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PRESS RELEASE

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Public Meeting: Enhanced Outreach to the Environmental Justice (EJ) Neighborhoods

The Town of Dennis is pleased to extend an invitation to the public to attend a meeting as part of the Town's ongoing Open Space and Recreation Planning, in conjunction with our community partner, the Dennis Port-West Dennis Advancement Committee (DPWDAC). Please join at a **Public Meeting at Dennis Port Public Library on Wednesday October 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm**. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the community about the many existing and new open space resources in Town, educate the community about Environmental Justice, and gather feedback from folks with local expertise, fresh ideas and needs that may have been overlooked as we continue to improve the exceptional Open Space resources in Dennis for everyone.

Environmental Justice is the principle that all people have a right to a healthy environment and should be protected from disproportionate environmental hazards, regardless of age, race, color, national origin, handicap, or income. EJ involves the fair and meaningful participation of all people in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Environmental Justice Areas are defined as those that meet one or more of the following criteria: Census Tracts where households income is not more than 65 percent of the statewide annual median income; where minorities comprise 40 percent or more of the population; or where 25 percent or more of households lack English language proficiency.

The Town of Dennis has four (4) EJ communities, two (2) Census Tract in Dennis Port, one (1) Census Tract in West Dennis and one (1) Census Tract in South Dennis. Information about the Open Space Plan and Environmental Justice is available on the Planning Department webpage. Dennis Open Space Update webpage: <https://www.town.dennis.ma.us/992/Open-Space-Recreation-Plan-Update-2024>