

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3549**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Kristin E. Kassner*

*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 expand designation of priority development sites.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kristin E. Kassner</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>

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By Representative Kassner of Hamilton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kristin E. Kassner for legislation to expand the designation of priority development sites. Community Development and Small Businesses.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to expand designation of priority development sites.

*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: Section 2 of Chapter 43D shall be amended by inserting the following  
2 definition:

3 "Community development plan" - A community development plan is a comprehensive,  
4 strategic plan for the future of a city or town, and shall include, among other things, a plan for:  
5 new housing opportunities; commercial or industrial economic development (if any); existing  
6 infrastructure and needs to serve new uses including but not limited to; water, transportation,  
7 housing, and electricity; transportation infrastructure; climate change and resiliency, and open  
8 space.

9 SECTION 2: Section 3 of Chapter 43D shall be amended by striking out section (a) and  
10 inserting the following: -

11 (a) For a property to receive a designation as a priority development site, the site or  
12 infrastructure need must earn approval by a town meeting in a town; or be identified in a local

13 comprehensive master plan, housing needs assessment, economic development plan,  
14 district/corridor plan, or community development plan; or be identified in a local capital  
15 improvement plan or a plan developed by a regional planning agency; or project approved by the  
16 planning board or special permit granting authority. The governing body shall file a formal  
17 proposal with the interagency permitting board. The proposal shall include: (1) a detailed  
18 description of the property; (2) good faith commitment to comply with this chapter; (3) written  
19 authorization of the property or utility owner as applicable; and (4) at the discretion of the  
20 governing body, a request for a technical assistance grant.

21 SECTION 3: Section 13 of Chapter 43D shall be amended by inserting a new subsection  
22 (c): The Secretaries of the Executive Office of Housing, Executive Office of Economic  
23 Development, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, collectively, shall develop  
24 and implement a two-year program to provide technical assistance and resources to cities and  
25 towns for the purpose of creating community development plans. Such assistance may include  
26 the provision of in-kind services or discretionary funds where appropriate.