

By Mr. Dwinell of Millbury, petition of Richard J. Dwinell that provision be made for a reimbursement program for parks and recreational area acquisition and renovation. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREA ACQUISITION AND RENOVATION.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 132A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 11D the following new section:—

Section 11E. The Secretary of Environmental Affairs shall establish a program to assist all cities and towns in the Commonwealth eligible under Title X of the Urban Park and Recreation Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-625) which have established park or recreation commissions or conservation commissions under Section 8C of Chapter Forty of the General Laws, in renovating lands for municipal parks and recreation purposes. The Secretary may, from funds appropriated, reimburse any such city or town for money expended it in renovating such existing facilities. Such renovation reimbursement shall not exceed 15% of such money expended and may be approved only when the project is, at the same time, receiving assistance under Title X of the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-625). No reimbursement of any kind shall be made under this section unless an application, setting forth such plans and information as the Secretary may require, has been filed by the city or town and has been approved by the Secretary; until such city or town has appropriated or transferred from available funds an amount equal to the total cost of the

22 project; and until the project has been completed to the satisfaction
23 of the Secretary, in accordance with the approved plans. Any
24 reimbursement received by a city or town under this section shall
25 be applied to the payment of indebtedness, if any, incurred in such
26 renovation. The director of conservation services, in consulta-
27 tion with the Department of Environmental Management, shall
28 establish rules and regulations for the management of this pro-
29 gram, subject to the approval of the Secretary.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter nine hundred and thirty-three of the Acts
2 of nineteen hundred and seventy-seven is hereby amended by
3 striking Section 2.