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Dykema Adds Funding for Hopkinton's Maspenock Dam to Environmental Bond Bill

Boston, MA— Bill H4138, An Act providing for the preservation and improvement of land, parks, and clean energy in the Commonwealth, passed in the House of Representatives. The bill provides for a program of improvement and preservation of the energy and environmental assets of the commonwealth.

“The passage of this bill represents a step forward in conservation efforts for the Commonwealth,” said Representative Carolyn Dykema. “The protection of our environment and natural resources is vital to the success of our communities both now and in the future.”

Included in this bill is the authorization of \$1 million for repairs and improvements to the Lake Maspenock dam in Hopkinton. Additionally, Bill H4138 provides funding to many other environmental groups and causes, such as the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Energy Resources, and the Department of Agricultural Resources.

A wide range of environmental priorities were also authorized with the passing of this bill, including the development of a climate change adaptation management plan and the creation of more environmentally positive spaces within communities through the tree planting greening project and the Parkland Acquisition and Renovation for Communities (PARC) grant program that has been used by communities in the district for recreation projects. Additional provisions in the bill authorize maintenance or improvements on systems already established, like the inland-flood control project, the repairing of DCR roads and trails, and the upkeep of local lakes and ponds.

“I am pleased with the provisions of the bill, particularly the support of the Lake Maspenock dam, yet there is still more to be done in terms of environmental protection. I will continue my efforts to improve water infrastructure and promote efficient solutions to environmental issues,” the Representative stated.

For more information on Bill H4138, visit <https://malegislature.gov/Bills>.

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State Representative Carolyn Dykema represents the towns of Holliston, Hopkinton, Southborough and Westborough (pct. 2) and has served on the Committee on the Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture since she was elected in 2008.