



Help Bring Nature to Dennis Port!

THE DENNIS
CONSERVATION
LAND TRUST



Dennis Port is the 5th most densely populated zip code on Cape Cod.

How do the Villages of Dennis Compare?

	Dennis Village	East Dennis	South Dennis	West Dennis	Dennis Port
Dedicated Open Space	874 acres	1,141 acres	593 acres	208 acres	250 acres
Poverty Rate (2023)	3.3%	4.2%	4.5%	5.4%	18.9%
% of Minorities in total population	7%	7%	13%	12%	20%
Number of formal nature trails	3	6	5	1	0
Population Density (People/sq. mile)	490	539	847	698	1,162

Not everyone has access to nature

Dennis Port is both a minority-based and income-based Environmental Justice (EJ) Community.

EJ Communities lack access to the health benefits of open space.

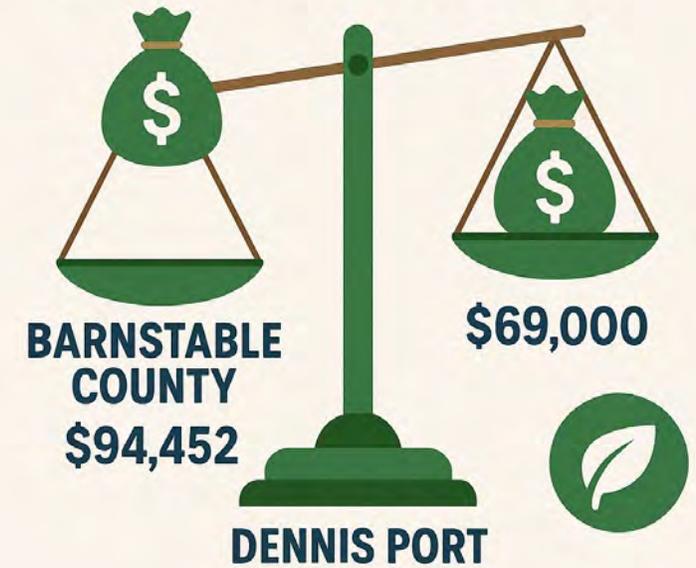
Potential benefits include:

- lower blood pressure
- improved birth outcomes
- reduced cardiovascular risk
- less anxiety and depression
- better mental concentration
- healthier child development
- enhanced sleep quality, and more.

Dennis Port is also a *walking community*

DENNIS PORT IS AN INCOME-BASED ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY

The average median household income in Barnstable County is \$94,452 while the average in Dennis Port is around \$69,000.



Exciting opportunity

DCLT has under agreement the purchase of **13.45 acres** of land (red) in Dennis Port abutting the Plashes Conservation Area

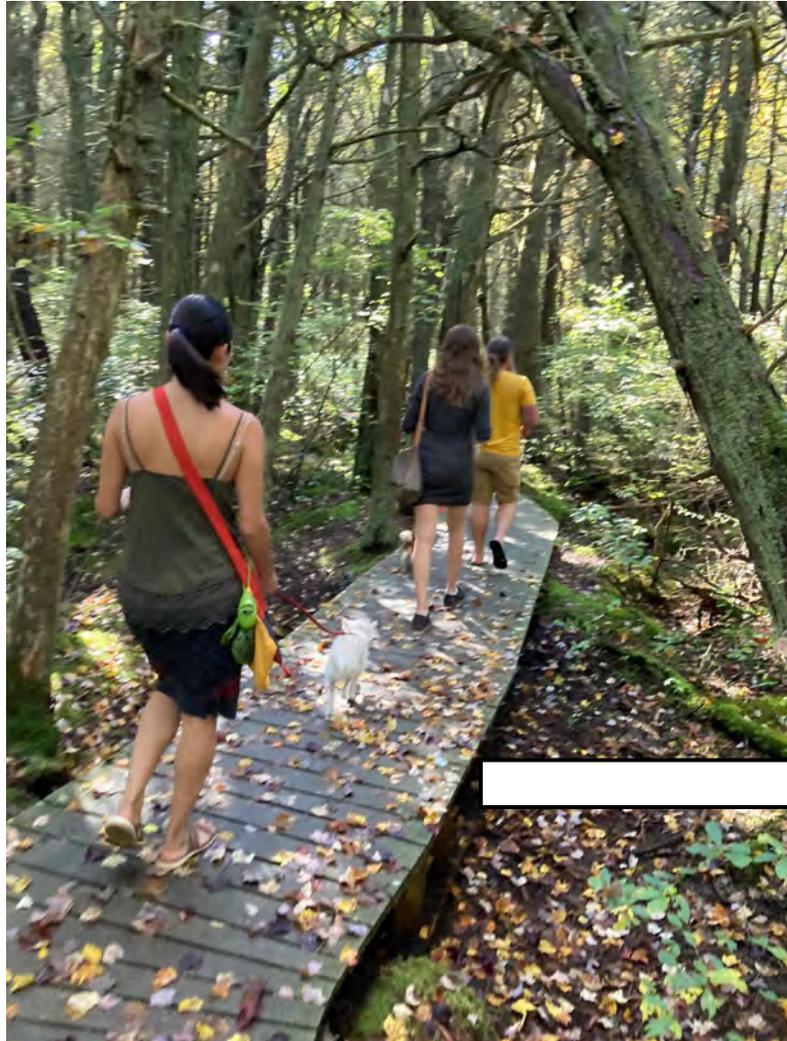
This acquisition will:

