

# Protect Our Drinking Water

## SAVE THE LONG POND PROPERTY

### Why We Need Articles 28 and 29



In May 2024, Brewster residents attending Town Meeting approved a Comprehensive Plan for the Long Pond Property. That plan proposes community housing and a wastewater treatment facility be built on a wooded 10-acre portion of the property. In the warrant and verbally, voters were assured the project would not move forward until they approved funding for a feasibility study for the project.

That did not happen. The feasibility study is moving forward without the promised opportunity for citizens to approve its funding. Articles 28 and 29 are designed to give this decision back to the voters and further, to reconsider how to use the land in question.

## Attend TOWN MEETING

Your vote at Town Meeting is critical. Make it a point to attend and encourage others to do the same.

### Why protect Long Pond Property



Mon., May 4  
6 pm  
Stony Brook Elementary



**Vote YES on Article 28** to amend the current Comprehensive Plan for the Long Pond property to support conservation and water supply.



**Vote YES on Article 29** to change the permitted uses of the Long Pond property and ensure its permanent protection.

# Protect the Future

## Water Quality

**By supporting Articles 28 and 29, you can vote to protect our drinking water.** The 10-acre parcel sits on our Zone II – the area from which the East Brewster wells draw our drinking water. Expert analysis indicates that over time the effluent from the wastewater treatment system will flow toward these wells. These wells pump most of Brewster’s water, which has won awards for the best drinking water in New England.

## Land Conservation

**By supporting Articles 28 and 29, you can vote to protect rather than develop the ten acres.** Leaving the entire property undeveloped provides a large block of intact habitat. A priority of the Cape Cod Commission, large blocks of open space protect critical natural resources, including water quality and habitat to promote biodiversity. With only an estimated 14 percent of the Cape’s land remaining as undeveloped and unprotected, the actions we take now to protect what we have left will decide what kind of Cape Cod our future generations will inherit.

## Climate Mitigation

**By supporting Articles 28 and 29, you can vote to protect valuable woodlands.** Long Pond’s mature oak and pine forest is a climate champion. Its trees filter pollutants out of our air and water and reduce greenhouse gases by storing carbon. The Cape Cod Commission estimates that 10% of the Cape’s carbon emissions are absorbed by our woodlands.

## Alternative Sites

**By supporting Articles 28 and 29, you can vote to urge the town to evaluate other sites for community housing.** The need for affordable and attainable housing in Brewster is real and there are several alternative sites that would be better suited to this type of development. The newly established Land Evaluation Committee needs time to complete their process.

