



Town of Orleans

Community Preservation Committee
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FY25 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECT

APPLICATION

SECTION A

Project Title: Eli Rogers Road Woodland and Watershed Protection Submission Date: 10/27/2023

02/01/2024 UPDATE

Applicant (note if Town, individual or non-profit): **Orleans Conservation Trust (nonprofit)**

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Federal Tax Identification Number (if non-profit): **23-7418072**

Project purpose (Check all that apply):

Open Space **Historic Preservation** **Community Housing** **Recreation**

Project Location/Address: 37 Eli Rogers Road, Orleans

Community Preservation Funding Request: ~~\$300,000~~ \$200,000

Brief Project Summary, including justification of project category checked above:

The Orleans Conservation Trust has an opportunity to protect 4.5 acres on Eli Rogers Road. The land that has an appraised value in excess of \$700,000, and OCT seeks to partner with the Town to allow the Town to protect this land at a cost less than half its true value. The land is recognized by the state as especially important for the protection of drinking water (Mass DEP Zone II Groundwater Protection District), and it includes habitat for rare species, as well as vernal pool wildlife breeding habitat. The property serves as an important habitat linkage between preserved land in Brewster and the 500-acre protected Orleans Watershed. The project will include removal of two neglected, aging cottages and their septic system – an opportunity to restore habitat and alleviate pressure on our drinking water and Pleasant Bay water quality. Because of the land’s proximity to the Watershed, it also provides an opportunity for enhanced public access to that large tract of forest.

OCT seeks the Town’s participation in protection of 3.69 acres of the 4.5 acres that will ultimately be protected

Attachments:

1. Detailed Narrative
2. Locus Map
3. Groundwater Map
4. Action Plan and Timeline
5. Financial Data
6. Fact Sheet
7. Cape Cod Chronicle article (Sept. 20)
8. Lower Cape TV article and video link (Sept 27)
9. Support Letter(s)