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Natural Resources Department

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Dennis Community Preservation Committee
685 Route 134
South Dennis, MA 02660

RE: 2022 (FY2023) Grant Application

The Dennis Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is pleased to submit the enclosed Application for your consideration. This 2022 Community Preservation Application requests funding to purchase and install new signage, kiosks and fencing at five (5) existing conservation areas.

This project is consistent with the goals of the Community Preservation Act and will benefit the residents of Dennis and neighboring towns.

Please find enclosed eight (8) copies of our Application and supporting documentation. An electronic copy has also been submitted.

We trust the Committee will look favorably on our request.

Respectfully,

Karen M. Johnson
Director, Department of Natural Resources

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

2022 GRANT APPLICATION



Submitted By:

Dennis Department of Natural Resources

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I. Synopsis

1. Project Title

Conservation Area Kiosks, Signs and Fencing

2. Organization name

Dennis Department of Natural Resources

3. Amount requested from CPA Funds

\$14,000

4. Purpose

OPEN SPACE/RECREATION: The purpose of the project is to add new Conservation Area Signs, Kiosks and Fencing to existing conservation areas. Five (5) conservation areas have been targeted for these improvements; Davis-Bush Conservation Lands, Indian Lands Conservation Lands, Norton Nickerson Conservation Lands, Craig Short Conservation Lands, and William P. Stone Conservation Lands. The proposed improvements will identify these areas as conservation lands, provide information to the public and, in some cases, limit unauthorized use and access.

5. Project Site Location

Five (5) conservation areas have been targeted for improvements. These sites are located in East Dennis and South Dennis.

1. Davis-Bush Conservation Lands

The Davis-Bush property is the most recent Town purchase of conservation lands. The Davis-Bush Conservation Lands are located adjacent to the Indian Lands Conservation Area in South Dennis and provides access to the Bass River. A recent extension to the trail system directly connects the property with the very popular Indian Lands Conservation Area trail system. The site can be accessed via the old driveway extending from the Town parking lot, or via a trail extending from the Cape Cod Rail Trail parking area. A new sign will identify this Conservation Area and new kiosks will provide information and identify the trail network on the property.

2. Indian Lands Conservation Lands

Located along the Bass River and adjacent to the Davis-Bush Conservation Lands, this area is extremely popular. With the construction of the Cape Cod Rail Trail, the property is now exposed to additional use and pressures.

Significant erosion has occurred along the banks of Bass River and Town staff has made several attempts to limit access along the banks. Additionally, bikers have begun accessing the area from the Rail Trail. The trail network is not managed for bikes and signage prohibiting bikers has been ineffective. Access to the trail along the Bass River will be limited via the installation of a chicane using split rail fencing and lumber. A new kiosk will provide public information, rules and regulations.

3. Norton Nickerson Conservation Lands

The Norton Nickerson Conservation Area, measuring approximately 5 acres in size, was gifted to the Town in 1979. Norton Nickerson was the Chairman of the Conservation Commission for many years and was extremely instrumental in the acquisition of many conservation areas. The Conservation Commission unanimously supports identification of this property with new signage.

4. Craig Short Conservation Lands

Mr. Short grew up in the Mayfair Road area of South Dennis. He was a local engineer involved in many projects within the Town. In recent years he was an important member of the Conservation Commission. In his younger years he frequented areas along the Bass River and Follins Pond, including the conservation lands informally known as Norse Landing Marsh. At their Marsh 17, 2022 meeting, the Conservation Commission unanimously supported renaming of this area in honor of Mr. Short and identifying the property through installation of new signage and a kiosk.

5. William P. Stone Conservation Lands

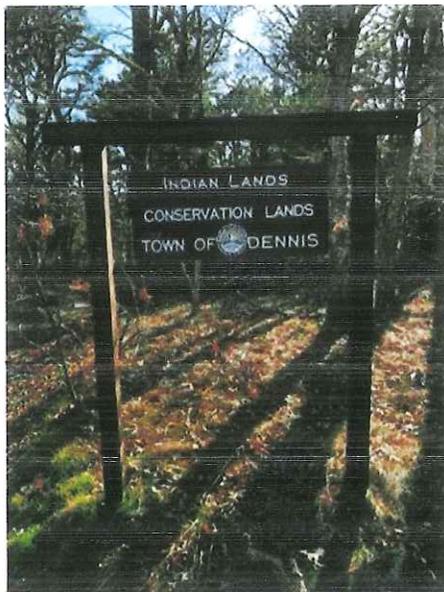
This conservation area includes the old cranberry bog located on Stephen Phillips Road in East Dennis. For many years the bog was leased to a commercial grower. However, in recent years, the bog has been inactive and is now managed as a conservation area. With the support of the Select Board, Town staff routinely s a perimeter trail around the bog and removes sapling trees and large shrubs to maintain the view shed. A small pull-off is available for parking but has been overused in recent years. New fencing will serve to create a defined parking area. New signage will identify the land as conservation area and a small kiosk will provide information.

