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Dear Friends,

We are being led by a gorgeous fall season into the holidays and wintertime, a time for reflection on the past year. What is striking to me is how the changeability of risks we have faced has heightened awareness of how valuable and vulnerable our open spaces have become. Conservation activity has been brisk, and so has the flurry of subdividing land and construction. Once again, rapid change has exposed the vulnerability of losing even more of what has characterized our town for generations and has made it so unusually special.

With the support of many in our community, Sakonnet Preservation's longevity represents Little Compton's long-held recognition that conservation would be necessary to protect what we love here. That has sustained us since our founding fifty years ago as the first private non-profit community land trust in the state. As we engage with the generations coming up behind us, we are encouraged by their resourceful and energetic participation in the work necessary to protect what has endeared this town to generations past and present.

As we close out the year, we are asking for your essential support that makes it possible for Sakonnet Preservation to continue building on its legacy of conserving and stewarding some of Little Compton's treasured open spaces and limited natural resources as we conduct educational initiatives that highlight the benefits to all of us this pandemic has made so very evident.

With gratitude, Abigail Brooks

Abigail Brooks, President