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Acquisition of 3.8 acres at Edgewood Farm

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The Trustees of the Truro Conservation Trust (TCT) are pleased and proud to report our acquisition on December 30, 2015 of 3.8 acres of prime developable land. The property is known as "Edgewood Farm." This acquisition is added to the 317 acres of Truro land under our protection and stewardship. The purchase was made possible by a \$680,000 bequest to the TCT from the estate of the late David Kuechle. Mr. Kuechle was a part-time resident of Truro and a valued TCT Trustee for many years. A scenic walking trail, currently under construction on the property, will be named in his honor.

The property, known as Lots 3 and 4 of Edgewood Farm, was sold for \$536,000 by the family of the late Eleanor Meldahl. It is adjacent to an 11.6-acre parcel of Town-owned conservation land that was also purchased from the Meldahl family in 1987, using largely State Land Bank and CPA funds for the purchase. By utilizing a State grant of \$85,000, a \$73,000 tax credit and a CPC grant of \$40,000 (approved in 2015 by Annual Town Meeting,) the final cost to the Conservation Trust for the most recent purchase was \$338,000.

Volunteers from the TCT already have begun laying out and constructing the Kuechle Trail, which will meet a trail, also under construction, on the Town-owned land. The Kuechle Trail leads up a hill to a magnificent view across the National Seashore to the ocean. The Town of Truro already has cleared a parking area at the trailhead for both trails. The trails are expected to be open by mid-summer of this year and maintained in perpetuity by the TCT.

This purchase is an exemplary use of the cooperation between a local land owner, the Conservation Trust, Town, and State incentives, which has resulted in preserving the natural and rural qualities which endears Truro and Cape Cod to both residents and visitors. The Trust welcomes inquiries and is happy to provide information and assistance regarding outright gifts or purchases of land as well as conservation restrictions mutually advantageous to the donor and to the public.