Cumberland Land Trust Greenways Endowment Fund Endorsements

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Executive Director, Aquidneck Land Trust

We commend the Cumberland Land Trust for establishing an endowment and building adequate resources to enable their sound stewardship of the lands they have protected for Cumberland residents. This endowment will help the land trust ensure that the lands they have protected will remain protected for generations. Cumberland Land Trust is providing a model that many other land trusts in the state will need to follow in coming years.

Rupert Friday, Director, RI Land Trust Council
Kevin McDonough, Vice President, Rocky Point Foundation

On behalf of the Town of Cumberland I would like to thank and commend the Cumberland Land Trust for their ongoing commitment to open space preservation in Cumberland as well as the establishment of the Cumberland Land Trust Endowment Fund which will ensure the work of The Trust will continue for many years.

Mayor Daniel J. McKee, Town of Cumberland

The Commission’s congressional mandate is to preserve the historical, cultural and natural resources of the Blackstone River Valley. As recognized by Congress, this goal can only be achieved through partnerships with local and regional agencies and organizations. With respect to land conservation in particular, the Commission has very much relied on, and supported, the efforts of local organizations such as the Land Trust to protect remaining open spaces and sensitive resource areas in the Valley. Given ongoing development pressure, increasing land values and diminishing government resources available for conservation, the decision by the Trust to establish an endowment is both timely and exemplary. The endowment will sustain the Trust’s conservation efforts into the future, for the benefit of both Cumberland and the Blackstone River Valley. The initiative will also serve as an example to other organizations dedicated to preserving the Valley’s heritage and resources and seeking to become more sustainable themselves for that purpose.

Jan H. Reitsma, Executive Director
John H Chafee Blackstone River National Heritage Corridor

The Pawtucket Water Supply Board has had the pleasure of working with the Cumberland Land Trust for many years and applauds their efforts in protecting open space and source water protection throughout the Town for generations to come. The Pawtucket Water Supply Board looks forward to a continued working relationship with the Cumberland Land Trust for years to come.

Bill Masuck, Chairperson, Pawtucket Water Supply Board

Sound stewardship of our protected natural areas is vital to the success of any conservation effort. The proactive work of the Cumberland Land Trust to establish an endowment fund is exactly what is needed to provide resources for the ongoing and consistent care of the lands which they have worked so hard to protect.

Janet Coit, State Director, RI Department of Environmental Management