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Dear Ms. Meise-Munns:

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I'm writing to express the support of the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) for the Cape Cod Commission's proposal titled "Advancing a Regional Open Space Plan for Cape Cod."

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Founded in 1968, APCC is the Cape region's leading nonprofit environmental advocacy and education organization, working for the adoption of laws, policies and programs that protect, preserve and restore Cape Cod's natural resources. APCC focuses our efforts on the protection of groundwater, surface water, and wetland resources, preservation of open space, the promotion of responsible, planned growth and the achievement of an environmental ethic.

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Through their proposed project, the Cape Cod Commission plans to develop several analyses and tools to assist municipalities and regional organizations in prioritizing and accelerating critical open space preservation. The Commission recently started work on a regional open space plan, and the work proposed under this grant opportunity will help advance important elements for implementation of the plan. Specifically, key elements include conducting an economic analysis to value natural resources and open space, identifying pathways for establishing a regional transfer of development rights program, and developing tools for towns to help engage the community and build support for conservation. APCC anticipates that the proposed work will help the region plan for future water supply development and protection, reduce or redirect development potential away from coastal flood hazard areas, and prioritize the protection of sensitive habitats that support the Commonwealth's natural heritage.

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APCC shares the Commission's goal of protecting the Cape's remaining sensitive resources, and supports the work proposed through this grant opportunity. The proposal is consistent with the Commonwealth's Biodiversity Goals as well as with Resilient Coasts, proposing to advance a comprehensive and coordinated plan for protecting vulnerable plants, wildlife, and habitat, and helping to reduce the potential

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for development within the Cape's floodplains. We believe that the project elements proposed could also be transferable to other communities across the Commonwealth.

On behalf of APCC, I encourage your support of this important project to improve open space conservation for the Cape Cod region.

Sincerely,



Andrew Gottlieb
Executive Director