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**THE PAN HISTORIC DISTRICT IN BOLTON APPROVED FOR NOMINATION TO
THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the Pan Historic District in Bolton for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its June 13, 2018 meeting. The nomination will now be submitted to the National Register of Historic Places at the National Park Service in Washington, DC, for final consideration and designation.

“The Massachusetts Historical Commission is dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth’s rich historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources,” Secretary Galvin said. “Inclusion of the Pan Historic District in the National Register helps to raise awareness of the historic importance of this part of Bolton.”

The Pan Historic District is one of nine historic resources around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register by the Massachusetts Historical Commission’s at this meeting. Secretary Galvin serves as Chairman of the 17-member board, which meets regularly and considers historic resources eligible for the National Register four times a year.

The Pan, so-named for its largely flat terrain, is an approximately 300-acre area in Bolton that began in the 18th century at a rural crossroads. In addition to widespread agriculture, the area also featured a sawmill and tannery. While some land is still in agricultural use, much of the land has reverted to forest, while suburbanization has been slow but steady since the end of the Second World War. The district thus represents more than 250 years of community development, the evolution of architectural styles, and agriculture and industry. Buildings in the district date

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from the mid-18th century through the early 21st century, but especially notable are some well-preserved Federal-style residences.

The National Register is the nation's official listing of significant historic resources. In Massachusetts, there are more than 70,000 properties listed in the National Register. The Massachusetts Historical Commission has been administering the National Register of Historic Places program in Massachusetts since 1966.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archaeologist. It was established in 1963 to identify, evaluate, and protect important historical and archaeological assets of the Commonwealth. More information about the Commission's programs may be found at www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc.

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