

**GRANTOR:** Town of Wellesley  
**GRANTEE:** Wellesley Conservation Land Trust  
**ADDRESS OF PREMISES:** 156 Weston Road  
**FOR GRANTOR'S TITLE SEE:** Norfolk County  
Registry of Deeds at Book 32892, Page 563.

## GRANT OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION

### I. STATEMENT OF GRANT

**THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS**, a municipal corporation formed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and acting by and through its Select Board, having an address at 525 Washington Street, Wellesley, Norfolk County, Massachusetts 02482, being the sole owner of the Premises as defined herein, constituting all of the owner(s) of the Premises as defined herein, for my successors and assigns ("Grantor"), acting pursuant to Sections 31, 32, and 33 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws, grant, with QUITCLAIM COVENANTS, to Wellesley Conservation Land Trust, a Massachusetts charitable trust, established under Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated \_\_\_\_\_, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 81129, Wellesley Hills, Norfolk County, Massachusetts 02481, their permitted successors and assigns ("Grantee"), for nominal consideration, IN PERPETUITY AND EXCLUSIVELY FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES, the following Conservation Restriction on land located in Wellesley containing a XX-acre portion (so called "Section A") and a XX-acre portion (so called "Section B") (collectively, the "Premises") of a 46 acre parcel of land, which Premises is more particularly described in Exhibit A and shown in the attached reduced copy of a survey plan in Exhibit B, both of which are incorporated herein and attached hereto.

The fee interest in the Premises was acquired utilizing, in part, Community Preservation Act funds pursuant to Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, which funds were authorized for such purposes by a vote of the Wellesley Town Meeting held on January 20, 2015, an attested copy of which vote is attached hereto as Exhibit C (the "CPA Vote").

### II. PURPOSES:

This Conservation Restriction is defined in and authorized by Sections 31, 32, and 33 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws and otherwise by law. The purposes of this Conservation Restriction ("Purposes") are to ensure that the Premises will be maintained in perpetuity in its natural, scenic, or open condition for conservation and passive outdoor recreational purposes and to prevent any use or change that would materially impair the Conservation Values (as defined below).

The Conservation Values protected by this Conservation Restriction include the following:

- Open Space. The Premises contributes to the protection of the scenic and natural character of Wellesley and the protection of the Premises will enhance the open-space value of these and nearby lands.

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- Wildlife Habitat. The Premises includes areas designated by the MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife acting by and through its Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) as “**Certified Vernal Pools**”, the protection of which aligns with NHESP’s wildlife and habitat protection objectives. The Premises contains approximately 3 acres of wooded wetlands and Section A contains an approximately 1/2-acre vernal pool.

Public Access. Public access to the Premises will be allowed for passive outdoor recreation, education, nature study. The Section A of the Premises include an already established walking trail network. The preservation of Section A will support this network. New trails may be constructed on both Section A and Section B of the Premises to further public outdoor recreation.

- Wetlands. The wooded wetlands on the Premises provide valuable habitat for a diverse array of wildlife species as well as provide the many other public benefits of wetlands protection recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Section 40 of Chapter 131 of the Massachusetts General Laws).

- Consistency with Clearly Delineated Federal, State, or Local Governmental Conservation Policy. Protection of the Premises furthers the Town of Wellesley’s 2022 Open Space and Recreation Plan: the protection of the Town’s scenic landscape (Goal 1(C)), protect, enhance, and restore the Town’s sensitive land, water, and wetland resources (Goal 2), and the expansion and protection of the Town’s tree canopy, (Goal 3).

- Scenic Protection. **Is this applicable?**

- **Add any other applicable conservation values that the CR will help to protect**

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### III. PROHIBITED and PERMITTED ACTS AND USES

#### A. Prohibited Acts and Uses

The Grantor will not perform or allow others to perform the following acts and uses which are prohibited on, above, and below the Premises:

1. Structures and Improvements. Constructing, placing, or allowing to remain any temporary or permanent structure including without limitation any building, tennis court, landing strip, mobile home, swimming pool, asphalt or concrete pavement, graveled area, roads, sign, fence, gate, billboard or other advertising, antenna, utilities or other structures, utility pole, tower, solar panel, solar array, conduit, line, septic or wastewater disposal system, storage tank, or dam, unless otherwise permitted in Paragraph III.B.;

