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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$750,000 (Unanimous, 13-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee advises Town Meeting to approve Article 16D. Town Meeting approval of this article will authorize the appropriation of \$750,000 under the Community Preservation Act to purchase a 98 acre parcel located off Bourne Road (Map 129 Lot 10a) for open space and recreational purposes. This parcel abuts a parcel that the Town of Bourne owns and will allow Plymouth to connect to Bourne Trails and the Cape Cod Rail Trails. A conservation restriction will be placed on the property and the property will be placed under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission. Any grants received would be used to reduce the appropriation.



TOWN OF PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEMO

TO: Town Meeting, Board of Selectmen and the Finance and Advisory Committee

From: The Community Preservation Committee

Date: Monday September 22, 2014 Re: AFSTM 2014 CPA Article 16D

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<u>CPC RECOMMENDATION</u>: APPROVAL (unanimous)

The Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously in favor of Article 16D on Thursday August 14, 2014

<u>SUMMARY & INTENT</u>: The Community Preservation Committee recommendation to purchase for the purpose of passive recreational use, protection of priority habitats of rare species and rare wildlife. This enhances preservation conservation and trail opportunities.

