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TOWN OF SCITUATE
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ESEK HOPKINS PARK
REFORESTATION AND REVITALIZATION GRANT REQUEST

The Town Council of the Town of Scituate hereby resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, the Scituate Land Trust (SLT) is a municipal board of the Town of Scituate charged under Town Ordinance with acquiring, holding, and managing open space properties for preservation, agricultural use, public recreation, and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Scituate Conservation Commission (SCC) manages Esek Hopkins Park under a Forest Management Plan that addresses vegetation and habitat improvements in the wooded areas and a Recreational Use Plan that provides guidelines on recreational access that is compatible with the protection of conservation values; and

WHEREAS, the SLT and the SCC are engaged in a reforestation process, necessitated by the clearing of hundreds of trees killed by the gypsy moth infestations of the past five years; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Scituate wishes to protect and enhance the man-made and natural environment which makes our Town such an enjoyable place to live; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jack Reed recently invited the Town of Scituate to submit requests for Congressionally directed spending through the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations process; and

WHEREAS, the SLT responded with the federal funding request, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein, to reforest and revitalize Esek Hopkins Park by creating two new, fully accessible trails including accessible parking, a restroom, seating areas, and features to engage all visitors in learning about climate change, native plants, pollinator gardens, conservation, and the reforestation process; and

WHEREAS, the SLT received letters in support of the grant application from the Rhode Island Governor's Commission on Disabilities, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and the Scituate Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, the grant request seeks \$293,000 in federal funding to support overall project costs of \$369,000 with the difference to be supplied by volunteer and in-kind contributions and, if necessary, from Open Space and Recreation reserve funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town Council of the Town of Scituate strongly supports the above-named grant request and will support the SLT and the SCC in fulfilling the objectives of the project within one year of receipt of the funds.

The RESOLUTION shall take effect immediately upon the date hereof.

By Order of the Scituate Town Council

Abbie Groves, President

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby attach my hand and the official seal
of the Town of Scituate this 10th day of June, 2021.

Margaret M. Long, Town Clerk

Exhibit A

ESEK HOPKINS PARK REFORESTATION AND REVITALIZATION Appropriations Request

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Background Information

The Scituate Rhode Island Land Trust respectfully submits this request in collaboration with the Scituate Rhode Island Conservation Commission. The Land Trust and the Conservation Commission are municipal boards enabled under Article 2 of the Town of Scituate Code of Ordinances.

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Robert Bower, the Chair of the Scituate RI Land Trust, stipulates that the information provided herein is accurate and any request for federal funding is made in accordance with the applicable rules, fiduciary requirements, and bylaws of the organization.

This request has also been submitted to the offices of Senator Jack Reed and Congressman Jim Langevin (District 2).

Funding Information

Funding Request:	\$293,000
Matching Funds:	\$ 76,000
Total Project Cost:	\$369,000

This project has not received federal funding in the past.

Brief Summary

This project will reforest and revitalize land in Esek Hopkins Park, located in Scituate Rhode Island. Two new, fully accessible trails (one forested, one nature trail) will be developed with educational features to engage all visitors in learning about climate change, native plants and trees, pollinator gardens, conservation, and the reforestation process. Funding will also be used to manage the reforestation process, necessitated by the clearing of hundreds of trees killed by the gypsy moth infestations of the past five years. Improvements at the site will include accessible parking, restrooms, and seating areas.

Justification

The Esek Hopkins Park Reforestation and Revitalization Project will:

- Address reforestation needs in a natural area that was severely damaged by gypsy moth infestation;
- Capitalize on an opportunity to manage this natural area in a way that mitigates and adapts to climate change;
- Create ADA compliant, accessible opportunities that will allow and encourage all Rhode Islanders to enjoy and benefit from this area; and
- Provide accessible, interactive educational opportunities for visitors to learn about adapting to climate change and the reforestation process.

The Town of Scituate is known as a tranquil, rural environment of unspoiled forests and pristine streams and ponds. Home to the Scituate Reservoir, the largest freshwater body in Rhode Island, the Town bears an elevated responsibility to care for the environment and preserve the benefits for the state and future generations.