2. Extractive Activities/Uses. Mining, excavating, dredging, withdrawing, or removing soil, loam, peat, gravel, sand, rock, surface water, ground water, or other mineral substance or natural deposit, or otherwise altering the topography of the Premises;
3. Disposal/Storage. Placing, filling, storing or dumping of soil, refuse, trash, vehicle bodies or parts, rubbish, debris, junk, tree and other vegetation cuttings, liquid or solid waste or other substance or material whatsoever;
4. Adverse Impacts to Vegetation. Cutting, removing, or destroying trees, shrubs, grasses or other vegetation;
5. Adverse Impacts to Water, Soil, and Other Features. Activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, water quality, erosion control, soil conservation, natural habitat, archaeological conservation, or ecosystem function;
6. Introduction of Invasive Species. Planting or introducing any species identified as invasive by the Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group or identified as invasive in such recognized inventories as the Massachusetts Introduced Pests Outreach Project, the Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel, or other such inventories, and any successor list as mutually agreed to by Grantor and Grantee;
7. Motor Vehicles. Using, parking, or storing motorized vehicles, including motorcycles, mopeds, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway vehicles, motorboats or other motorized watercraft, snowmobiles, launching or landing aircraft, or any other motorized vehicles, acknowledging that vehicles necessary for public safety (i.e., fire, police, ambulance, other government officials) may have a legal right to enter the Premises;
8. Subdivision. Subdividing or conveying a part or portion of the Premises (as compared to conveyance of the Premises in its entirety which shall be permitted), it being the Grantor's and Grantee's intention to maintain the entire Premises under unified ownership;
9. Use of Premises for Developing Other Land. Using the Premises towards building or development requirements on this or any other parcel;
10. Adverse Impacts to Stone Walls, Boundary Markers. Disrupting, removing, or destroying stone walls, granite fence posts, or any other boundary markers;
11. Residential or Industrial Uses. Using the Premises for residential or industrial purposes;
12. Inconsistent Uses. Using the Premises for commercial purposes that are inconsistent with the Purposes or that would materially impair the Conservation Values, or for any other uses or activities that are inconsistent with the Purposes or that would materially impair the Conservation Values.

13. *[Add any other prohibited acts or uses on the Premises.]*

**B. Permitted Acts and Uses**

Notwithstanding the Prohibited Acts and Uses described in Paragraph III.A., the Grantor may conduct or permit the following acts and uses on the Premises, provided they do not materially impair the Purposes and/or Conservation Values. In conducting any Permitted Act and Use, Grantor shall minimize impacts to the Conservation Values to ensure any such impairment thereto is not material.

1. Vegetation Management. Maintaining vegetation, including pruning, trimming, cutting, and mowing, and removing brush, all to prevent, control, and manage hazards, disease, insect or fire damage, and/or in order to maintain the condition of the Premises as documented in the Baseline Report;
2. Non-native, Nuisance, or Invasive species. Removing non-native, nuisance, or invasive species, interplanting native species, and controlling species in a manner that minimizes damage to surrounding, non-target species and preserves water quality;
3. Composting. Stockpiling and composting stumps, trees, brush, limbs, and similar biodegradable materials originating on the Premises; provided, however, such composting complies with the Wetland Protection Act and any local wetlands regulations;
4. Natural Habitat and Ecosystem Improvement. With prior written approval of the Grantee, conducting measures designed to restore native biotic communities, or to maintain, enhance or restore wildlife, wildlife habitat, ecosystem function, or rare or endangered species including planting native trees, shrubs, and other vegetation;
5. Trails. Maintaining and constructing trails as follows:
  - a. Trail Maintenance. Conducting routine maintenance of trails, which may include widening trail corridors up to [REDACTED] feet in width overall, with a treadway up to [REDACTED] feet in width.
  - b. New Trails. With prior written approval of the Grantee, constructing new trails or relocating existing trails, provided that any construction or relocation results in trails that conform with the width limitations above.
  - c. Trail Features. With prior written approval of the Grantee, constructing bog bridging, boardwalks, footbridges, railings, steps, culverts, benching, cribbing, contouring, or other such features, together with the use of motorized equipment to construct such features;
6. Signs. Constructing, installing, maintaining, and replacing signs and informational kiosks with respect to the Permitted Acts and Uses, the Purposes, the Conservation Values, trespass, public access, identity and address of the Grantor, sale of the Premises, the Grantee's interest in the Premises, boundary and trail markings, any gift, grant, or other applicable source of support for the conservation of the Premises;

7. Outdoor Passive Recreational and Educational Activities. Hiking, nature observation, nature and educational walks and outings, outdoor educational activities, and other non-motorized outdoor recreational and educational activities.