- Secure *undevelopable land* for public enjoyment
- Create the opportunity for *miles* of new trails across **61 acres**
 - Collaborate with Town's Conservation Commission
 - Connect walking communities and businesses between Rt. 28 and Lower County Road
 - Including improved access from Rt. 28 motels to beaches
 - Provide program opportunities
 - Support local tourism as a unique natural attraction



Phase II: Trail Development

Goal: Complete by 2028



**National Seashore's Atlantic White Cedar
Swamp Trail**

Clapp Property, Dennis Port

Project Need

Phase I – Acquisition and Planning

- Must raise \$479,000 by February 2026
- Project ineligible for CPA Funds and usual land acquisition grants
- Focus on foundation support and local fundraising
 - Seeking support letters for funding applications

Phase II

- Anticipated budget ~\$400,000 (1/2 mile of boardwalk, trailhead, interpretive signage, overlooks, etc.)
- Timeline: ~3 years
- Eligible for CPA Funds and MassTrails Grant Program



1



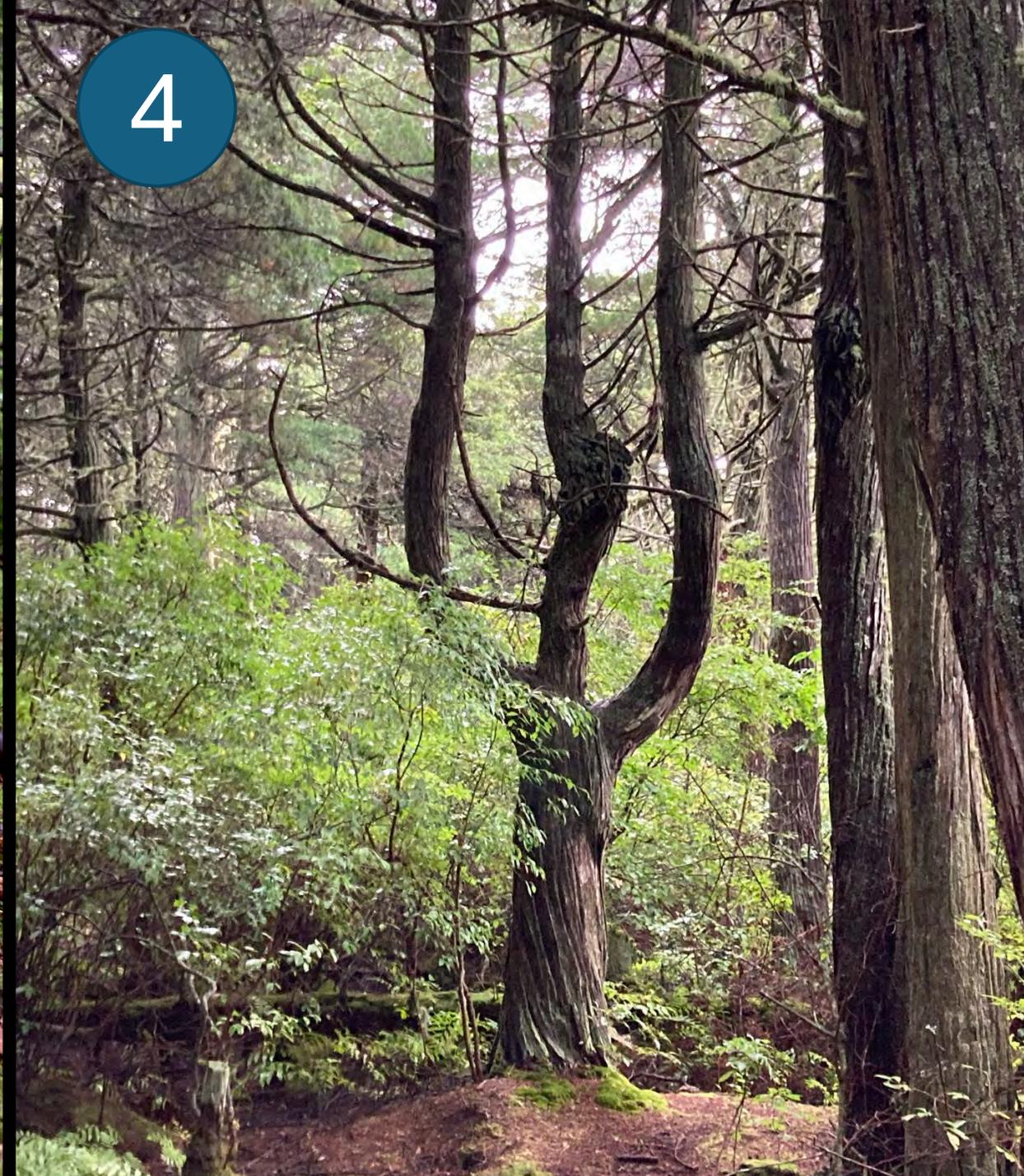
2



3



4



5

