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Rockport Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee
Rockport, MA 01966

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of The Trustees of Reservations, I am pleased to learn that the work of your Committee has progressed to the stage of identifying specific parcels of land which are deserving of protection.

Several years ago, I had the pleasure of touring the property known locally as Andrews Woods with a local resident, and I would certainly support including this property in the list of those worthy of protection. A look at a map of the surrounding area reveals that this parcel is an island of open space in a developed neighborhood. As such, it has conservation value beyond that as a neighborhood amenity. It is perfectly positioned to serve as a stopover and food source for migrating birds and as a nesting site for locally native birds which migrate south for the winter.

Protection of this parcel would add another link to the chain of North Shore open spaces, including nearby Halibut Point, which provide important wildlife habitat. I hope you will include protection of Andrews Woods in your Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret K. Wheeler
Community Conservation Specialist