

## ARTICLE 13C

**ARTICLE 13C:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, for open space purposes pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, the fee interest in a certain parcel of land containing 69.29 acres more or less located on Billington Sea and Lout Pond off Billington Street in Plymouth, Massachusetts and shown on Assessors' Map 98, Lots 104 and 105, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, and to accept a deed to the Town of Plymouth, and as funding therefor, to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, or otherwise fund, the sum of \$650,000; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant one or more conservation restrictions meeting the requirements of G.L. c.184, § 31, or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

**RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$650,000 (Unanimous).** The Advisory and Finance Committee advises Town Meeting to approve Article 13C. Town Meeting approval will authorize the acquisition of a 70-acre parcel off Billington Sea Road between Billington Sea Pond and Lout Pond using available CPA Open Space reserve funds. The CPA funds would be used to cover the difference between two grants as indicated in Article 7A and Article 7B under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF) and the use of the remaining Challenge Grant funds. The property is located within a Zone II Aquifer Area and would assist the Town with its efforts to improve Billington Sea's water quality as well as protect the hydrology of this area.