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## **CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL**

### **ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS URBAN WILD PROTECTIONS TO CERTAIN PARCELS ALONG AMERICAN LEGION HIGHWAY**

*WHEREAS:* The City of Boston is home to a valuable collection of open spaces known as Urban Wilds; and

*WHEREAS:* There are currently 103 designated Urban Wilds covering 1,300 acres of land in neighborhoods such as Dorchester, Hyde Park and Jamaica Plain in the City of Boston; and

*WHEREAS:* These open spaces provide a quiet and tranquil oasis in the city; and

*WHEREAS:* There are certain parcels of land along American Legion Highway that if protected and cleaned up could be ideal for urban wild designation some publicly owned by the City of Boston and by the Department of Conservation and Recreation as well as some are privately owned parcels that are undeveloped and unmaintained; and

*WHEREAS:* If protected and maintained these areas could add to hiking trails and walking paths that exist in the southwest corridor of Boston; and

*WHEREAS:* Protecting these areas is important to the quality of life of residents in nearby neighborhoods of Roslindale, Mattapan & Hyde Park and also the entire City of Boston; and

*THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,*

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the feasibility of offering protections to certain parcels along American Legion Highway; and that representatives from the Boston Parks Department, City of Boston Environment Department, Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Boston Natural Areas Network and any other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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