



Town of Dennis, MA

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To Whom It May Concern:

On November 17th, 2025, the Dennis Conservation Land Trust (DCLT) met with the Town of Dennis' Recreation Commission. DCLT explained that they are fundraising to purchase 13.5 acres of land in Dennis Port, an important opportunity to expand the under-utilized Plashes Conservation Area to 61 acres in size, with the intent of working with the Town to develop an accessible trail network in the area.

The goal of the purchase is to create the first nature trail in Dennis Port. Dennis Port is a low-income "Environmental Justice Community" greatly in need of access to nature. Our Commission recognizes the benefits of connecting communities to the outdoors to foster an appreciation for nature and support community wellbeing. We were particularly excited about collaborating with DCLT on the design and creation of miles of new trail, including through a stunning whitecedar swamp, which may provide access not only for walkers, but joggers, runners, and hopefully those with mobility impairments. Our Commission voted unanimously in support of the project.

The Town of Dennis and the DCLT have a long history of partnering on land protection and trail development initiatives across the Town of Dennis, but never before in Dennis Port. Our Commission enthusiastically supports this acquisition project and encourages individuals and private foundations to financially support it.

Sincerely,

Henry Bowen

Chair

Town of Dennis Recreation Commission