofit charitable conservation trust
4 established under the laws of the commonwealth, for no or nominal consideration, a perpetual
5 conservation restriction under section 31 to 33, inclusive, of chapter 184 of the General Laws on
6 3 parcels of land identified in subsection (b). The purposes of the conservation restriction shall
7 be for: (i) the preservation of the water supply; (ii) fish and wildlife conservation; (iii) native
8 habitat protection; (iv) forest management; (v) outdoor recreation compatible with conservation;
9 and (vi) any other purpose consistent with the purposes of Article 97 of the Amendments to the
10 Constitution of the Commonwealth. The conveyance of the conservation restriction shall be on

11 such terms and conditions as the board of selectman acting as the board of water commissioners
12 shall deem appropriate.

13 (b) The 3 parcels of land to be restricted pursuant to subsection (a) are located southerly
14 of Bay Road and identified on the Town of Hadley board of assessors' maps as follows: (i) map
15 8, parcel 9, consisting of 42.56 acres, more or less;(ii) map 8, parcel 46, consisting of 78 acres,
16 more or less; and (iii) map 8, parcel 48, consisting of 215 acres, more or less.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.