Land use influences the water quality in the reservoir. Maintaining forest cover and practicing and promoting wise stewardship help ensure cleaner water entering the reservoirs. Protecting the source of the water supply also saves taxpayer money by reducing treatment costs, while providing many other benefits.

Like many areas in northwest Rhode Island, the gypsy moth infestations of 2015 through 2017 resulted in severe defoliation of tree canopies, leading to extensive tree mortality. The forested area of Esek Hopkins was particularly hard hit, resulting in a need to remove hundreds of dead trees early in 2021. As a result large swaths of Esek Hopkins require intensive and timely intervention to repair the damage and manage the reforestation process.

Adapting and responding to climate change is also a key concern. While there is much uncertainty, there are things we can do right now to help mitigate and adapt to possible changes. Some examples would be:

- Favoring species of trees that are expected to do better as warmer temperatures and summer droughts become more common.
- Planting tree seedlings that are found more to our south that should be more accustomed to the anticipated weather conditions.

There are very few accessible nature or recreational trails in Rhode Island, or even in nearby Connecticut and Massachusetts; and there are NONE in Providence or Kent Counties. Adults with disabilities are more likely to be inactive, have high blood pressure, smoke, and be obese. Health care costs associated with disability are estimated at \$1.8 billion every year in Rhode Island alone.

The additions and improvements at Esek Hopkins Park will open up 1,000 feet of fully accessible trail through two habitats (forested and nature trail). Upgrades to the Park entrance and facilities will ensure residents of all Scituate and beyond will have access to the natural and recreational benefits so key to leading and maintaining a healthy lifestyle and family.

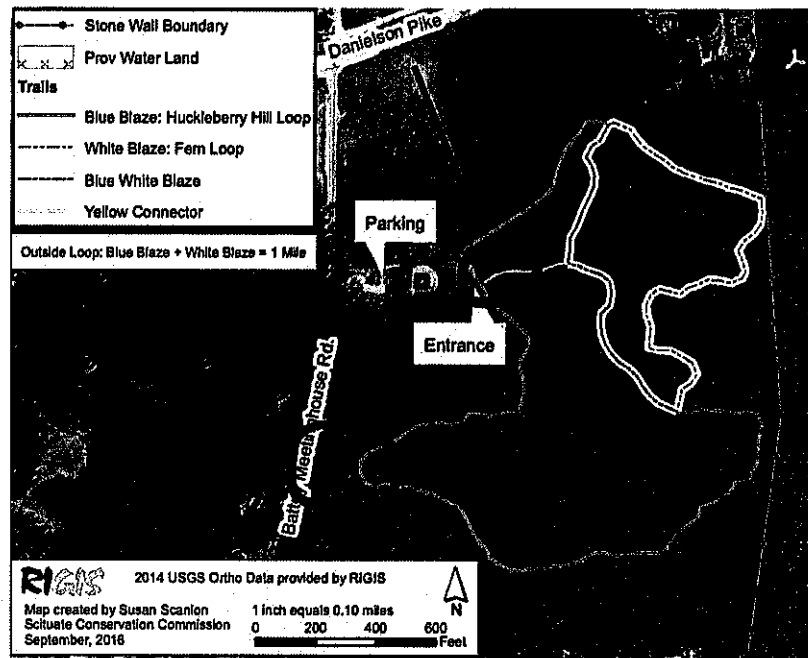
Additional Information

Intended Use of Funding

The Scituate LT/CC is requesting federal funding to reforest and revitalize Esek Hopkins Park. This project will reforest and revitalize land in Esek Hopkins Park, located in Scituate Rhode Island. Two new, fully accessible trails will be developed with educational features to engage all visitors in learning about climate change, native plants, pollinator

gardens, conservation, and the reforestation process. Funding will also be used to manage the reforestation process, necessitated by the clearing of hundreds of trees killed by the gypsy moth infestations of the past five years. Improvements at the site will include accessible parking, restrooms, and seating areas.

The forested area at Esek Hopkins, home to well-used trails, was severely damaged by the gypsy moth infestations of the past years. In February 2021 the LT/CC supported



the removal of hundreds of dead trees which had become a safety hazard for hikers. The LT/CC is currently developing plans for replanting and repairing much of the collateral damage in the area and expects a resilient natural area prepared to withstand the challenges of climate change well into the future.

