



MEMORANDUM

To: Applicant Community

From: Conservation Staff

Date: September 25, 2025

RE: Recently Adopted Policy – Inland Plants Utilization Policy

At a regularly scheduled meeting, held on June 3, 2025, the Conservation Commission voted to implement a new policy aimed at improving the quality of project applications, with regard to vegetative plantings. The Commission adopted the Cape Cod Commission, Cape Cod Freshwater Pond Buffer Guidance Report, Appendix B: “*Designing and Preserving Vegetated Buffers, Plant Lists and Additional Resources.*” This document provides specific species native to the greater Cape Cod Region, including the South Shore Community of Plymouth. The amended Regulations will reference the Cape Cod Freshwater Pond Buffer Guidance, which outlines best practices, plantings plans and available resources.

The resource link can be found here: <https://plymouth-ma.gov/1490/Native-Planting-Mitigation-List>.