

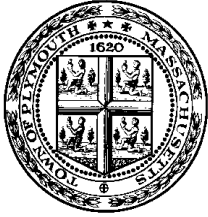
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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$705,000 (Unanimous, 9-0-1).

The Advisory & Finance Committee advises Town Meeting to approve Article 12. Approval of this article will appropriate \$705,000 from the Community Preservation Fund for the purposes of passive recreational use and the protection of priority habitats of rare species. Funds will be used to acquire 88 acres off Old Sandwich Road, the Hio Hill property. This property has an elevation of 270 feet and has a great view looking out to Cape Cod Bay. Acquisition of this property will enhance the conservation corridor along Old Sandwich Road from Ellisville Harbor to Myles Standish State Park. The property abuts four hundred acres of existing conservation land purchased with CPA funds. The land is near the Savery Pond Town Well, Zones 1 and 2.



TOWN OF PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEMO

TO: Town Meeting, Board of Selectmen, and the Advisory & Finance Committee
From: The Community Preservation Committee
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015
Re: SPRING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: 2015 CPA Article 12

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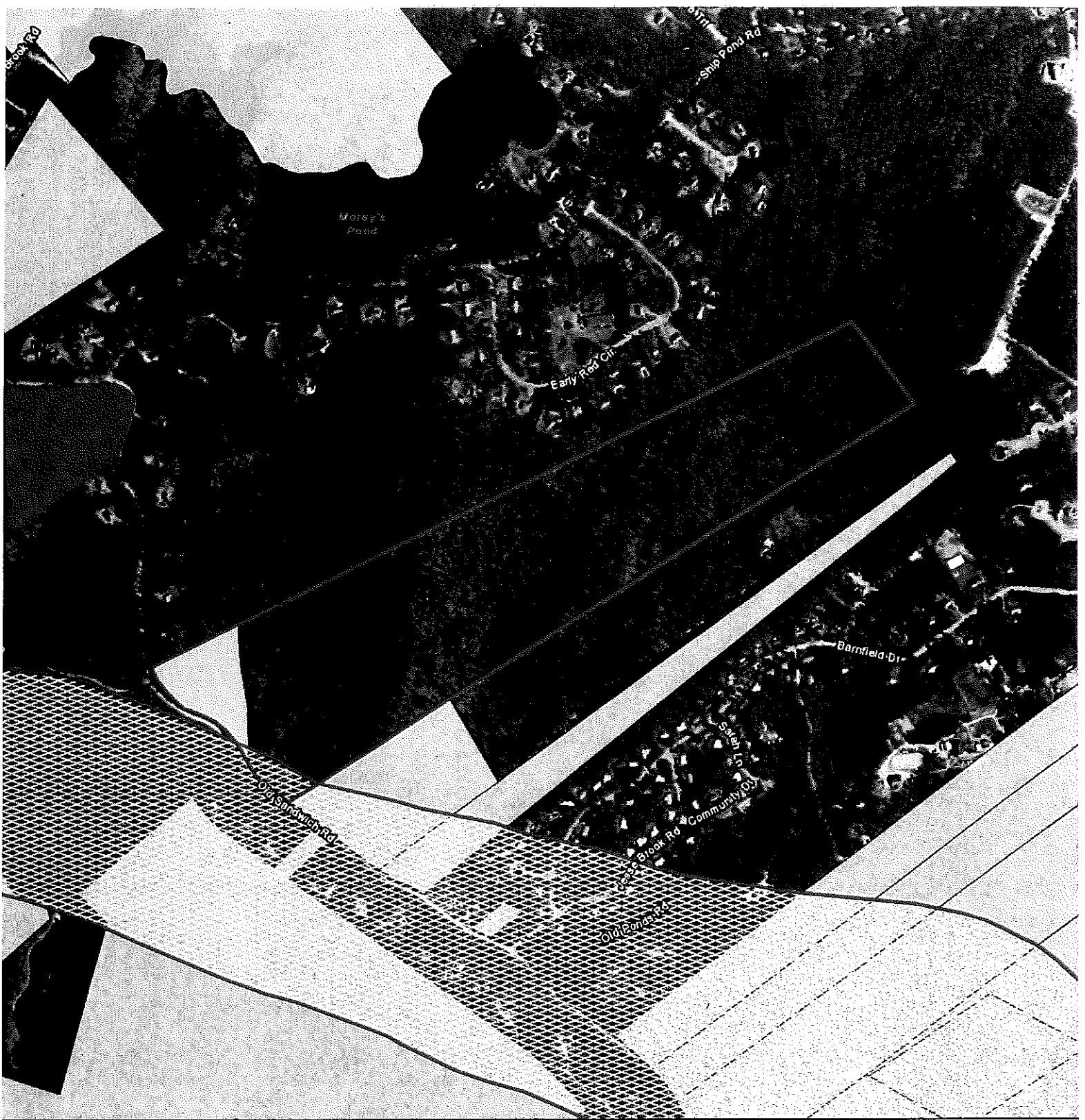
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CPC RECOMMENDATION: Approval (unanimous)

The Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously in favor of Article 12 at its meeting held Thursday, February 12, 2015




SUMMARY & INTENT:

The Community Preservation Committee is recommending the purchase of the Hio Hill property for the purposes of passive recreational use and the protection of priority habitats of rare species. Acquisition of this property will enhance the conservation corridor along Old Sandwich Road from Ellisville Harbor to Myles Standish State Park. The property abuts four hundred acres of existing conservation land purchased with CPA funds. The land is near the Savery Pond Town Well, Zones 1 and 2. This purchase is in accord with the Town's 1998 ENSER plan, which calls for acquiring conservation land between the State Forest and Ellisville State Park on Cape Cod Bay.



Hio Hill Acquisition

November 2013

-  Dixon Property
-  DEP Approved Zone IIs
-  BioMap2 Critical Natural Landscape

Open Space Lands

-  Municipal
-  Land Trust