Project 1 – Landing Area

The landing area (lower circle on the map) is an area of roughly 7,240 square feet that was clear cut in February 2021 as part of the dead tree removal operation at Esek Hopkins. Funding is requested to clear, grade, and prepare this area as the site for the new nature trail. A paved parking area will be developed with access off Battey Meetinghouse Road with 4 spaces, including 2 handicapped accessible slots. A 500 linear foot nature trail will be added that will be fully ADA compliant (5' wide, properly graded, with a stable stone dust surface). The trail will provide access to native plants, trees, and pollinator gardens to be installed at the site. Informational and educational signs will be installed. Benches and seating areas will be strategically placed for visitors.

Project 2 – Improvements to the Softball Field Area

The main entrance of Esek Hopkins Park (upper circle on the map) has a children's playground, softball field, concession stand, and associated seating. As part of this restoration and upgrade we will add two designated handicapped parking spaces to the existing parking lot, grading and preparing an accessible path from the parking lot to the trailhead at the back of the softball field. This accessible path (stable stone dust) will also provide access to the playground, the softball field, and the concession stand. Improvements to the area will include an accessible composting toilet and a new addition to the children's playground, an accessible merry-go-round. Informational and educational signs will be installed. Benches and accessible seating areas will be strategically placed for visitors.

Project 3 – Quarry Trail and Improvements to Existing Trails

A new, fully accessible trail will be established behind the softball field, near the trailhead for the existing trails. This 500 linear foot trail (stable stone dust) will traverse a forested area and loop around an abandoned stone quarry. Informational and educational signs will be installed. Benches and accessible seating areas will be strategically placed for visitors. We are also including a request for trail markers and tree identification signs along the existing trails in Esek Hopkins and funding to purchase and plant tree seedlings in areas that were cleared as part of the dead tree removal process.

Demonstrated Need

This project will reforest and revitalize land in Esek Hopkins Park, located in Scituate Rhode Island. Two new, fully accessible trails will be developed with educational

features to engage all visitors in learning about climate change, native plants, pollinator gardens, conservation, and the reforestation process. Funding will also be used to manage the reforestation process, necessitated by the clearing of hundreds of trees killed by the gypsy moth infestations of the past five years. Improvements at the site will include accessible parking, restrooms, and seating areas.

Developing Climate Resilient Open Spaces

Esek Hopkins Park abuts the Scituate Reservoir and is a key element of the managed watershed area. And we know land use influences the water quality in the reservoir. Maintaining forest cover and practicing and promoting wise stewardship help ensure cleaner water entering the reservoirs. Protecting the source of the water supply also saves taxpayer money by reducing treatment costs, while providing many other benefits. Forest management and stewardship of these lands requires thoughtful planning to adapt to and prepare for climate change, including reforestation processes that feature:

- Favoring species of trees that are expected to do better as warmer temperatures and summer droughts become more common; and
- Planting tree seedlings that are found more to our south that should be more accustomed to the anticipated weather conditions.

Like many areas in northwest Rhode Island, the gypsy moth infestations of 2015 through 2017 resulted in severe defoliation of tree canopies, leading to extensive tree mortality. This dramatically accelerated both the need and the opportunity to intervene with managed reforestation efforts.

The forested area of Esek Hopkins was particularly hard hit and by the end of the 2020 significant recommendations were made as part of the Forest Management Plan. Quoting from the report:

“The major issues at the site includes significant oak mortality in and around areas where trails and recreational uses take place:

- Immediate closure of trails in central and southern areas of the eastern parcel until such time that overtopping dead oaks can be safely removed/dropped;
- Salvage harvesting of dead oaks throughout the wooded areas of the property;
- Forest stand improvement thinning in upland and pine stands;
- Trail maintenance activities in the wooded areas; and
- Control small patches of invasive plants before they develop into large problems.”

The tree removal operation was successfully completed in February 2021, but it left the forested area completely changed with wide open spaces and canopy openings. In particular, a roughly 7,240 foot area was cleared (“the landing”) to provide access for the large machinery from Battey Meetinghouse Road.

