



## **ORLEANS OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

November 19, 2025

Community Preservation Committee  
Via email to Joan Francolini, Committee Chair

Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee,

I write on behalf of the Town of Orleans Open Space Committee in support of the Orleans Conservation Trust's application to help purchase the 3.78-acre lot at 32 Locust Road in Orleans. Located within walking distance of the Village Center, this property provides the opportunity for expanded open space and passive outdoor recreation – two of the purposes of Community Preservation Act.

This property abuts 15-acre Cedar Pond and can also be accessed from Cedar Pond Road. The Town of Orleans has a Cedar Pond Management Plan to improve the health of the pond so the protection of 32 Locust Road would assist this goal. Historically, Cedar Pond had a herring run from Rock Harbor Creek.

The Town of Orleans and Orleans Conservation Trust have acquired a number of smaller properties off Cedar Pond Road for conservation, for protecting wildlife corridors and to protect the pond. Besides these benefits, the purchase of 32 Locust Road will provide greater access to the public for birdwatching, fishing and kayaking.

Importantly, the owners of this property would like this land, which has been in their family for generations, preserved for future generations of Orleans residents. As more land in this area of town is developed, access to walkable, nearby open spaces is under threat. We urge the Community Preservation Committee to include this project in your budget.

Sincerely,

Lynn O'Connell  
Chair, Open Space Committee

CC: Orleans Conservation Trust