

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MASTER PLAN AND THE FINANCING OF A SYSTEM OF BICYCLE PATHS AND HIKING TRAILS WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That the department of natural resources, the de-
2 partment of public works, and the metropolitan district com-
3 mission, acting jointly, are hereby authorized and directed to
4 make an investigation and study relative to the development
5 of a master plan and a method of financing a system of bicycle
6 paths and hiking trails within the commonwealth. The plan
7 shall include but not be restricted to the feasibility of utiliza-
8 tion of ancient ways, so called, utility rights of way, private
9 and public lands and state and local highway layouts. The
10 departments may apply for and use any federal funds that
11 may be available therefor. Said departments shall report to
12 the general court the results of their investigation and study
13 and their recommendations, if any, together with drafts of
14 legislation necessary to carry their recommendations into ef-
15 fect, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate on or
16 before the first Wednesday of December in the current year.