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ENHA Legislative Update - Action in Washington

Senator Elizabeth Warren and Congressman John Tierney recently filed legislation in the US Senate and House to extend the federal government's commitment to the Essex National Heritage Area.

"Essex National Heritage Area is a treasure of the Commonwealth and an important part of the local economy in Essex County," said Senator Warren. "I am glad to introduce legislation to reauthorize Essex as a national heritage area to preserve its resources and landmarks so that Massachusetts communities and visitors can continue to learn about and fully appreciate its rich culture and historical significance."

"National Heritage Areas are public-private partnerships that leverage state, federal, local and private funding to protect national significant resources, promote historic preservation, enhance conservation, and spur cultural tourism. The Essex National Heritage Area is a prime example of how these kinds of federal investments can strengthen communities, foster job creation and generate local revenue. We must continue to invest in partnerships like this one," Congressman Tierney said.

"We are very grateful for the staunch support of the Massachusetts delegation. They are invaluable in helping our work in promoting trail development, educational outreach, and cultural tourism on the North Shore and Merrimack Valley," said Annie Harris, Director Essex National Heritage Area.

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About Essex Heritage (Essex National Heritage Commission)

Designated by the US Congress in recognition of the important role that this region played in American history and its significant heritage sites still remaining, the Essex National Heritage Area is comprised of the 34 communities of Essex County, MA. Essex Heritage is a nonprofit agency that manages the Heritage Area, and works in collaboration with the National Park Service to promote public/private partnerships, and develop programs that enhance, preserve and encourage regional awareness of the Area's unique historic, cultural and natural resources. For more information, visit Essex Heritage at www.essexheritage.org or call (978) 740-0444.