6. Synopsis of project

The purpose of this project is to obtain funding to increase visibility and use of town conservation areas. As outlined above, conservation area signage, informational kiosks and split rail fencing will be installed in specific locations as follows:

1. Davis-Bush Conservation Lands
One (1) Sign
Two (2) Kiosks
2. Indian Lands Conservation Lands
Chicane (fencing)
One (1) Kiosk
3. Norton Nickerson Conservation Lands
One (1) Sign
4. Craig Short Conservation Lands
One (1) Sign
One (1) Kiosk
5. William P. Stone Conservation Lands
One (1) Sign
Fencing (parking area)

New conservation signs will be consistent with existing signs, being hand carved by a local wood carver.



Kiosks will be made of recycled materials, consistent with the Town policy.



A chicane will be constructed at Indian Lands



A new parking area will be designated at the William P. Stone Conservation Lands.



Existing



Proposed

II. Applicant information

7. Project Title

Conservation Area Kiosks, Signs and Fencing

8. Organization name

Dennis Natural Resources Department

9. Address

Dennis Town Hall, 685 Route 134, South Dennis, MA 02660

10. Federal Tax Identification Number

Tax ID #046-001129

DUNS Number...088516141

11. Primary Contact Person(s) & Secondary Persons

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Primary Contact Person(s) & Secondary Persons who can approve and receive funds

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III. Applicant Background

12. Brief Applicant History

Karen Johnson, Director of Natural Resources brings more than 40 years of experience protecting the environment, both in the public and private sectors. She

has worked on projects ranging from 5 acres to 65,000 acres, assisting with the identification of natural habitats and input to project designers on how to maintain natural areas. She has worked on several Town of Dennis conservation projects including reconstruction of the Princess Beach Pavilion and design of the Independence Pathway project. Her staff performs maintenance work on all Town conservation lands.

Nicholas Bussian, Land Management Specialist, provides experience with the maintenance of open space lands and natural areas. His skills include invasive species identification, control and management, construction and maintenance of trailways, enforcement of conservation regulations and land restoration work. Mr. Bussian is the lead person responsible for maintenance and repairs of conservation lands.

13. Names of governing board, trustees or directors

Board of Selectmen

Chris Flanagan, Chair

John Terrio, Vice-Chair

Christopher Lambton, Licensing Chair

Paul McCormick, Clerk

Sheryl A. McMahon, Selectman

14. Summary of Comparable Projects

Princess Beach Pavilion Replacement and Amenities

Princess Beach is a heavily used recreational area which supports fishing, swimming and family picnic events. The old pavilion was replaced, a new septic system and recreational amenities were installed.

Independence Pathway

Construction of a multi-surface pathway to aide people who need to improve balance and equilibrium. The purpose of the project was to provide a new recreational area which serves the needs of an increasing senior population. This project was funded by the CPC and a concept plan developed.

Pond Street Blueberry Patch Restoration

The project was funded by a County grant and rehabilitated an existing U-Pick area on public land which was obtained by the Town of Dennis in July 2001. The parcel remained untouched since acquisition and became inaccessible to Dennis residents. In addition to trimming back the overgrown blueberry bushes, four (4) small trees were removed, brush was removed off site and a parking lot measuring 60' x 30' utilizing T-Base (a recycled form of asphalt and gravel) was constructed. Split rail fencing was installed to define the parking area. The blueberry patch offers a U-pick area open for Dennis residents.

Flax Pond Parking Area Rehabilitation

The project included regrading of the parking area, designation of the parking area with split rail fencing, installation of a new kiosk, gate and trash disposal unit.

IV. Project Information

15. Project Concept

The proposed project will place four new kiosks and four conservation area signs to improve the recreational experience for tourists and residents throughout the year. The signs will identify conservation areas and provide general information to the public, including but not limited to trail networks, hunting information and Town regulations. The project will also create a parking area at one location and limit access at another location in an effort to reduce unauthorized use and negative impacts to the natural resources.

16. Project Goals/Objectives

The project goal is to adequately identify additional Town of Dennis conservation areas and provide adequate access to the public visiting these areas. This project will make these conservation areas more user friendly and provide better identification and more education.

17. Describe any legal issues, ramifications, impediments

No legal issues, ramifications, impediments are anticipated. Conservation Areas are subjected to conservation restrictions which limit the uses within these areas. Occasionally, specific requirements, such as signage, can be included in these restrictions. For example, the restrictions for the Davis-Bush property specifically require signage with this name. These properties are owned by the Town of Dennis and are open for public access. All uses and restrictions are reviewed

and approved by the Conservation Commission. The proposed activities are consistent with the conservation restrictions and will not impede public use.

