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RE: 2018 Environmental Bond

Robert Ciolek

Dear Members of the Conference Committee:

Michael Corrigan

DeeDee Holt

The Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC), Cape Cod's leading region-wide nonprofit environmental advocacy and education organization, writes to you regarding key provisions of the 2018 Environmental Bond, H.4613/S.2602, *An Act promoting climate change adaptation, environmental and natural resource protection, and investment in recreational assets and opportunity*, and respectfully asks the Conference Committee to support these provisions, as described below.

Thomas Huettner

Pat Hughes

Cheryl Lubin

Elysse Magnotto-Cleary

Blue Magruder

Climate change adaptation planning provisions passed by the Senate in S.2602:

Eliza McClennen

- Outside Section 13: The advisory committee subsection establishes an implementation stakeholder group to help the Commonwealth realize the goals for the statewide climate adaptation plan (a subsection from S.2196, the climate adaptation legislation (CAMP) passed by the Senate earlier this session).
- Outside Section 13: The consistency subsection requires that state policy be consistent with the policy recommendations of the statewide climate adaptation plan (also a subsection from S.2196).
- Outside Section 10: The "nature-based solutions" outside section establishes a definition that will ensure consistency across agencies and can be used to guide agency implementation.

Kris Ramsay

Taryn Wilson

Public Lands Preservation Act language passed by the Senate in S.2602:

- The Public Lands Preservation Act provision in the Environmental Bond would codify in law the existing no-net-loss policy for Article 97 land. It would provide needed protection for Massachusetts public parks, playgrounds, forests and other natural resource land. This provision would add transparency to land dispositions involving Article 97 land and would clarify the disposition process, providing efficiency and potential cost savings for municipalities.

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Plastic Bag Pollution Reduction language passed by the Senate in S.2602:

- The Plastic Bag Pollution Reduction provision would limit the free distribution of single-use plastic checkout bags, which are a major source of litter and a hazard to marine life. Over 80 cities and towns in Massachusetts have passed laws banning single use plastic bags; a consistent policy throughout the Commonwealth makes sense, especially for retail business. This provision would significantly advance the goals of the Commonwealth's Solid Waste Master Plan, and it would bring economic benefits to our state's businesses, consumers and taxpayers.

Cape Cod water quality monitoring passed by the House in H.4613:

- We encourage you to support the House's inclusion of funds that will support ongoing and long-term water quality monitoring on Cape Cod. The Commonwealth has invested millions in measures to improve marine water quality on Cape Cod, and these funds are needed to continue the monitoring necessary to measure improvement and to ensure that effective steps are being taken to address the problems threatening the Cape's economy and coastal ecosystems.

Massachusetts Bays Program matching funds passed by the House in H.4613:

- We encourage you to support the House's inclusion of matching funds for the federal Massachusetts Bays Program. The federal grant supports the works of the MassBays Program's service provider organizations up and down the Massachusetts coast to protect and restore marine resources. Because Massachusetts does not provide the required federal match to this grant, the responsibility is passed down to the service providers and consumes resources that would be better spent working to protect our marine waters. Inclusion of this line item will enable the Commonwealth to meet its obligations and stop passing the cost onto service-providing non-profits.

APCC thanks the Conference Committee for its leadership on the 2018 Environmental Bond. We respectfully ask the committee members for their support of the provisions outlined above.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sen. Julian Cyr
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