



OLD HAMMOND QUARRY CONSERVATION PROJECT

A CAMPAIGN TO PERMANENTLY PRESERVE 53 ACRES
OF SCENIC MATTAPOISETT NECK WOODLANDS

These 53 acres of tall pines and oaks define the scenic character of our town. They also are part of the story of Mattapoisett's maritime past. Now we have the chance to save this forest forever, open it to the public for walking and exploration, and protect the beauty, history, wildlife habitats and coastal water quality of Mattapoisett.

Scenic Character: Primarily upland forest with extensive road frontage, the Old Hammond Quarry property is at high risk of development. These tall pine and oak woods define the entrance to Mattapoisett Neck and their development would forever alter the character of our town. The exposed granite adds to the uniqueness and beauty of the property.

Historic Preservation: The Old Hammond Quarry is fundamental to the story of Mattapoisett as a shipbuilding maritime center. The quarry generated stone for the town's own unique harbor wharves as well as Nantucket's buildings and exports beyond.

In Mattapoisett is a ledge of "pink granite," which is still being quarried. Minister LeBaron, in 1786, refers to this as follows: "In the Second Precinct there is a fine stone suitable for Building with which the Nantucket Market is principally supplied, and of late have been exported to the Southern States and used for Millstones in ye manufacturing of rice."

FROM MATTAPOISETT AND OLD ROCHESTER, 1907

Water Quality: These woodlands lie between Swift Brook and the Mattapoisett River filtering pollutants and providing clean water to upper Mattapoisett Harbor. The cascading Swifts Brook at the southwestern corner of the property is one of the healthiest streams in the region.

Wildlife Habitats: The entire Old Hammond Quarry property is mapped as "Priority Habitat" for Rare Species by the Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. Already connected to a large network of existing protected lands, the property is part of a broad wildlife corridor spanning from the farms of East Fairhaven to the Mattapoisett River.

Outdoor Recreation: Near the Bike Path and directly adjacent to the expanded Nasketucket Bay State Reservation, the Old Hammond Quarry property is poised to become the "Front Door" of this expanding outdoor recreation area. Interpreted trails on the property will be developed to connect into the Reservation opening up new access to the coast, bike path, and miles of walking and exploration. Off street parking will be provided at Mattapoisett Neck Road.

YOUR SUPPORT NEEDED

The support of everyone who loves the beauty and wooded character of Mattapoisset Neck is critical to the success of the Old Hammond Quarry Conservation Project. The property is currently Under Agreement for a bargain sale price. We have until September 30, 2017 to raise the \$600,000 to protect this place forever.

Due to the significance of the land for wildlife and recreation, we expect to be able to raise more than half of the funds from state conservation programs. The Town of Mattapoisset is being asked to contribute through its Community Preservation Fund (CPC) at May 2016 Town Meeting.

That leaves \$200,000 to be raised from private individuals and families. **A generous Challenge Grant has been made to match 1:1 all private gifts, meaning that we only need to raise \$100,000 to reach our goal. We hope that you will join your neighbors and friends in Mattapoisset in protecting the Old Hammond Quarry property forever.**

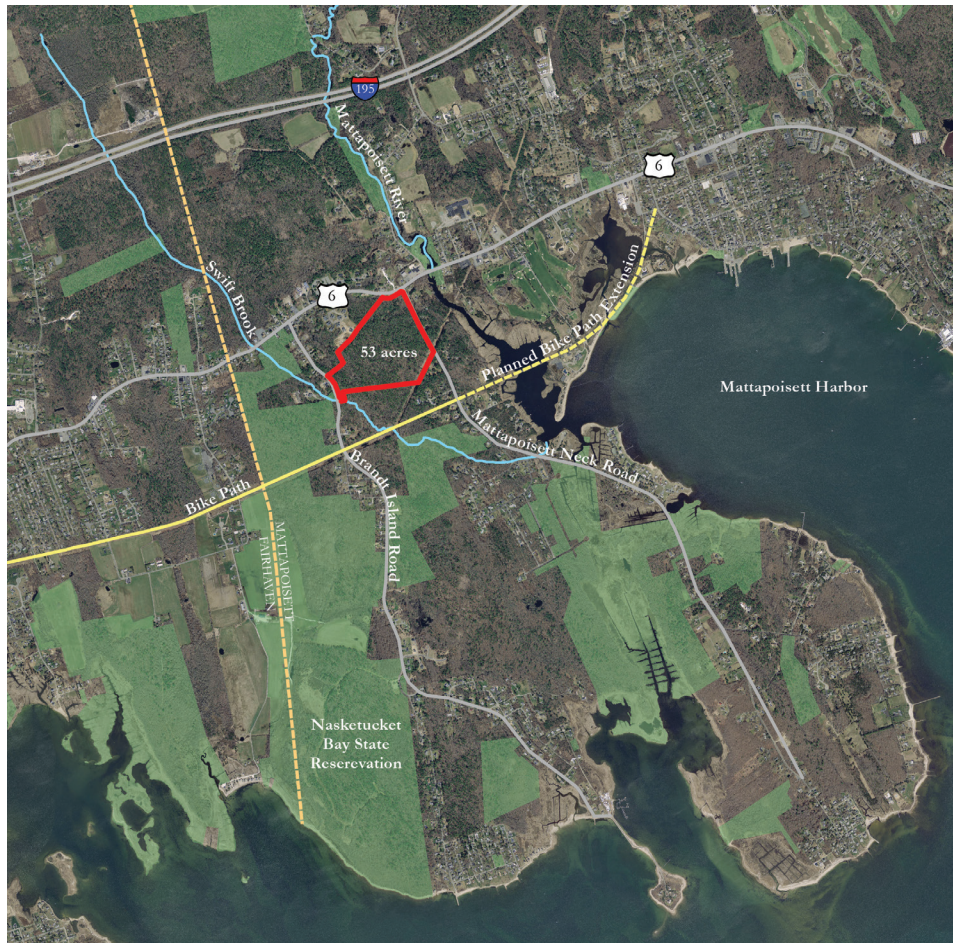
Contact Mattapoisset Land Trust President Mike Huguenin (508-758-2661) or Buzzards Bay Coalition President Mark Rasmussen (508-999-6363) with any questions or to learn how you can make a gift in support of this effort.

FUNDING PLAN

- State Grants
\$250,000
- The Nature Conservancy
\$75,000
- Mattapoisset CPC
\$75,000
- Private Fundraising
\$200,000*



*Thanks to 1:1 Matching Challenge, actual private need reduced to \$100,000



The Old Hammond Quarry property will become Mattapoisset's "Front Door" to more than 1,000 acres of protected lands within and surrounding the Nasketucket Bay State Reservation.



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