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Mr. Gordon Gooding, Chairman
Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board
Town of Shelter Island
Shelter Island, NY 11964

Dear Chairman Gooding:

The following resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Shelter Island on the 1st day of March, 2019, to wit:

"Whereas", a public hearing was duly held on the 1st day of March, 2019, on a proposed Local Law concerning a Stewardship Management Plan for the Congdon's Creek Shorefront Preserve, and

"Whereas", all interested persons were heard in favor of or in opposition, now, Therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, That Local Law No. 1 - 2019 entitled Congdon Creek Shorefront Preserve Stewardship Management Plan, is hereby adopted, as follows:

CONGDON CREEK SHOREFRONT PRESERVE

Burns, Halsey, Scudder Preserve

Shelter Island, new York

STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN, as follows:

SECTION 1.

Introduction

Vacant wooded .98 acre waterfront property located at 46 Congdon Road, SCTM #700-15-4-134.2. Property was purchased on December 7, 2018 with Community Preservation Fund money, from Peter and Elizabeth Scudder by the Town of Shelter Island. Parcel is adjacent and abuts the south of Shelter Island Town public landing and Town owned dock at the end of Congdon Road. The property includes considerable frontage on Congdon's Creek.

Intentions

Acquisition allows this shorefront parcel to be preserved from waterfront development and to be left as open space for recreational public enjoyment. The acquisition preserves the natural habitat along Congdon Creek shoreline as well as preservation of aquifer recharge.

Name

The property will be called "Congdon Creek Shorefront Preserve" aka Burns, Halsey, Scudder Preserve and will be so-called on all Town maps and descriptive material.

Improvements

There are no improvements on the property.

Management

The property will be left in its natural state. As of the date of this management plan, the following is a brief description of the existing natural state: many *Ailanthus altissima* trees, non-native invasive trees along the road and shore, many *Robinia pseudoacacia* (Black Locust), native and invasive trees *Quercus velutina* (Black Oak), *Juniperus virginiana* (Eastern Red Cedar); Vines: *Celastrus orbiculatus* (Asiatic Bittersweet), a non-native vine covering a number of trees on the property; Shrubs: *Baccharis ahimifolia* (Saltbush), a native salt tolerant shrub growing above high tide mark; Grasses: *Panicum Virgatum* (Switch Grass), a native grass along the shore above the high tide mark.

The very large multi-trunked *Ailanthus altissima* invasive along the road should be removed, along with invasive vines covering a number of trees which smother and weaken existing trees. Replanting with native trees such as oaks should be part of a multi-year plan. There is also evidence of deer browse on a number of plants. No trails are planned other than the current walk along the beach of the easterly side of the property. The property has never been fertilized or watered, and therefore both are deemed unnecessary and are not contemplated.

Public Access and Signage

The goal is to keep a small area cleared along the shore for public use and enjoyment of the water view and a bench will be placed and installed along the shore for seating with a wooden storage rack for kayak storage. All kayaks must have Town permits.

The existing grassy car length pull-in area on Congdon Road will be kept open to permit vehicles with boat trailers to use as back in area before backing down the Town ramp to deliver and retrieve usage. Preservation signs will also be posted along the waterfront and Congdon Road.

Measures to Protect Ecology

The Town will manage the property to protect the ecology of this property. Specifically:

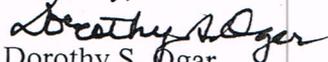
- (1) Birds: no particular action will be taken except to keep undisturbed to encourage diversity.
- (2) Wetlands: The wetlands on property shall not be disturbed in any way.
- (3) Vegetation: Invasive species will be removed.

The Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board will submit budget recommendations to the Town for the initial clean up and establishment of the Preserve and annually thereafter for maintenance. The Advisory Board will prepare an annual report to the Town Board of expenditures from the Community Preservation Fund for stewardship of this property.

SECTION 2. Effective Date

This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,


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Town Clerk