

Sustainability Commission

Letter to Groton Community Preservation Committee in support of the Conservation Commission grant application for the FY25 Conservation Fund

Date: 5th January 2024

Mr. Russell Burke, Chair Community Preservation Committee 173 Main Street Groton, MA 01450

Cc: Conservation Commission

Dear Community Preservation Committee Members, At our January 4th meeting, the Sustainability Commission unanimously voted to support the Conservation Commission's CPC grant application for the FY25 Conservation Fund in the amount of \$400,000.

For many years, the Conservation Commission, together with state and regional partners has done a wonderful job of protecting open space; parcels that protect and preserve riparian borders along the Nashua and Squannacook Rivers and their tributaries; parcels where significant wildlife or corridors have been identified; and parcels that preserve a sense of Groton's agriculture heritage. Their efforts help protect flora and fauna alike, preserving habitat for native and migratory species.

All of this work plays a vital role in helping to make the Town more resilient to the growing effects of climate change, and to make Groton more sustainable, overall. Moving forward, we look forward to working in close partnership with the Conservation Commission in their efforts.

Respectfully, The Groton Sustainability Commission