

# VOTE **YES** ON ARTICLE #11 TO SAVE OUR WATER & OUR TRAILS!

## **Bourne Special Town Meeting, 7 pm, October 21, Bourne HS Auditorium**

**Proposal:** The Town would purchase a conservation restriction on 29.8 forested acres for conservation, well-field protection & hiking trail expansion from the Town Forest and Four Ponds; the land would be owned and managed by the nonprofit Bourne Conservation Trust.

### **Funding:**

\$2,100,000 Town of Bourne Comm. Preservation Fund (Town Meeting is asked to vote on the total amount)  
\$1,050,000 State Forest Reserve reimbursement grant (applied for; results expected this autumn)  
\$1,050,000 TOTAL net cost to Town with state grant

### **NOTES:**

*The property was appraised as a 24-lot subdivision for the Town at \$2,770,000 in September 2024. The value of the Conservation Restriction (CR) is \$2,370,000. The Town is asked to pay \$2,100,000 for the CR.*

*No new taxes are needed for this purchase. All Town funds needed currently exist in the Community Preservation Fund, Open Space and Recreation Reserve.*

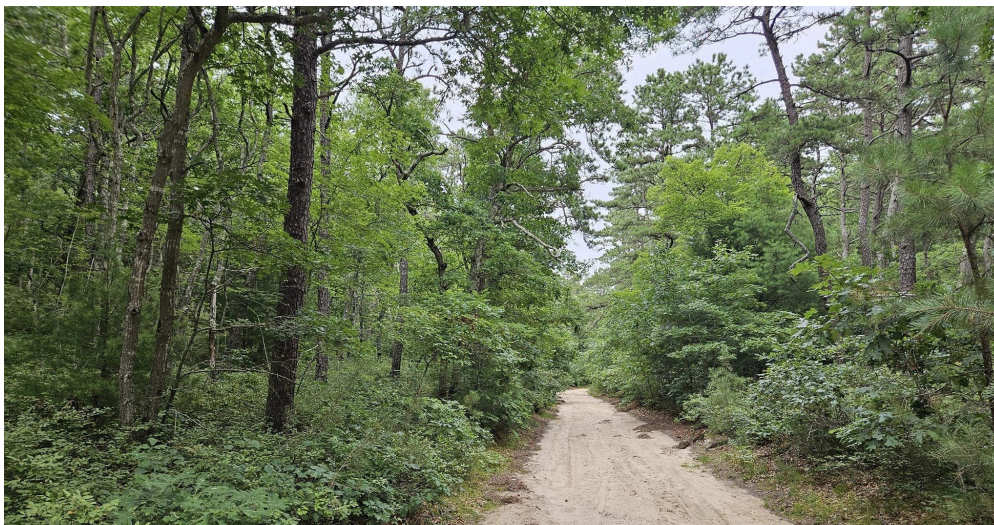
*The Bourne Conservation Trust (private, non-profit) would own and manage the land, with a perpetual conservation restriction held by the Town Conservation Commission to guarantee public access.*

*We have applied for a \$1,050,000 grant from the state towards the purchase price. If awarded, the state grant will reduce the Town CPA funding by that amount.*

*Recommended by the Town's Select Board, Community Preservation Committee, Open Space Committee, Capital Outlay Committee, Conservation Commission, and Finance Committee. Also supported by the Bourne Water District, Pocasset Water Quality Coalition, Cataumet Civic Associates, and Pocasset Village Association.*

### **FEATURES:**

- Abuts 470± acres of protected forest owned by the Town and Water District
- Protects the main wellfield of the Water District, supplying drinking water to up to 23,000 residents
- Trails on the property enable connections to miles of hiking and biking trails in the watershed
- Important all-upland wildlife habitat for Eastern box turtle, a state-listed rare species

