



2025-2026 Land Acquisition Grants

Priscilla Alden Sears Memorial Fund

In 2025 and 2026, The Cape Cod Foundation awarded a total of \$300,000 in land acquisition grants from the Priscilla Alden Sears Memorial Fund to help conserve 77 acres of open space on Cape Cod.

2025 GRANTS

13.45 ACRES AT PLAGES CONSERVATION Dennis Conservation Land Trust

To support the acquisition of 13.45 acres in Dennis Port to protect sensitive habitats, expand access to nature, and enhance 44.7 acres of adjacent open space. Located in a Massachusetts-designated Environmental Justice Community, the project will preserve critical resources, such as an Atlantic white-cedar swamp, while increasing equitable opportunities to experience nature.

.64 ACRES AT JOSEPHINE DEL DEO MEMORIAL WOODLAND

Provincetown Conservation Trust

To support the acquisition of .64 acres at Josephine Del Deo Memorial Woodland. This parcel is a rare, undeveloped woodland along the Provincetown Greenway, which is in the State's BioMap Core Habitat, the highest ranked designation for wildlife habitat diversity, quality, and persistence.

2026 GRANTS

7.34 ACRES AT 940 COUNTRY ROAD Bourne Conservation Trust

To support the acquisition of 7.34 acres at 940 Country Road, connecting trails and wildlife habitat across multiple, adjacent, conserved properties. The parcel consists of rolling forest land abutting a 50-acre forest owned by Barnstable County and protected by a Conservation Restriction held by the Town of Bourne Conservation Commission. It borders cranberry bogs that link to the Bourne Conservation Trust's trail network at its Red Brook Pond Conservation parcel.

50 ACRES AT BUTTERMILK BAY

Buzzards Bay Coalition

To support the acquisition of 50 acres at Buttermilk Bay, safeguarding significant, valuable natural resources and enabling protection and restoration efforts. The acquisition will help create a contiguous 2,000-acre block of conservation land that is highly vulnerable to fragmentation from increasing development pressures. This parcel includes a BioMap 3 Core Habitat and will protect forested uplands, critical wetlands, and retired cranberry bogs slated for restoration to natural wetlands adjacent to Bourne's Buttermilk Bay.

2.3 ACRES AT SIX PONDS-HAWKSNEST WOODS

Harwich Conservation Trust

To support the acquisition of 2.3 acres at Six Ponds-Hawknest Woods, enabling the creation of a new trailhead that will connect to an extensive network of trails across the adjacent 400-acre landscape, including town conservation land, existing conservation trust holdings, and Hawknest State Forest. This purchase will permanently protect critical woodlands within the Six Ponds Special District of the largest and most ecologically significant remaining assemblage of undeveloped land and pond shoreline on Cape Cod.

3.78 ACRES ALONG CEDAR POND SHORELINE

Orleans Conservation Trust

To support the acquisition of 3.78 acres along the Cedar Pond Shoreline, expanding an existing 12-acre block of protected land, and strengthening a key wildlife corridor connecting Cedar Pond to an Atlantic White Cedar swamp. Permanent protection will safeguard water quality, preserve freshwater shoreline habitat, and provide much-needed public access. The acquisition will provide the first formal public access to Cedar Pond, which is within walking distance of the Cape Cod Rail Trail, Orleans Town Center, and nearby affordable housing.