**C. Special Use Area**

The Grantor reserves the right to conduct or permit the following activities and uses only within the area shown on the Plan as **Section B** in addition to the Permitted Acts and Uses described in Paragraph III.B., and otherwise subject to this Conservation Restriction

1. Lighting and Water Fountains. Limited lighting and water fountains may be installed with the prior written approval of the Grantee and the Town of Wellesley's Natural Resources Commission ("NRC") in Section B of the Premises. All lighting must be in compliance with the Town of Wellesley's Dark-Sky Agreement with Wellesley College, attached as **Exhibit D** and as may be amended from time to time. Installation of underground utilities to supply power and/or water to facilities may be installed with the prior written approval of the Grantee and the NRC, provided, however, that all disturbed land is restore to its prior condition to the extent reasonably practicable. Such improvements may be maintain and repaired, as necessary, by the Grantor; and
2. Exercise Stations. New outdoor fitness equipment may be installed with prior written approval of the Grantee and the NRC. Equipment may be maintained and repair as needed by the Grantor.

**D. Site Restoration**

Upon completion of any Permitted Acts and Uses, any disturbed areas shall be restored substantially to the conditions that existed prior to said activities, including with respect to soil material, grade, and vegetated ground cover.

**E. Compliance with Permits, Regulations, Laws**

The exercise of any Permitted Acts and Uses under Paragraph III.B. shall be in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, zoning, and permits, and with the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The inclusion of any Reserved Right requiring a permit, license or other approval from a public agency does not imply that the Grantee or the Commonwealth takes any position whether such permit, license, or other approval should be issued.

**F. Notice and Approval**

1. Notifying Grantee. Whenever notice to or approval by Grantee is required, Grantor shall notify or request approval from Grantee, by a method requiring proof of receipt, in writing not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date Grantor intends to undertake

the activity in question, unless a different time period is specified herein. The notice shall:

- a. Describe the nature, scope, design, location, timetable and any other material aspect of the proposed activity;
  - b. Describe how the proposed activity complies with the terms and conditions of this Conservation Restriction, and will not materially impair the Purposes and/or Conservation Values;
  - c. Identify all permits, licenses, or approvals required for the proposed activity, and the status of any such permits, licenses, or approvals.
  - d. Describe any other material aspect of the proposed activity in sufficient detail to permit the Grantee to make an informed judgment as to its consistency with the Purposes and Conservation Values.
2. Grantee Review. Where Grantee's approval is required, Grantee shall grant or withhold approval in writing within sixty (60) days of receipt of Grantor's request. Grantee's approval shall only be granted upon a showing that the proposed activity will minimize impacts to the Conservation Values and will not materially impair the Purposes and/or Conservation Values. Grantee may require Grantor to secure expert review and evaluation of a proposed activity by a mutually agreed upon party.
3. Resubmittal. Grantee's failure to respond within sixty (60) days of receipt shall not constitute approval of the request. Grantor may subsequently submit the same or a similar request for approval.

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#### **IV. INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT**

##### **A. Entry onto the Premises**

The Grantor hereby grants to the Grantee, and its duly authorized agents or representatives, the right to enter the Premises upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times, for the purpose of inspecting the Premises to determine compliance with or to enforce this Conservation Restriction.

##### **B. Legal and Injunctive Relief**

1. Enforcement. The rights hereby granted shall include the right to enforce this Conservation Restriction by appropriate legal proceedings and to obtain compensatory relief, including without limitation, compensation for interim losses (i.e., ecological and public use service losses that occur from the date of the violation until the date of restoration) and equitable relief against any violations, including, without limitation, injunctive relief and relief requiring restoration of the Premises to its condition prior to the time of the injury (it being agreed that the Grantee will have no adequate remedy at law in case of an injunction). The rights hereby granted shall be in addition to, and not

in limitation of, any other rights and remedies available to the Grantee for the enforcement of this Conservation Restriction.

