



## May Notes from the DCLT

### DCLT and Native Land Conservancy Celebrate



#### Our Cultural Respect Easement

On May 15, 2022 the Boards of the Dennis Conservation Land Trust (DCLT) and the Native Land Conservancy (NLC) celebrated the signing of a document known as a Cultural Respect Easement which ensures safe access for Indigenous peoples on over 400 acres of land owned by DCLT in the town of Dennis.

NLC founder and President, Ramona Peters, said, "A Cultural Respect Easement is the closest expression of land repatriation to indigenous people achieved without an actual transfer of deed. It offers assurance for us to safely access areas of our ancestral homelands to exercise spiritual and cultural practices. Respect for our culture includes respect for our relationship with the earth, especially in areas where our ancestors prayed, danced, toiled, lived and were buried."

The easement was forged in mutual understanding and respect. DCLT Board President Joe Masse said, "We wish to create an open and sharing relationship with the NLC, one in which we support one another, underscoring our mission to create and care for open space, as well as learning, together, how to create an environment of respect. Respect for one another. Respect for the land."

Look for the new NLC Cultural Respect emblem on DCLT signs this summer, representing the partnership and support of the DCLT for the Native Land Conservancy and Indigenous access for traditional cultural practices.

## Tobey West Land Acquisition Project - Please Donate!

### Tobey West

#### Future of Dennis

More than just a piece of our past, this land is a part of our environmental future.

- Protects the Chase Garden Creek water resource and Dennis' largest marsh system
- Helps to mitigate developmental pressure on Route 6A in Dennis Village
- Provides priority habitat for threatened wildlife
- Provides an area for salt marsh migration resulting from sea level rise
- Creates the opportunity for passive recreation

In order to preserve this environmentally critical property, we need your help.

The Dennis Conservation Land Trust must raise \$900,000 by December 2022 or lose the opportunity to preserve Tobey West forever.

Please contact us at 508-694-7812 to learn how to make a donation toward this important effort.



See upcoming events on our [website](#)!



Canada Mayflower - just one of so many flowers in bloom on DCLT lands!

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