

“Lion’s Head”
June 20, 2013

Project Description: Please provide a brief project description below. Include a brief description of how your project accomplishes the goals of the CPA and include an estimated budget. Please include supporting materials as necessary.

A cooperative project of the Town of Middleboro and the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Game, the Lions Head Peninsula Protection Project will permanently preserve 103 acres of woodland, floodplain, and riparian frontage along the Nemasket River in Middleboro, just east of the Nemasket’s confluence with the federally-designated Wild and Scenic Taunton River. The project will create an outstanding nature reserve in an area historically underserved by conservation efforts, protect approximately one mile of river frontage, enable public access for a wide range of passive recreational pursuits, enable the creation of an expanded network of hiking trails that will protect habitat for rare species, and combine with existing open space holdings to expand the conservation assemblage along the lower Nemasket corridor.

The property’s owners, two sisters in their late 70’s, have long expressed a vision to eventually conserve their land and have it open to the public, but are both confronting serious health issues. Therefore, there is some urgency to consummate a conservation deal as expeditiously as possible.

Proposed Time Line: (As a separate attachment, please submit a project implementation schedule including anticipated start and end dates, initiation and completion dates of key milestones, etc.)

- 1) LAND Grant Deadline July 17, 2013
- 2) CPA Second Step for 2013 Fall Town Meeting (September/October)
- 3) 2013 Fall Town Meeting to borrow entire project cost with the understanding that if the LAND Grant and CPA funds are awarded the town will be reimbursed this money.
- 4) If we are awarded the LAND Grant and CPA the monies from these will be paid out to the owner of the land and the Town will hold the fee for the land and The Wildlands Trust will hold the Conservation Restriction for the property.

Sources of financial sustainability for future maintenance: (As a separate attachment, please submit documentation of financial sustainability including anticipated resources for future maintenance)

The Sources of financial sustainability for future maintenance will include support and stewardship from The Wildlands Trust Trail Blazers volunteer group. We also expect other groups such as the Boy Scouts to responsibly take care of the property.

Other key elements (As a separate attachment, please submit documentation of community support such as endorsements from town permitting boards or commissions, community organizations, abutters, etc) TRWA, SRPEDD, BOS, CON. COM. NHESP, Mass Historic