

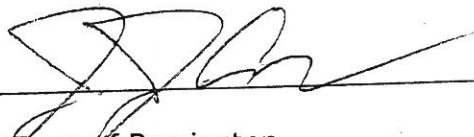
AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT AND SUPPORT THE ALLIN'S COVE MANAGEMENT PLAN DATED May 11, 2017

I hereby accept the management plan for Allin's cove dated May 11, 2017 as prepared and submitted by The Barrington Land Conservation Trust. I further agree to execute and or support all of the provisions of the plan as written. This plan shall remain in effect for 5 years, 2017 through June 2022 and can be extended by the agreement of the parties.



Date 6/4/2017

The Barrington Land Conservation Trust
By; Tim Faulkner, President



Date 6/5/2017

The Town of Barrington
By; James Cunha, Town Manager

Date _____

Representative of the State of Rhode Island
Dept. of Environmental Management
By;

PROPOSED MANAGEMENT PLAN

ALL PROPERTIES

- Monitor for litter and remove as necessary. (BLCT)
- Monitor areas for encroachment, dumping and unpermitted uses. (BLCT)
- Monitoring report to be filed in writing twice a yr. (spring and fall) with BLCT stewardship chairman. See appendix 11 "Monitoring Report Template".

BEACHES AND SAND SPIT AREAS

- Monitor sand-spit for migration and intrusion in the salt marsh and cove.
- Monitor for litter and unpermitted uses.*

SALT MARSH AREAS

- Monitor for signs of predation and overwash
- Monitor for signs of sea level rise

UPLAND AREAS

Plat 2 Lot 23, 24 (State of RI)

EXPERTS RECOMMENDATION

The salt marsh restoration disposal area (Plat 2 Lots 23 and 24) is the largest upland portion of the Allin's Cove Conservation area and represents the greatest conservation potential for the birds, butterflies and mammals which inhabit the area and/or use it as their source of food. This area is also under the greatest threat from invasive plants that, if left unmanaged, will eventually result in the loss of the area as habitat and a food source as beneficial plants are crowded out by the invasive species. Considering this, in 2015, BLCT requested a biologist from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), which has been an advisor to conservation efforts at Allin's Cove since 2007, to revisit the site and make recommendations as to the best conservation management practices. NRCS biologist, Gary Casabona, visited the site and recommended that the area should be mowed once each year. To protect the mammals and insects that inhabit the area, he advised mowing alternating halves of the area in the fall of each year in order to create "vertical diversity" in the landscape. He further recommended that certain invasive plants be eliminated in their entirety by hand. These and other recommendations have been incorporated in the management plan for the area. See Appendix 6 for full report.

- Yearly mowing (in an East-West orientation) of alternate halves of the upland field on lot 24 by the Town of Barrington DPW. This is to be done in October or November.
Mowing protocol: 1. Staging area free of phragmites. 2. Set mower height to 8 inches. 3. Phragmites mowed last. 4. clean equipment before and after mowing. BLCT steward to coordinate mowing with Town of Barrington DPW

*amended June 5, 2017 per Town Council

- Hand remove invasive plants as necessary, other than phragmites, especially Black swallowwort (bag and remove offsite). (BLCT volunteers)
- Cut milkweed plants late June or early July to promote the growth of new shoots for monarch butterfly egg laying. (BLCT volunteers)
- Maintain signage at end of Third St. and end of Willow Way. (BLCT)
- Plant switchgrass as needed. (BLCT)
- Monitor Osprey nests and activity. (BLCT)
- ✓ • Third St. path to be maintained in it's current state, not less than 12 Ft.wide, and mowed as needed by DPW or local resident.*

Plat 1 Lot 240 (BLCT)

- Hand cut knotweed late spring, summer early fall as resources are available. (BLCT volunteers) Black bag for pick up by Barrington DPW.
- Hand cut oriental bittersweet and multiflora rose from eastern wooded section of lot, bag for DPW pickup (BLCT)
- Hand trim path through lot during growing season when overgrown . (BLCT)
- Remove and dispose of Autumn Olive shrubs/trees (Town of Barrington DPW)
- Power saw and hand trim overgrowth 3 feet along Byway Road 2 times during growing season. Leave onsite or bag. (Town of Barrington DPW/BLCT)

Plat 1 Lot 243 (Town of Barrington)

- Remove remains of goose extender fence (poles and fencing) (BLCT)
- Cut knotweed (black bag for disposal by DPW) and oriental bittersweet (may be brown bagged for lawn waste pick up) up to 3 times during growing season. (BLCT)
- Re-erect 3 foot plastic mesh fence with 1" x 1" support poles 5 feet toward water from Byway Rd. to prevent foot traffic on bank. (BLCT)
- Maintain log and beach grass barriers at end of Byway to prevent erosion of bank from storm water runoff, (BLCT)
- Maintain/ repair protective coir envelopes along bank extending from path to end of lot when required (BLCT/NETCO)

BUFFER AREAS

Plat 1 lots 190, 235,236

Plat 2 lot 22; plat 3 lots 149,130,131,167, 168 monitored periodically by BLCT steward for unpermitted uses. Buffer areas abutting private properties are responsibility of owners , but should be monitored at least two times a year for unpermitted uses.

Application for "Buffer Zone Management" permit to be obtained through RI Coastal Resources and Management Council for a five year period of time and updated and extended at the end of that time period.

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