



Town of Dennis

Dennis Port West Dennis Advancement Committee

November 25, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On November 19, 2025, the Dennis Conservation Land Trust (DCLT) met with the Town of Dennis' Dennis Port – West Dennis Advancement Committee (the Committee) to present their plans to acquire 13.5 acres of land in Dennis Port. This acquisition would significantly expand the under-utilized Plashes Conservation Area, increasing its size to 61 acres. The DCLT's vision includes developing an accessible trail network that will enhance public access to nature and promote outdoor recreation. As our Committee's charge is to advocate for infrastructure improvements and the enhancement of green space while balancing the economic and aesthetic needs of both villages, we are pleased to offer our enthusiastic support for this initiative.

The primary goal of the DCLT's acquisition is to create the first-ever nature trail in Dennis Port, a community designated as a low-income "Environmental Justice Community" with limited access to green space. Our Committee recognizes the profound benefits of connecting local residents to nature, fostering environmental stewardship, and enhancing community well-being. The proposed trail system will offer miles of scenic routes, including sections through a pristine white cedar swamp, and will be designed for a range of users, including walkers, joggers, runners, and, we hope, individuals with mobility impairments.

The Committee voted unanimously to support this project, recognizing its potential to serve the community for generations to come.

The Town of Dennis and the DCLT have a longstanding history of successful partnerships in land protection and trail development, though this would be the first such

collaboration in Dennis Port. We wholeheartedly endorse this acquisition and encourage both individuals and private foundations to support this important initiative.

Respectfully

Leah Howlett

Chair of The Committee

West Dennis Advancement Committee