### ENV 19 MVP 02 - FY 19 MVP Action Grant Town of Mattapoisett

## Pine Island Pond Watershed Lands (PIPWL) Project



# **Project Overview**

#### The Partners:

- ✓ Town of Mattapoisett
- ✓ Mattapoisett Land Trust (MLT)
- ✓ Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC)

### The Land:

- ✓ 120 project acres adjoining 300 acres already conserved by MLT creates 400+ acres of superb wildlife habitat and public recreation space.
- ✓ Includes NE shoreline of Pine Island Pond protecting water quality and particularly valuable shell fishing resources.

#### > The Transaction:

- ✓ MLT buys land from sellers, using funds raised from Town and private donors.
- ✓ MVP grant allows Town to buy Conservation Restriction (CR) and thereby contribute significant funds to MLT. CR co-held with BBC, providing double protection.
- ✓ Other Town funds come from general budget and Community Preservation Committee.
- ✓ MLT raises significant private donations as well, from land conservation supporters and nearby beach communities.

Pine Island Pond Watershed and Nearby Protected Lands Lands to be acquired by Mattapoisett Land Trust, Inc Existing Protected Lands Municipal Boundaries

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# Climate Resiliency

### Project lands...

- ✓ Are highly vulnerable to sea level rise and storm surge.
- ✓ Include exposed section of Angelica Avenue, a two-lane Town road that is only access for two beach communities.
- ✓ Include historic summer home site of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. (1841-1935)

#### Permanent conservation allows...

- ✓ Natural flood protection from coastal storms and hurricanes.
- Migration of salt marsh habitat forced by sea level rise.
- ✓ Flexibility for low impact, Green design for sustaining Angelica Avenue.
- ✓ Reduced public and private exposure to climate-related property damage.
- Resulting in a nature-based solution that builds Mattapoisett's resilience to climate change!



