



# *Town of Scituate*

## *Rhode Island Land Trust*

July 25, 2022

President Abbie Groves  
Town Council  
Town of Scituate  
195 Danielson Pike, PO Box 328  
Scituate, RI 02857

RE: Esek Hopkins Park Congressional Appropriation

Dear President Groves,

The members of the Scituate Land Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Scituate Town Council for your support regarding the Congressional Appropriation that the Land Trust received to support the much-needed reforestation and revitalization of Esek Hopkins Park. As you are aware, we have been allocated \$290,000 for this project, which includes the creation of all-access trails, walkways and a restroom in the area of the ball field. As was presented to the Council on June 10, 2021 and supported in a Town Council Resolution passed on that date, completion of this work relies on in-kind support from the Town. In-kind support includes volunteer hours from the Land Trust and Conservation Commission, as well as assistance from the Scituate Department of Public Works (DPW). The in-kind assistance requested from the DPW was reviewed with the DPW director at the time of application preparation in May 2021 and includes the following, along with estimated construction dates:

- Landing/Nature Trail clearing and grading: Fall 2022/Spring 2023
- Nature Trail parking lot site preparation and construction: Summer 2025
- Nature Trail and Ball Field Kiosk site preparation and installation: Fall 2024
- Ball Field Parking Lot Upgrade: Summer 2025
- Ball Field site preparation for composting toilet: Summer 2025

The Council's continued support and commitment for this project will undoubtedly ensure its success. We anticipate being able to initiate work on this grant after September 1, 2022 and are excited to begin work.

Respectfully,

*Cindy Gianfrancesco*

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Vice-Chair  
Scituate Land Trust

cc: Rob Bower, Chair, Scituate Land Trust  
Tom Angell, Chair, Scituate Conservation Commission