



LITTLETON CONSERVATION TRUST
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Littleton Planning Board
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RE: Healy Corner Definitive Open Space Subdivision and Open Space Special Permit at 195 Tahattawan Road (aka Glavey Family Trust Project) – see current map C2.1 of GPR's Definitive Residential Subdivision Open Space Development Master Plan

To Littleton Planning Board and others:

Dear Planning Board and other Town officials:

The Littleton Conservation Trust (LCT) has for many decades been involved with open space land protection and management in the Greater Newtown Hill Area bounded by Route 2, Newtown Road, Harwood Ave, Tahattawan Rd., and Foster St. LCT also is an abutter to this Open Space Development Project as owners of the former Virginia Sprong Properties. We enthusiastically look forward to this project's open space land set aside ("Parcel A") and Conservation Restriction "C".

Having talked with respective conservation oriented non-profits and town agencies with a prospective interest in protecting and managing Parcel A and serving as CR C grantee, we recommend that the Open Space Parcel A be first offered to the Conservation Commission and the CR C be offered to the Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT). This would provide a good viable open space parcel protection and management, similar to the successful Yapp Conservation Properties owned by the Conservation Commission and overviewed by SVT as holder/grantee of that CR. It should also be noted that the SVT is holder of the CR from 242 Foster St, extending to the Town Forest which abuts this development property on the west border. The successful SVT CR there was created as a result of when the Board of Selectmen transferred the Right of First Refusal of the 20 acre property ("Anthony Property") that extends to the Town Forest.

Granting Open Space Parcel A to the Conservation Commission and CR C to SVT will fill in the open space gap that exists from the LCT Sprong land on the east to the Town forest Land to the west, a long term goal of the town and open space conservation community. If for any reason the Conservation Commission or SVT, upon reviewing the property's description and bounds and to be proposed CR C document, decline acceptance of open space or CR, the LCT would be willing to consider acting as a backup respective recipient. The Conservation Commission, SVT, and LCT all have successful track records in performing these functions elsewhere in the Town of Littleton and feel that it would serve in the town of Littleton's best public interest to do so here as well. Thank you for the opportunity to comment with regard to this development and open space project.

Respectfully yours,

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The Littleton Conservation Trust (LCT), distinct from the Town's municipal Conservation Commission, is a private all-volunteer conservation land trust formed in 1962 to promote Littleton's rural character; to preserve its water, plant, and wildlife resources, and its unique views; and to provide environmental education. The LCT is caretaker of over 300 acres of property (gifted from far-sighted residents) on which we manage a public trails system. LCT is listed with the Attorney General's Office as a Massachusetts public charity with 501(c)(3) tax exempt designation