2. Notice and Cure. In the event the Grantee determines that a violation of this Conservation Restriction has occurred and intends to exercise any of the rights described herein, the Grantee shall, before exercising any such rights, notify the Grantor in writing of the violation. The Grantor shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the written notice to halt the violation and remedy any damage caused by it, after which time Grantee may take further action, including instituting legal proceedings and entering the Premises to take reasonable measures to remedy, abate or correct such violation, without further notice. Provided, however, that this requirement of deferment of action for thirty (30) days applies only if Grantor immediately ceases the violation and Grantee determines that there is no ongoing violation. In instances where a violation may also constitute a violation of local, state, or federal law, the Grantee may notify the proper authorities of such violation.
3. Reimbursement of Costs and Expenses of Enforcement. Grantor covenants and agrees to reimburse to Grantee all reasonable costs and expenses (including counsel fees) incurred by the Grantee in enforcing this Conservation Restriction or in taking reasonable measures to remedy, abate or correct any violation thereof. In the event of a dispute over the boundaries of the Conservation Restriction, Grantor shall pay for a survey by a Massachusetts licensed professional land surveyor and to have the boundaries permanently marked.

**C. Non-Waiver**

Enforcement of the terms of this Conservation Restriction shall be at the sole discretion of Grantee. Any election by the Grantee as to the manner and timing of its right to enforce this Conservation Restriction or otherwise exercise its rights hereunder shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of such rights.

**D. Disclaimer of Liability**

By acceptance of this Conservation Restriction, the Grantee does not undertake any liability or obligation relating to the condition of the Premises pertaining to compliance with and including, but not limited to, hazardous materials, zoning, environmental laws and regulations, or acts not caused by the Grantee or its agents.

**E. Acts Beyond the Grantor's Control**

Nothing contained in this Conservation Restriction shall be construed to entitle the Grantee to bring any actions against the Grantor for any injury to or change in the Premises resulting from natural causes beyond the Grantor's control, including but not limited to fire, flood, weather, climate-related impacts, and earth movement, or from any prudent action taken by the Grantor under emergency conditions to prevent, abate, or mitigate significant injury to the Premises

resulting from such causes. In the event of any such occurrence, the Grantor and Grantee will cooperate in the restoration of the Premises, if desirable and feasible.

#### **V. PUBLIC ACCESS**

Subject to the provisions of this Conservation Restriction, the Grantor hereby grants access to the Premises to the general public and agrees to take no action to prohibit or discourage access to and use of the Premises by the general public, but only for daytime use and only as described in Paragraph III.B, provided that such agreement by Grantor is subject to the Grantor's reserved right to establish reasonable rules, regulations, and restrictions on such permitted recreational use by the general public for the protection of the Purposes and Conservation Values. Grantor has the right to control, limit, or prohibit by posting and other reasonable means activities or uses of the Premises not authorized in Paragraph III.B. The Grantee may require the Grantor to post the Premises against any use by the public that results in material impairment of the Conservation Values. This grant of public access to the Premises is solely for the purposes described in Section 17C of Chapter 21 of the Massachusetts General Laws and the Grantor and Grantee hereto express their intent to benefit from exculpation from liability to the extent provided in such section.

#### **VI. TERMINATION/RELEASE/EXTINGUISHMENT**

##### **A. Procedure**

If circumstances arise in the future that render the Purposes impossible to accomplish, this Conservation Restriction can only be terminated, released, or extinguished, whether in whole or in part, by a court of competent jurisdiction under applicable law after review and approval by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or successor official ("Secretary"), and any other approvals as may be required by Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

##### **B. Grantor's and Grantee's Right to Recover Proceeds**

If any change in conditions ever gives rise to termination, release, or extinguishment of this Conservation Restriction under applicable law, then Grantee, on a subsequent sale, exchange, or involuntary conversion of the Premises, shall be entitled to a portion of the proceeds in accordance with Paragraph VI.C., subject, however, to any applicable law which expressly provides for a different disposition of the proceeds, and after complying with the terms of any gift, grant, or funding requirements. The Grantee shall use its share of any proceeds in a manner consistent with the Purposes or the protection of the Conservation Values.

##### **C. Grantee's Receipt of Property Right**

Grantor and Grantee agree that the conveyance of this Conservation Restriction gives rise to a real property right, immediately vested in the Grantee, for the purpose of enforcing this Conservation Restriction, but does not entitle Grantee, upon extinguishment, release, or termination, to any proceeds received by the Grantor from the subsequent sale, exchange or involuntary conversion of



the Premises. Any proceeds that result from any such extinguishment, release, or termination will be distributed only after complying with the terms of any gift, grant, or other funding requirements.

