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Gobi Chairs Environmental Bond Bill Conference Committee

(BOSTON) - State Representative Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) has been named as the House Chair of the Environmental Bond bill conference committee, tasked with reaching a compromise between the bills passed by each chamber. She is joined on the House side by Representatives Stephen Kulik and Matthew Beaton. Senate members of the conference committee include Senators Brian Joyce, Marc Pacheco and Donald Humason.

As Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, Rep. Gobi was instrumental in the creation of the House version of the bond bill. The \$1.6 billion bill provides for numerous investments to our environment including water and air quality, fresh water fisheries restoration, land acquisition by fish and game, energy savings programs for cities and towns, assistance to schools offering agricultural programs, improving parks and beaches, reforestation, expansion of farm energy and renewable energy programs, recreational trails, assistance to municipalities to encourage recycling, reduce energy consumption, land use planning and small community water infrastructure grants.

“A goal of the Environmental Bond Bill is to preserve our natural resources and promote economic growth, while at the same time maintaining fiscal responsibility,” Commented Rep. Gobi, “We are fortunate in Massachusetts, especially in our area, to have so many wonderful natural resources that make our region a prime place to live and work. This bond bill strengthens our commitment to the environment, and at the same time does not compromise our ability to address our budget needs. I am looking forward to working with the other conferees to be able to present a bill that the entire membership can support.”

The conference committee will now meet to discuss what ultimately will be the final bond bill.