Our plan is to manage the reforestation process, with thoughtful selection of hardwood species and native plants that will be suited to changing climatic conditions. This also provides us with a natural 'classroom' where visitors can learn about climate change, native plants, and see how the managed reforestation process unfolds.

Providing Access for All Rhode Islanders

If you were to stop by the ballfield at Esek Hopkins on any given afternoon you are likely to spot someone's mother, or sibling, or grandfather cheering from a wheelchair. Unfortunately the terrain at the field makes it very difficult to maneuver wheelchairs and visibility as well as comfort are limited. Scituate is committed to changing that and taking steps to ensure our treasured recreational facilities are open, and usable, by all.

According to CDC estimates, more than 1 in 4 (26.1%) Rhode Island adults have some type of disability. Adults with disabilities are more likely to be inactive, have high blood pressure, smoke, and be obese. *Health care costs associated with disability are estimated at \$1.8 billion every year in Rhode Island alone.*

There are very few accessible nature or recreational trails in Rhode Island, or even in nearby Connecticut and Massachusetts; and there are NONE in Providence or Kent Counties. That is a surprising fact in such a heavily forested state. Existing Rhode Island sites include:

- Norman Bird Sanctuary Universal Trail – Middletown. A universally accessible trail that invites individuals using wheelchairs and mobility aids to explore wildlife habitats. This is a 1,500 foot ADA compliant trail.
- Audubon Center in Bristol. An ADA certified accessible trail and boardwalk made of hard-packed crushed stone and a wooden boardwalk. Roughly 1,300 feet.
- Dunderly Brook Trail – Little Compton. Nearly 3,000 feet of boardwalk structure, with 0.6 miles of trail noted as wheelchair and stroller-friendly.
- Arcadia Management Area Upper Roaring Brook Trail (0.5 mi) - Exeter. Upper Roaring Brook Trail has a 2,500 foot wooden walkway for both strollers and wheelchairs along a pond and through wetlands.

The additions and improvements at Esek Hopkins Park will open up 1,000 feet of fully accessible trail through two habitats (forested and nature trail). Upgrades to the Park entrance and facilities will ensure residents of all Scituate and beyond will have access to the natural and recreational benefits so key to leading and maintaining a healthy lifestyle and family.

Budget Breakdown

We are requesting \$293,000 in federal funding, to support an overall project costs of \$369,000. Funding will cover the cost of clearing and developing parking and an accessible nature trail at the landing area (Project 1), improving parking and accessible features at the softball field (Project 2), and developing an accessible trail in the quarry area (Project 3). Overall improvements to the existing trails and forest at Esek Hopkins Park will be addressed through projects 1 and 3. We are also allocating funding to cover the costs of planning, design, and administration. A detailed budget with all elements broken out is available if requested.

Project 1 – Landing Area

Total cost:	\$175,000
Grant funds requested:	\$150,000
Match/in kind:	\$ 25,000

The landing area is an area of roughly 7,240 square feet that was clear cut in February 2021 as part of the dead tree removal operation at Esek Hopkins. Funding is requested to clear, grade, and prepare this area as the site for the new nature trail. A paved parking area will be developed with access off Battey Meetinghouse Road with 4 spaces, including 2 handicapped accessible slots. A 500 linear foot nature trail will be added that will be fully ADA compliant (5' wide, properly graded, with a stable stone dust surface). The trail will provide access to native plant and pollinator gardens to be installed at the site. Informational and educational signs will be installed. Benches and seating areas will be strategically placed for visitors.

Project 2 – Improvements to the Softball Field Area

Total cost:	\$128,000
Grant funds requested:	\$102,000
Match/in kind:	\$ 26,000

The main entrance of Esek Hopkins Park has a children's playground, softball field, concession stand, and associated seating. As part of this restoration and upgrade we will add two designated handicapped parking spaces to the existing parking lot, grading and preparing an accessible path from the parking lot to the trailhead at the back of the softball field. This accessible path (stable stone dust) will also provide access to the playground, the softball field, and the concession stand. Improvements to the area will include an accessible composting toilet and a new addition to the children's playground, an accessible merry-go-round. Informational and educational signs will be installed. Benches and accessible seating areas will be strategically placed for visitors.

