



NATIVE LAND CONSERVANCY

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LAND RESCUE AND PRESERVATION

December 15, 2025

To: Dr. David Fryxell, Executive Director
Dennis Conservation Land Trust
Re: Intent to Accept Donation of Conservation Restriction – 293 Main Street, Dennis Port

Dear David,

Thank you for advancing the conservation of the 1.67-acre parcel at 293 Main Street in Dennis Port and for your interest in donating a conservation restriction to the Native Land Conservancy (NLC), contingent on your anticipated purchase of the property in early 2026.

Following site visits with you and our staff and Board of Directors review on December 11, 2025, I am pleased to share that the NLC endorses your vision and intends to accept the future donation of a conservation restriction that will protect this land in perpetuity.

The Native Land Conservancy is an indigenous-led land conservation organization with a mission to protect and restore land for all living beings. We draw upon traditional cultural knowledge and long-standing relationships with land as a familial responsibility to future generations. We are based in Mashpee and partner on projects in three states, with 811 acres protected through conservation restrictions.

We particularly value the protection of imperiled habitats with deep cultural significance, such as the white cedar swamp adjacent to 293 Main Street. For millennia, the local Wampanoag community has stewarded cedar and swamp landscapes as vital ecological and cultural places — integral to cultural continuity.

By accepting this conservation restriction, the NLC will partner with you to ensure that the gateway to the Plashes Conservation Area and its remarkable cedar swamp is carefully and thoughtfully protected and opened for public walking access. Our work with the Dennis Conservation Land Trust, including our existing Cultural Respect Easement, reflects our shared commitment to honoring Indigenous land connections and community stewardship.

We look forward to collaborating with you on drafting the conservation restriction and to seeing this property protected in perpetuity. We strongly encourage private donors and foundations to support your campaign to secure the land.

With gratitude,

Diana Ruiz, Ph.D.
Executive Director

