



## *April Notes from the DCLT*

**MAY 3rd TOWN MEETING - DCLT needs your Vote!**

**Tobey West Project**

- DCLT acquires 8.02 acres of open space (Lots 4-1,2,3).
- Town holds CR.
- Property opened for public enjoyment.

### **VOTE YES! Town Meeting Article #30 - Protect Tobey West!**

The DCLT signed a purchase and sale agreement this past December to buy just over eight acres of land along Route 6A - a portion of the original Tobey Farm, one of the oldest single family-owned farms on Cape Cod - for \$900,000.


The Trust asked the Town of Dennis' Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for \$600,000, of which \$300,000 will be reimbursed by a State LAND grant - so the Town will not pay more than \$300,000 and will receive a conservation restriction on the land, preserving it forever! The Town's Community Preservation Committee, Select Board, Conservation Commission and Finance Committee all voted in favor of this project.

Town Funding for Tobey West is on the Spring Town Warrant for a vote by Dennis residents at the upcoming May 3, 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

				
<b>One square mile</b> of salt marsh stores the carbon equivalent of <b>76,000 gal of gas</b> annually.	Marshes trap sediments from tidal waters, allowing them to <b>grow in elevation</b> as sea level rises.	Living shorelines improve <b>water quality</b> , provide fisheries <b>habitat</b> , increase <b>biodiversity</b> , and promote <b>recreation</b> .	Marshes and oyster reefs act as natural <b>barriers</b> to waves. <b>15 ft</b> of marsh can <b>absorb 50%</b> of incoming wave energy.	Living shorelines are <b>more resilient</b> against storms than bulkheads.

**DCLT NEEDS YOUR VOTE!**

Conserving Tobey West will provide recreational opportunities for the public and will protect the largest marsh in Dennis – Chase Garden Creek by Chapin Beach. Protecting Tobey West protects wildlife habitat, saltwater finfish and shellfish, and rare species such as the Diamondback Terrapin – a saltwater turtle.



Thank you

9. **Let's Protect Tobey West!**

- Protect 8.02 acres of upland, freshwater wetland, and saltmarsh
- Preserve another piece of the oldest family farm on Cape Cod
- Prevent further degradation of the Cape's second largest saltmarsh
- Mitigate impacts of climate change and sea level rise
- Protect critical habitat for finfish, shellfish, and state-designated species
- Protect key wildlife corridor and assemble open space network for public access





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