18. Describe how this Project accomplishes the goals & objectives of the CPA

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is a tool that helps communities preserve open space and historic sites, create affordable housing, and develop outdoor recreational facilities. By adding these kiosks, signs and parking areas, visibility will be increased and access improved for open space (conservation) areas. These areas have experienced increased pressure in recent years and Informational kiosks are the best way to relay conservation information and educate the public on the importance of preserving open space.

19. Describe how this Project is relevant to the current & future needs of Dennis

This project is relevant to the current and future needs of Dennis because residents and visitors seek out outdoor recreation opportunities. We have seen an increase in the use of conservation lands. As use of the conservation lands increases, it is important that additional areas be made available to lessen pressure on the more well-known properties. Identification of additional properties, combined with educational kiosks, provides new locations for use while also educating the public on the importance of preserving and maintaining these areas. As development increases, the preservation of these areas becomes more important and identification of the lands helps notify people of their protective status.

20. Describe how this Project relates to the Dennis Local Comprehensive Plan

The Town's Comprehensive Plan includes a substantial section outlining Dennis' Open Space and Recreation Plan goals. The Open Space and Recreation Plan is intended to provide a framework for decision making by its residents. The purpose of the plan is to serve as a guide to responsible action to conserve Dennis' natural resources, preserve its open space and provide ample opportunities for recreation for its citizens.

Section 2.5.4 requires the Town "Preserve and manage sufficient areas to maintain a healthy natural environment, provide habitat for wildlife, encourage outdoor recreation and retain community character. Performance Standards include the requirement to protect and retain lands of recreational value and to protect the Town's scenic resources.

All of the conservation properties included in this request have great recreation opportunities. It is important that these areas be identified as protected open space through signage and informational kiosks to educate the public. Through

education, residents and tourists will be able to enjoy the natural environment that the Town of Dennis has preserved.

V. Project Implementation & Budget

21. Total CPA Funding Request

\$14,000

22. A Financial Plan, including a line item project budget

The requested funding will be used to pay for the construction of the conservation area signs, purchase of the kiosks and purchase of split rail fencing and lumber for the parking area and chicane. Estimates have been received from two (2) local wood carvers. Estimates have also been received from vendors of kiosks and split rail fencing.

1. <u>Davis-Bush Conservation Lands</u>	
One (1) Sign	\$1,600
Two (2) Kiosks	\$2,610
2. <u>Indian Lands Conservation Lands</u>	
One (1) Kiosk	\$1,350
Chicane (fencing)	\$1,000
3. <u>Norton Nickerson Conservation Lands</u>	
One (1) Sign	\$1,600
4. <u>Craig Short Conservation Lands</u>	
One (1) Sign	\$1,600
One (1) Kiosk	\$1,260
5. <u>William P. Stone Conservation Lands</u>	
One (1) Sign	\$1,600
Fencing (parking area)	\$ 800
6. <u>Shipping Cost of Kiosks</u>	
Shipping	\$ 500

23. Evidence of Interest from potential lenders

N/A

24. List of funding sources, including private/public/in-kind

The CPC grant would fund the project completely.

- 25. **A five-year income and expenses plan for the project**
N/A

VI. Support Documents

- 26. **Letters of Support from community organizations or other such sources**
N/A
- 27. **References**
N/A
- 28. **Other relevant materials specific to the Project**
Vendor estimates included
- 29. **Copy of most recent US Income Tax Form 990**
N/A
- 30. **Certificate of Non-Collusion**
Enclosed

CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Chief Executive Officer(s):

Elizabeth Sullivan, Town Administrator

Name (print)

Elizabeth Sullivan

Name (print)

ESullivan

Signature

Town Administrator

Title

5/3/22

Date

Signature

Title

Date

APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY:

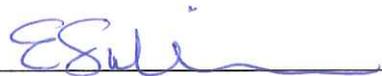
Name of Organization: Town of Dennis Natural Resources Department

Address: 685 Route 134, South Dennis Ma 02660

Phone Number: 508-760-6123

Email: kjohnson@town.dennis.ma.us

Chief Executive Officer: Elizabeth Sullivan, Town Administrator

Signature: 

Name: (if more than one) _____

Signature: _____



Dennis Select Board Meeting Excerpt
April 29, 2022
Dennis Town Hall
Stone Hearing Room, 12 pm

Attendees: Select Board: Chris Flanagan, John Terrio, Chris Lambton, and Paul McCormick

Consider authorizing the Town Administrator's signature on municipal Community Preservation Act Committee grant application from the Department of Natural Resources

Director of Natural Resources Karen Johnson shared that it was her intention to apply for a CPC grant for the purpose of installing four (4) signs and four (4) kiosks at various conservation areas. In addition, the funding request is for the purchase of split rail fencing to construct a small parking area at one conservation area (to curtail unauthorized parking).