**D. Cooperation Regarding Public Action**

Whenever all or any part of the Premises or any interest therein is taken by public authority under power of eminent domain or other act of public authority, then the Grantor and the Grantee shall cooperate in recovering the full value of all direct and consequential damages resulting from such action. All related expenses incurred by the Grantor and the Grantee shall first be paid out of any recovered proceeds, and the remaining proceeds shall be distributed between the Grantor and Grantee in accordance with Paragraph VI.B. and Paragraph VI.C. If a less than fee interest is taken, the proceeds shall be equitably allocated according to the nature of the interest taken. The Grantee shall use its share of any proceeds in a manner consistent with the Purposes or the protection of the Conservation Values.

**VII. DURATION AND ASSIGNABILITY**

**A. Running of the Burden**

The burdens of this Conservation Restriction shall run with the Premises in perpetuity, and shall be enforceable against the Grantor and the successors and assigns of the Grantor holding any interest in the Premises.

**B. Execution of Instruments**

The Grantee is authorized to record or file any notices or instruments appropriate to assuring the perpetual enforceability of this Conservation Restriction. The Grantor, on behalf of itself and its successors and assigns, appoints the Grantee its attorney-in-fact to execute, acknowledge and deliver any such instruments on its behalf. Without limiting the foregoing, the Grantor and its successors and assigns agree themselves to execute any such instruments upon request.

**C. Running of the Benefit**

The benefits of this Conservation Restriction shall run to the Grantee, shall be in gross and shall not be assignable by the Grantee, except when all of the following conditions are met:

1. the Grantee requires that the Purposes continue to be carried out;
2. the assignee is not an owner of the fee in the Premises;
3. the assignee, at the time of the assignment, qualifies under and 26.U.S.C. 170(h), and applicable regulations thereunder, if applicable, and is eligible to receive this Conservation Restriction under Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws; and
4. the assignment complies with Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, if applicable.

**VIII. SUBSEQUENT TRANSFERS**

#### **A. Procedure for Transfer**

The Grantor agrees to incorporate by reference the terms of this Conservation Restriction in any deed or other legal instrument which grants any interest in all or a portion of the Premises, including a leasehold interest and to notify the Grantee not less than twenty (20) days prior to the effective date of such transfer. Failure to do any of the above shall not impair the validity or enforceability of this Conservation Restriction. If the Grantor fails to reference the terms of this Conservation Restriction in any deed or other legal instrument which grants any interest in all or a portion of the Premises, then the Grantee may record, in the applicable registry of deeds, or registered in the applicable land court registry district, and at the Grantor's expense, a notice of this Conservation Restriction. Any transfer will comply with Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, if applicable.

#### **B. Grantor's Liability**

The Grantor shall not be liable for violations occurring after their ownership. Liability for any acts or omissions occurring prior to any transfer and liability for any transfer if in violation of this Conservation Restriction shall survive the transfer. Any new owner shall cooperate in the restoration of the Premises or removal of violations caused by prior owner(s) and may be held responsible for any continuing violations.

### **IX. ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATES**

Upon request by the Grantor, the Grantee shall, within thirty (30) [*60 days for municipalities unless otherwise agreed upon*] days execute and deliver to the Grantor any document, including an estoppel certificate, which certifies the Grantor's compliance or non-compliance with any obligation of the Grantor contained in this Conservation Restriction.

### **X. NON MERGER**

The parties intend that any future acquisition of the Premises shall not result in a merger of the Conservation Restriction into the fee. The Grantor agrees that it will not grant, and the Grantee agrees that it will not take title, to any part of the Premises without having first assigned this Conservation Restriction following the terms set forth in Paragraph VII.C to ensure that merger does not occur and that this Conservation Restriction continues to be enforceable by a non-fee owner.

