

The Acton Garden Club

February 12, 2013

Mr. Roland Bourdon
Community Preservation Committee
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720
Re: Morrison Farm History and Nature Center

Dear Mr. Bourdon,

The Acton Garden Club is in support of the Morrison Farm project and endorses the CPA application for funding.

Recreation Director Cathy Fochtman is an Acton Garden Club member and former president. She has updated me on the scope of the Morrison Farm Implementation Plan and plans to offer the Morrison Farm History and Nature Center for use to community organizations and businesses.

The building and grounds of Morrison Farm and Ice House Pond will be a welcome resource to provide programming and a potential site for meetings and events for the Acton Garden Club at the Morrison Farm History and Nature Center.

The Acton Garden Club serves the community of Acton in many ways. In fulfilling its purpose, "To promote a greater interest in gardening and to share experiences that shall be of mutual benefit," the Acton Garden Club works to meet the following goals:

- To advance the art of gardening and flower arranging and to provide opportunities for learning in the areas of horticulture, floral design, landscape design, and environmental issues by providing members with informative programs, by regularly staging Club flower shows, by maintaining a commitment to community service, and by encouraging participation in The Garden Club Federation of MA sponsored programs.
- To promote civic beauty with seasonal plantings throughout the town, to maintain the historic gardens, and to promote well being through garden therapy.
- To encourage study in the environmental sciences by awarding a scholarship to a graduating Acton senior who expects to major in an environmental field.
- To respond to requests by local community agencies for floral arrangements, financial assistance, or volunteers to help with civic projects.

A recent example of our work in response to concern in the community is the "Ticks and Lyme Disease" awareness program, in cooperation with the Acton Health Department. A comprehensive informational display has been set up in Town public buildings to help educate the public about recognizing the risk of contracting illness, as well as prevention and treatment options for Lyme and related tick-borne illnesses.

The Acton Garden Club takes an interest in the development of the Morrison Farm Implementation Plan and will consider incorporating the site in its future programming and meeting plans.

Susanne Fuller, President
Acton Garden Club