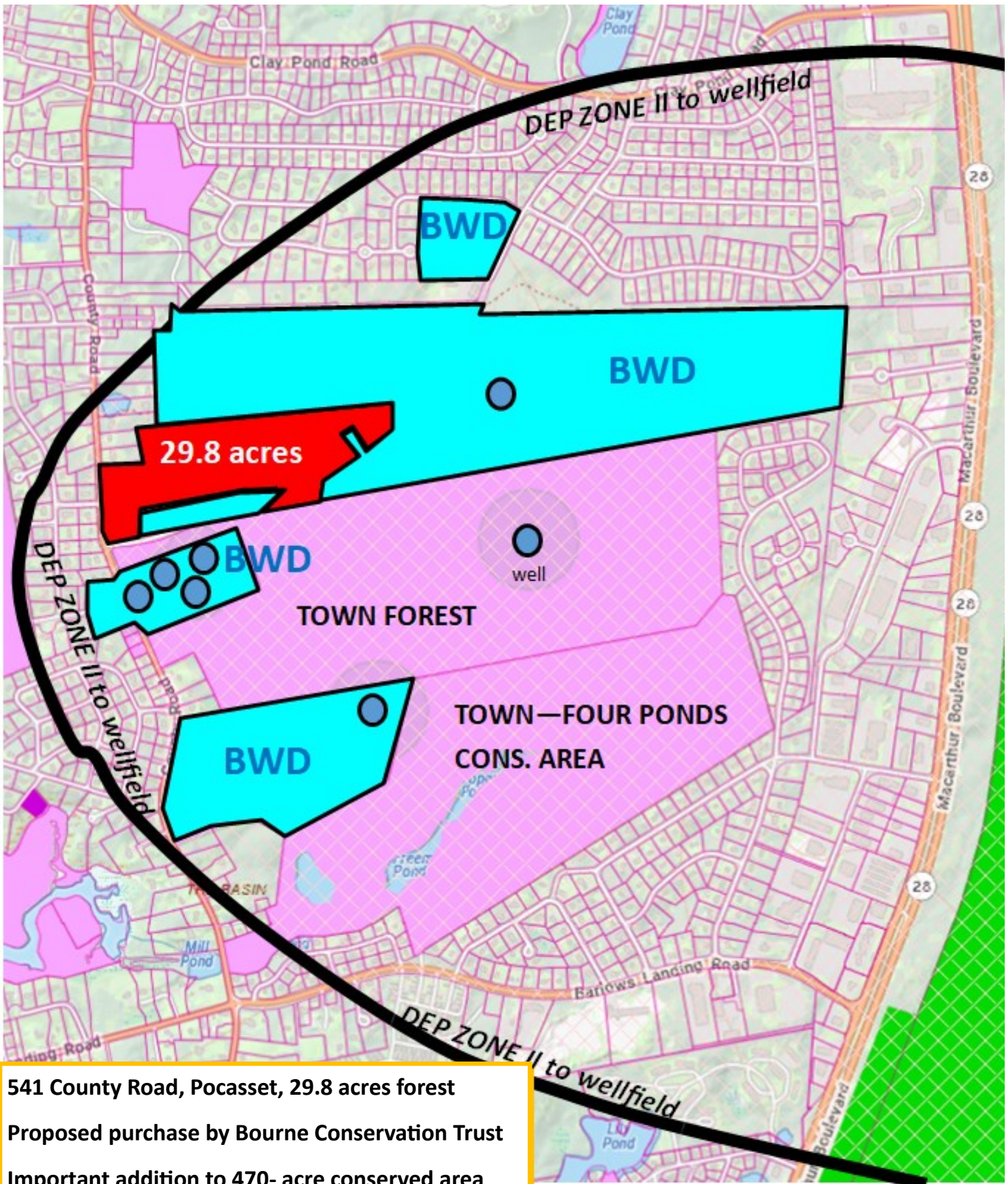


*Valley Bars Road runs through the 29.8-acre property with steep, 50-foot high ridgelines on either side.*

*The sandy cartpath is well-loved by dog*



*Rare box turtles live in the forest.*



**541 County Road, Pocasset, 29.8 acres forest**  
**Proposed purchase by Bourne Conservation Trust**  
**Important addition to 470- acre conserved area**  
**owned by Town of Bourne for conservation and**  
**Bourne Water District for wellfields.**  
**All 29.8 acres is wellfield protection land**

*This information was distributed at no cost to taxpayers by the Bourne Conservation Trust.*  
*For more detailed information about this project, visit: [www.bourneconservationtrust.org](http://www.bourneconservationtrust.org)*