### **XI. AMENDMENT**

#### **A. Limitations on Amendment**

Grantor and Grantee may amend this Conservation Restriction only to correct an error or oversight, clarify an ambiguity, maintain or enhance the overall protection of the Conservation Values, or add real property to the Premises, provided that no amendment shall:

1. affect this Conservation Restriction's perpetual duration;
2. be inconsistent with or materially impair the Purposes;
3. affect the qualification of this Conservation Restriction as a "qualified conservation contribution" or "interest in land" under any applicable laws, including 26 U.S.C. Section 170(h), and related regulations;
4. affect the status of Grantee as a "qualified organization" or "eligible donee" under any applicable laws, including 26 U.S.C. Section 170(h) and related regulations, and Sections 31, 32, and 33 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or
5. create an impermissible private benefit or private inurement in violation of federal tax law, as determined by an appraisal, conducted by an appraiser selected by the Grantee, of the economic impact of the proposed amendment; or
6. alter or remove the provisions described in Paragraph VI (Termination/Release/Extinguishment); or
7. cause the provisions of this Paragraph XI to be less restrictive; or
8. cause the provisions described in Paragraph VII.C (Running of the Benefit) to be less restrictive

#### **B. Amendment Approvals and Recording**

No amendment shall be effective unless documented in a notarized writing executed by Grantee and Grantor, approved by the Town of Wellesley and by the Secretary in the public interest pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and recorded in the applicable registry of deeds or registered in the applicable land court registry district.

#### **XII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Conservation Restriction shall be effective when the Grantor and the Grantee have executed it, the administrative approvals required by Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws have been obtained, and it has been recorded in the applicable registry of deeds or registered in the applicable land court registry district.

#### **XIII. NOTICES**

Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval or communication that either party desires or is required to give to the other shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by first class mail, postage pre-paid, addressed as follows:

To Grantor: Meghan Jop  
Executive Director  
Town of Wellesley  
525 Washington Street  
Wellesley, MA 02482

To Grantee: Name  
Address  
Municipality, State, Zip code

or to such other address as any of the above parties shall designate from time to time by written notice to the other or, if notice is returned to sender, to an address that is reasonably ascertainable by the parties.

#### **XIV. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

##### **A. Controlling Law**

The interpretation and performance of this Conservation Restriction shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

##### **B. Liberal Construction**

Any general rule of construction to the contrary notwithstanding, this Conservation Restriction shall be liberally construed in order to effect the Purposes and the policy and purposes of Sections 31, 32, and 33 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws. If any provision in this instrument is found to be ambiguous, any interpretation consistent with the Purposes that would render the provision valid shall be favored over any interpretation that would render it invalid.

##### **C. Severability**

If any provision of this Conservation Restriction or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid, the remainder of the provisions of this Conservation Restriction shall not be affected thereby.

##### **D. Entire Agreement**

This instrument sets forth the entire agreement of the Grantor and Grantee with respect to this Conservation Restriction and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, understandings, or agreements relating to the Conservation Restriction, all of which are merged herein.

#### **XV. BASELINE DOCUMENTATION REPORT**

The Conservation Values, as well as the natural features, current uses of, and existing improvements on the Premises, such as, but not limited to, trails, woods roads, structures, meadows or other cleared areas, agricultural areas, and scenic views, as applicable, are described in a Baseline Documentation Report ("Baseline Report") prepared by Grantee with the cooperation of the Grantor, consisting of maps, photographs, and other documents and on file with the Grantee and included by reference herein. The Baseline Report (i) is acknowledged by Grantor and Grantee to be a complete and accurate representation of the condition and values of the Premises as of the date of this Conservation Restriction, (ii) is intended to fully comply with applicable Treasury Regulations, (iii) is intended to serve as an objective information baseline for subsequent monitoring of compliance with the terms of this Conservation Restriction as described herein, and (iv) may be supplemented as conditions on the Premise change as allowed over time.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties may utilize any evidence of the condition of the Premises at the time of this grant in addition to the Baseline Report.

## **XVI. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **A. Pre-existing Public Rights**

Approval of this Conservation Restriction pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws by any municipal officials and by the Secretary, is not to be construed as representing the existence or non-existence of any pre-existing rights of the public, if any, in and to the Premises, and any such pre-existing rights of the public, if any, are not affected by the granting of this Conservation Restriction.

### **B. Release of Homestead**

The Grantor attests that there is no residence on or abutting the Premises (including areas excluded from the Premises) that is occupied or intended to be occupied as a principal residence by a spouse, former spouse, or children of the grantor, or a spouse, former spouse, or children of a beneficiary of the trust, if Premises is owned by a trust.

### **C. No Surety Interest**

The Grantor attests that there is no mortgage, promissory note, loan, lien, equity credit line, refinance assignment of mortgage, lease, financing statement or any other agreement which gives rise to a surety interest affecting the Premises.