Project 3 – Quarry Trail and Improvements to Existing Trails

Total cost: \$ 49,000
Grant funds requested: \$ 41,000
Match/in kind: \$ 8,000

A new, fully accessible trail will be established behind the softball field, near the trailhead for the existing trails. This 500 linear foot trail (stable stone dust) will traverse a forested area and loop around an abandoned stone quarry. Informational and educational signs will be installed. Benches and accessible seating areas will be strategically placed for visitors. We are also including a request for trail markers and tree identification signs along the existing trails in Esek Hopkins and funding to purchase and plant tree seedlings in areas that were cleared as part of the dead tree removal process.

Project 4 – Planning, Management, Administration, and Maintenance

Total cost: \$ 17,000
Grant funds requested: \$ 0
Match/in kind: \$ 17,000

Funding in this final area will cover the costs for consultation and design with regard to accessibility, native plantings, climate change resilient plants and trees, and the development of educational signs and materials for the entire project. Land Trust and Conservation Commission members will also provide project management and reporting services.

Sources and Amounts for Matching Funds

The budget for this project reflects \$76,000 in matching funds – comprised of services and materials.

Volunteer Labor: \$ 49,300
Volunteer Machine Time: \$ 10,700
Materials: \$ 16,000

Volunteer labor comprises a large percentage of the matching funds. Following standard guidelines in Rhode Island, we have used an hourly value of \$27.20 for volunteer labor. Volunteer labor is a core component of each of the 4 projects. In Project 1 (Landing Area) and Project 2 (Field Access and Improvements) the Town of Scituate's DPW will provide 1,000 hours of staff time to clearing, grading, and installation at the site, as well as 100 hours of 'machine time' at the accepted rate of \$121.70 per hour. Land Trust and community volunteers will commit an additional 100 hours to installing trail markers, tree identification signs, and other small items.

The Scituate Rotary is providing a \$15,000 in-kind donation through their purchase of an accessible merry-go-round for the children's playground. Rain barrels and other items will be donated by community partners. A letter of support from the Scituate Rotary is provided to demonstrate their support for this project.

All activities associated with project management, planning, design, reporting and other administrative tasks will be provided through donated labor from Land Trust/ Conservation Commission members, staff at the Northern RI Conservation District, and the Governor's Commission on Disabilities. A letter of support from the RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities is included to demonstrate support for this project.

Organizational Capacity

This project will be managed and maintained by the members of the Scituate Land Trust and Conservation Commission.

The Land Trust and the Conservation Commission are municipal boards enabled under Article 2 of the Town of Scituate Code of Ordinances. The Scituate Land Trust seeks to preserve open spaces, natural areas, scenic areas, drinking water sources, farmland, forests, and historic sites. All acquisition activities of the Trust must be approved by the Town Council and the funding of which must be included in the town budget and approval voted at a Town Financial Meeting.

The Scituate Conservation Commission is an advisory board that works to promote and develop natural resources, to protect watershed resources, and to preserve natural aesthetic areas within the Town of Scituate. The Commission seeks to achieve these goals by participating in research projects, educational programs, and planning efforts with other Town and State organizations.

Esek Hopkins Park is a 94.1 acre parcel in the northeastern portion of the town of Scituate, with frontage on Danielson Pike and Batten Meetinghouse Road. It is owned by the State of Rhode Island, with a Park Use Agreement provided to the Town of Scituate by the RI Department of Environmental Management and the State Properties Committee. The Scituate Conservation Commission and Scituate Land Trust have jointly managed the property in conjunction with the Town of Scituate's Recreation Commission.

The Park Use Agreement is authorized by RIGL 37-6-27, which permits the use of state- owned property for park or recreational purposes. The Town of Scituate is responsible for its maintenance and care.

The Scituate Land Trust develops and is guided by management plans as stewards for Esek Hopkins. The management plan has the following components:

- A Forest Management Plan that addresses vegetation and habitat improvements in the wooded areas, as well as providing access to those areas for implementation; and
- A Recreational Use Plan that provides guidelines on recreational access that is compatible with the protection of conservation values.

If the full amount requested is not made available, the LT/CC will endeavor to move forward on fully implementing the plan though on a drastically slower timeline. Items that are not addressed in the next year or 18 months will be more difficult and expensive to address as the currently cleared land sprouts unmanaged vegetation, including invasive species.

