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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$191,100 (Unanimous, 10-0-0). The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 16C. Town Meeting approval of this article will appropriate \$191,100 from the Community Preservation Fund for the purchase of approximately 43 acres of land off Sandwich Road and on Eel River for open space purposes. The town will be receiving an additional \$263,900 from a FY2018 MA Division of Conservation Services LAND (Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity) grant which will be applied to the total purchase price of \$455,000. The purpose of this acquisition is to permanently protect and preserve 43 acres of upland, wetland and riverine habitat along the Eel River Watershed adjacent to 67 acres of protected open space. Parcel will be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission.



TOWN OF PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEMO

To: Town Meeting, Board of Selectmen, Advisory & Finance Committee
From: The Community Preservation Committee
Date: Thursday December 7, 2016
Re: ATM 2017: CPA Article 16C

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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

CPC RECOMMENDATION: Approval (unanimous)

The Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously in support of Article 16C at its meeting held Thursday December 7, 2016.

SUMMARY & INTENT:

The Community Preservation Committee is recommending the purchase of land on Eel River off Sandwich Road. The purpose of the acquisition is to permanently protect and preserve 43 acres of upland, wetland and riverine habitat in the Eel River Watershed adjacent to 67 acres of protected open space. The Town of Plymouth has received \$263,900 in a grant funding from the MA Division of Conservation Services LAND program for the acquisition of this project.

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The Community Preservation Committee does an excellent job documenting their projects. Please refer to their Spring Annual Town Meeting 2017 Community Preservation Act book for information about this article.