### **D. Executory Limitation**

If Grantee shall cease to exist or to be qualified to hold conservation restrictions pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or to be qualified organization under 26 U.S.C. 170(h), and applicable regulations thereunder, if applicable, and a prior assignment is not made pursuant to Paragraph VII, then Grantee's rights and obligations under this Conservation Restriction shall vest in such organization as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct pursuant to the applicable Massachusetts law and with due regard to the requirements for an assignment pursuant to Paragraph VII.

### **E. Prior Encumbrances**

This Conservation Restriction shall be in addition to and not in substitution of any other restrictions or easements of record affecting the Premises.

### **F. The following signature pages are included in this Grant:**

Grantor |

Grantee Acceptance

**Commented [GJ(9)]:** If the Grantor is a Trust, a draft Trustee's Certificate or a recorded copy of the Trustee's Certificate should be submitted with the CR for review. We encourage you to check with your registry to determine particular requirements regarding attaching Trustee's Certificates to the CR

*EEA-DCS Model Conservation Restriction April 2023*

Approval of the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**G.** The following exhibits are attached and incorporated herein:

Exhibit A: Legal Description of Premises

Exhibit B: Reduced Copy of Recorded Plan of Premises

[Applies to CPA purchases]

Exhibit C: Town or City Vote Authorizing the Use of CPA Funds

Exhibit D: Dark Sky's Agreement with Wellesley College

**GRANT AND APPROVAL OF WELLESLEY SELECT BOARD**

We, the undersigned, being a majority of the Select Board of the Town of Wellesley, Massachusetts, hereby certify that at a public meeting duly held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, the Select Board voted to approve in the public interest and grant the foregoing Conservation Restriction to Wellesley Conservation Land Trust pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws and do hereby approve in the public interest and grant the foregoing Conservation Restriction.

**TOWN OF Wellesley SELECT BOARD:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Colette Aufranc

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marjorie Frieman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Ulfelder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lise Olney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Sullivan Woods

**Commented [WS(10):** Please insert all names of Select Board Members under signatory lines, thank you

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

\_\_\_\_\_ County, ss:

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification which was \_\_\_\_\_ to be the persons whose names are signed on the proceeding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that they signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:







**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT**

**Commented [GJ(11)]:** To be used if Grantee is a charitable corporation or trust

The foregoing Conservation Restriction from Town of Wellesley was accepted by Wellesley Conservation Land Trust this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Enter name]

Its: \_\_\_\_\_, duly authorized

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

\_\_\_\_\_ County, ss:

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification which was \_\_\_\_\_ to be the person whose name is signed on the proceeding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that s/he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

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**APPROVAL OF SECRETARY OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS OF  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

The undersigned, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby approves the foregoing Conservation Restriction from [*GRANTOR*] to [*GRANTEE*] in the public interest pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rebecca L. Tepper  
Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

SUFFOLK, ss:

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Rebecca L. Tepper, and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification which was \_\_\_\_\_ to be the person whose name is signed on the proceeding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that she signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

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**EXHIBIT A**

Legal Description of Premises

*If you do not have a survey plan for the Premises, or if you choose to provide a written description in addition to the survey plan, insert that written description here.*

*ALL Building Envelopes and Exclusion areas MUST be defined by metes and bounds.*

*If providing a written metes and bounds description along with a survey plan, the written metes and bounds and those shown on the survey MUST match.*

**OR**

*If Exhibit B is a reduced copy of a survey plan and you will not provide a written metes and bounds description, follow the template provided below. This is the recommended option if you have a survey plan.]*

Description of the Premises

The land in [TOWN/CITY, COUNTY], Massachusetts, containing \_\_\_\_\_ acres, +/-, shown as [Insert parcel name as given on plan, i.e., "Parcel A" or "Lot 10"] on a plan of land titled [Insert Plan Name], dated [Insert Plan Date], by [Insert Plan creator / professional land surveyor / company name, address], recorded at [Insert recording information].

**EXHIBIT B**

[Reduced Copy of OR Sketch] Plan of Premises

For official full size plan see [*enter County*] Registry of Deeds Plan Book \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

*[This plan/map must show the Premises. The CR area and any exclusions or building envelopes must be clearly labeled.]*

*If a party other than the PLS or other professional preparer of the Plan has added features (e.g., planned trails), this should be labeled as a 'Sketch Plan of Premises' and should clarify which features are not associated with the official copy.*

*If this is a copy of the full size plan that has not been altered in any way, then it should be labeled as a 'Reduced Copy of Plan of Premises'.*