

Rockport Open Space and Recreation Committee

Town Hall, Broadway

Rockport, MA 01966

4 April, 2012

Mr. William Mueller
Andrews Woods Association
94 Phillips Ave
Rockport, MA 01966

Dear Mr. Mueller,

At your request, the Open Space and Recreation committee reviewed and summarized our current approved plan's references to Andrews Woods. The "Open Space and Recreation Plan for the Town of Rockport 2009" mentions Andrews Woods on the following pages:

Page 27: 4B. Landscape Character - 1. Heritage Landscape - Major Trail Networks

- *The wooded area between Phillips and Haven Avenues in Pigeon Cove is called Andrews Woods. Although situated in a residential neighborhood, these woods are crisscrossed with paths and are well-used by walkers.*

Page 37: Table 4D1 Rockport Public Woodland Tracts

<i>Woodland Tracts</i>	<i>Acreage</i>	<i>Recreational and Environmental Interest</i>
<i>Andrews Woods</i>	<i>15.00</i>	<i>Walking</i>

Page 73: SECTION 6: COMMUNITY VISION - 6A. Description of Process

In the question and answer time that followed, the public raised these issues for consideration:

- *Preservation/Protection of Andrews Woods - a 15 acre tax title lot*

Page 86: 11A. Resources - Individuals

Bill Mueller, Andrews Woods Association

Page 86: 11B. References - Books and Booklets

Andrews Woods Trail Map, The Friends of Andrews Woods, www.andrewswoods.org

Pages A-4/5: Section 12 APPENDICES - Appendix 1 Results of the Rockport Open Space Survey 2008

4. Describe specific parcels in Rockport you would like the town to acquire for open space and what makes them unique for prioritization:

Group	Response
1: Andrews Woods	Haven Ave: large (15 acre) undeveloped parcel
1: Andrews Woods	South Woods, Haven/Phillips Ave woods - contiguous open space - not much left
1: Andrews Woods	Woodland area off Stockholm Ave, land left vacant Phillips Ave- South woods available land
1: Andrews Woods	Land off Phillips, land between Lilya Pit and Monroe Drive
1: Andrews Woods	Save the Pigeon Cove woods off of Haven
1: Andrews Woods	16 acres between Haven and Phillips Ave.
1: Andrews Woods	Phillips Ave/Haven Lot 20+ acres - much wildlife, walking trails in conjunction w/Atlantic Path
1: Andrews Woods	Would you please preserve the 15 acres between Phillips and Haven so important for birds and children? Thank you.
1: Andrews Woods	Andrews Woods--the large woods owned by the town in Pigeon Cove between Phillips and Haven. This woods is already in daily use by hikers (who connect to it via the adjacent Atlantic Path), neighborhood strollers, dog-walkers, children, etc. It is a well-established, integral part of this community, simply as it is. It is also home to a tremendous variety of plant and animal species. To lose it to
1: Andrews Woods	15 acres on Phillips Ave in Pigeon Cove
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1: Andrews Woods	Blueberry Lane. Woodland Acres 45 acres pristine priority Habitat & wetlands. Haven Ave Woods as a sanctuary on north.
1: Andrews Woods	Phillips estate - large unspoiled woodland with walking paths, wildlife, birds
1: Andrews Woods	Cape Ann Tool company: last available space for town to operate park and ocean access; ; Keep land off Haven and Phillips Avenue for wildlife and paths; ; Land near Schools for future athletic fields and sports expansion
1: Andrews Woods	Haven/Phillips Avenue parcel of woodland used for walking, nature, green space. Should be conserved for public access and to prevent creating a suburb out of the area.
1: Andrews Woods	Woods off Philips Ave - Quiet trails for walking - Viewing nature
1: Andrews Woods	Andrews Woods - Between Phillips & Haven Ave Pigeon Cove
1: Andrews Woods	STRONGLY URGE PRESERVATION OF ANDREWS WOODS AS IS!!!!!!
1: Andrews Woods	Andrews Woods - wonderful paths and plants - great wildlife especially the birds
1: Andrews Woods	Andrews Wood - Trails, walking, beauty - vernal pools
1: Andrews Woods	particularly Andrews Wood
1: Andrews Woods	ANDREWS WOODS _ Historic & fits many uses above
1: Andrews Woods	Andrews Woods - 15 acres on Phillips Ave. Trails make refreshing walks possible and safer than streets.
1: Andrews Woods	Andrews Point Woods
1: Andrews Woods	Andrews Woods
1&2: Andrews/Johnson	LAND OFF HAVEN AVE - OPEN SPACE FOR DOG WALKING; ; JOHNSON'S QUARRY - ACCESS TO DOG TOWN
1&2: Andrews/Johnson	Andrews Woods; ; Johnsons Quarry

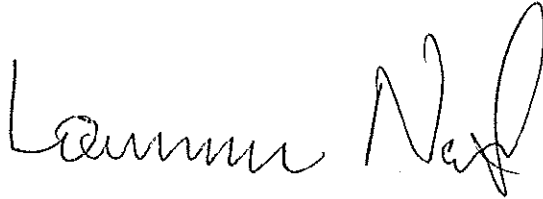
1&5: Andrews/Tax Title	Andrews Woods Most towns fight to keep & protect open spaces. We just want the TAX \$'s No Matter what
1&5: Andrews/Tax Title	Andrews Woods 15 Acre Tax-Title land for walking trails
1&5: Andrews/Tax Title	The Haven Ave woods as they are in jeopardy of being lost forever and to identify other parcels of tax title land that are used for recreational purposes throughout town so they may be preserved as well.

Appendix 3: Public Comments - Barbara Goll

Also on page 73, the 10th bullet point reads: "Preservation/Protection of **Andrews Woods** – a 15 acre tax title lot". You might mention that it was the top vote getter in the Open Space Survey.

These items express the Open Space and Recreation Committee's interest in Andrews Woods.

Sincerely,



Lawrence Neal, Co-Chairman
Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee
Rockport, Massachusetts