Approvals and Permitting Needed from State and Local Authorities

Esek Hopkins is owned by the State of Rhode Island, with a Park Use Agreement provided to the Town of Scituate by the RI Department of Environmental Management and the State Properties Committee. Title to the park is being transferred to the Town of Scituate. Permission from RIDEM and/or the Town of Scituate will be required to proceed, both entities have already expressed their support for the work (see Letters of Support provided).

The proposed work does not cross or encroach on any wetlands so no permitting is required. The entrance to the new parking lot at the landing is via a town road, so permitting from the RIDOT is not required.

Letter of Support: RI DEM



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
BUREAU OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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Rob Bower
Chair, Scituate Land Trust


Dear Mr. Bower,

I write in support of the Scituate Land Trust's application for federal funding to support developing the Esek Hopkins Park complex to provide universal access. I understand the design will include the addition of two accessible trails, a gazebo and seating areas, in addition to accessibility modifications to the existing parking area, concession stand, and bleachers. These upgrades will ensure the softball field, trails, and concession stand are fully accessible to all.

The forested area at Esek Hopkins, home to well-used trails, was severely damaged by the gypsy moth infestations of the past years. In February 2021 the Land Trust and Conservation Commission supported the removal of hundreds of dead trees which had become a safety hazard for hikers, and they are currently developing plans for a resilient natural area prepared to withstand the challenges of climate change well into the future. This has presented an opportunity for careful redesign of the area and this funding will ensure Esek Hopkins remains an inclusive and welcoming opportunity for education and enjoyment of this beautiful natural resource that is accessible to all residents of the town and state.

I am fully supportive of this important project. Thank you for undertaking this ambitious initiative.

Sincerely,


Jason E. McNamee,
Deputy Director for Natural Resources

Letter of Support: Scituate Town Council



Town of Scituate

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To whom it may concern:

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As the President of Scituate's Town Council, please know that I am fully supportive of this initiative and will commit to ushering it through the various stages to facilitate timely completion of the project.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this important project designed to open a beautiful outdoor recreational area to more residents of our town and state.

Sincerely,

Abbie Groves
President, Scituate Town Council

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Letter of Support: RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities



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Friday, May 28, 2021

Rob Bower, Chair
Scituate Land Trust
Scituate, RI 02857

We are happy to support the Land Trust/Conservation Commission's application for federal funding to support developing the Esek Hopkins complex to provide universal access. We understand the design will include the addition of two accessible trails, a gazebo and seating areas. Parking, restrooms, and pathways will ensure the softball field, playground, and concession stand are fully accessible to all.

The forested area at Esek Hopkins, home to well-used trails, was severely damaged by the gypsy moth infestations of the past years. In February 2021 the LT/CC supported the removal of hundreds of dead trees which had become a safety hazard for hikers and they are currently developing plans for a resilient natural area prepared to withstand the challenges of climate change well into the future. This has presented an opportunity for careful redesign of the area and this funding will ensure Esek Hopkins remains an inclusive and welcoming opportunity for education and enjoyment of this beautiful natural resource that is accessible to all residents of the town and state.

The Governors Commission on Disabilities will provide technical assistance and consultation during the design and implementation process.

There is a great need for accessible natural areas in Rhode Island - there is currently only one fully ADA compliant trail in the state (on Aquidneck Island). We are proud to partner on this effort.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Carmody, Chair

Letter of Support: Scituate Rotary



The Rotary Club of Scituate Rhode Island
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North Scituate, RI 02857

May 27, 2021

Rob Bower, Chair
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Dear Mr. Bower:

We are happy to support the Land Trust/Conservation Commission's application for federal funding to support developing the Esek Hopkins complex to provide universal access. We understand the design will include the addition of two accessible trails, a kiosk, and seating areas. We are pleased to see that parking, restrooms, and pathways will be designed to ensure the softball field, playground, and concession stand are accessible to all.

This funding request fits nicely with our plans for the playground, to include a wheelchair accessible merry-go-round.

Our Rotary club is excited to support and partner in this effort to improve access to this beautiful park.

Sincerely,

Sharon S. Johnson

Assistant Governor
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