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Dear Friend of KIA,

Potter Wood is a very special place. For 85 years, the Kingston Improvement Association (KIA) has cared for the 65-acre Potter Memorial Wood for the benefit of everyone in Kingston Village and beyond. With miles of wooded trails, skating pond, baseball field, basketball court and other features, Potter Wood provides an amazing oasis amidst a sea of houses – a perfect opportunity for a walk in the woods for many families.

Not familiar with Potter Wood? Please come for a walk! The main entrance is located on South Road in Kingston, approximately ½ mile south of the Village Well. A second entrance with limited parking is located on Biscuit City Road less than ½ mile south of Kingstown Road.

When Miss Mary LeMoine Potter deeded the Wood to the KIA in 1933, she intended that the Wood was to be used for the sole pleasure and benefit of all the people of the Village of Kingston. However, there is no legally enforceable restriction against future subdivision or development of the land. The Executive Board of the KIA, with the support of our membership, has decided to codify Miss Potter's intent by granting a conservation easement to the South Kingstown Land Trust (SKLT). Potter Wood will continue to be owned and cared for by the KIA, but this action will ensure that the land remains preserved in perpetuity, and SKLT – a nationally accredited land trust – will have the responsibility to do exactly that. You can learn more about SKLT by visiting their website at SKLT.org or calling 789-0962.

The KIA needs your support to make this preservation effort a success. We estimate that we need to raise \$18,000 to fund the conservation transaction, including costs for a survey, title work, legal fees, and stewardship service. Please consider donating to this project with a gift to the Kingston Improvement Association. The future of Potter Wood is in your hands. All contributions are fully tax-deductible and will automatically entitle you to a one-year membership in the KIA. For questions, concerns or comments, please contact us at the address below.

The KIA also invites our neighbors to join its Potter Wood Committee or help with the KIA's many other activities.

Thank you for helping to keep Kingston the wonderful village that it is, and for joining your neighbors in protecting Potter Wood for generations to come.

Respectfully,

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The Executive Board of the Kingston Improvement Association