Motion:

Mr. Lambton moved to forward the application to the Community Preservation Committee and authorize the Town Administrator to sign the application; Mr. Lambton seconded. The Board voted: Mr. McCormick "aye", Mr. Lambton "aye", Mr. Terrio "aye" and Mr. Flanagan "aye". (4-0-0)

A True Copy Attest

Theresa T. Bunce
Theresa Bunce, Dennis Town Clerk

May 3, 2022
Date

VENDOR ESTIMATES

Account: www.farringtonwoodcarving.com; Email: farringtonwoodcarving@farringtonwoodcarving.com; Phone: 781-326-1111; Website: www.farringtonwoodcarving.com

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aniel Farrington <contact@farringtonwoodcarving.com>

: Dennis Town Signs

a few prices for you to take a look at. So for a brand new sign/posts to match the existing sign/posts would be \$1,590. \$630 for materials and \$960 in labor. If you need inst
f extra at the end, \$80/hour. I would estimate around 2-3 hours for that. And for the sign including a 3/8" raised/carved and painted seal would add \$650 to the job bringin
eate a cadlink design and sub out the CNC routing, carving them by hand would be too labor intensive and would end up costing a lot more. But once the design file is creati
ost less to have them made in the future. If the raised seal is something you would like on this sign and future/existing signs, you could save some money having multiple se
me time. Or we could just do it on this one and see how you like it. Let me know what you think.

GEORGEY SECTON
WOOD CARVING

WOOD CARVING

DAVIS-BUSH

CONSERVATION LAND

TOWN OF DENNIS

\$1,600 Installed

This Price is without COLOR BROWN

Town Seal BORDER Lightly Rounded

CONTACT

Nicholas
Bussian

PRICE \$1,600

TAX

SHIP

TOTAL

DEPOSIT

BALANCE

DEPOSIT NON REFUNDABLE

NOTES

Carved white
letters

SHIP TO

DENNIS

LONG POND DR HARWICH MA 02545 508-237-9194 CAPECODWOODCARVING.COM

Included

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TOWN OF DENNIS
 685 Route 134
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**PRUDENT
 PROCUREMENT**
 (Attach specifications/description)

DEPARTMENT: DNR DATE: April 2022

	Firm/Peron Contacted	Telephone/Fax Number	Item Requested	Quote
Name:	Tree Top Products	855-282-5713	kiosk	Large vertical \$1,350
Address:	222 State St			Large horizontal \$1,260
Town:	Batavia, IL 60510			
Contact's Name:	Online			

	Firm/Peron Contacted	Telephone/Fax Number	Item Requested	Quote
Name:	Polly Products	877-609-2243	kiosk	Large horizontal \$1,446
Address:	12 North Charlotte St			
Town:	Mulliken, MI 48861			
Contact's Name:	Online			

	Firm/Peron Contacted	Telephone/Fax Number	Item Requested	Quote
Name:	Kay Park	866-284-5286	kiosk	Large horizontal \$1,438
Address:	1301 Pine St			
Town:	Janesville, IA 50647			
Contact's Name:	Online			

 Department Head Signature

 Date

TOWN OF DENNIS
 685 Route 134
 South Dennis, MA 02660

**PRUDENT
 PROCUREMENT**
 (Attach specifications/description)

DEPARTMENT: DNR DATE: April 2022

	Firm/Person Contacted	Telephone/Fax Number	Item Requested	Quote
Name:	All Cape		Split rail fencing	\$52 ; 1 Section (2 rails and 1 post)
Address:				
Town:				
Contact's Name:				

	Firm/Person Contacted	Telephone/Fax Number	Item Requested	Quote
Name:	Mid Cape		Split rail fencing	\$16.67 ; Rails only
Address:				
Town:				
Contact's Name:				

	Firm/Person Contacted	Telephone/Fax Number	Item Requested	Quote
Name:	Pro Fence		Split rail fencing	\$61; 1 Section (2 rails and 1 post)
Address:				
Town:				
Contact's Name:				

	Firm/Person Contacted	Telephone/Fax Number	Item Requested	Quote
Name:	Cape Cod Fence		Split rail fencing	\$106;1 Section (2 rails and 1 post)
Address:				
Town:				
Contact's Name:				

	Firm/Person Contacted	Telephone/Fax Number	Item Requested	Quote
Name:	Bennet Fence		Split rail fencing	\$65; 1 Section (2 rails and 1 post)
Address:				
Town:				
Contact's Name:				

Department Head Signature

Date