

MANAGEMENT PLAN (Approved 6-2-2021)

Gagnon Property (Plat 32, Lot 18-4)

Little Compton, RI

The Gagnon property was purchased in fee by the Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust (LCACT) from Mary and Ernest on June 7, 2005 (Little Compton Land Evidence Records, Book 160/ Page 75).

I. Site Overview

A. The Property is located on the southeast side of Brownell, in Little Compton, Rhode Island. The Property consists of an agricultural land (approximately 15.6 acres) and wetland (approximately 7.8 acres) partially bounded by stone walls. It is situated in a neighborhood. There are single family homes and farms and open fields.

The current land use on the Gagnon property is substantively unchanged since its protection in 2005. The property is leased to a local farmer, who raises corn on the property.

II. Restrictions, Terms, Permissible Uses

A. As a fee-owned parcel, the Gagnon property will be managed in keeping with the mission statement of the Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust, which can be viewed on the [Trust's website](#).

B. The deed for the Gagnon property can also be viewed on the [Trust's website](#), though it contains no specific restrictions.

C. The Gagnon property is currently leased to one agricultural entity. It is the Trust's intent to continue to manage this property for agricultural purposes. As the current lease expires, new leases will be established according to the Trust's procedures for lease agreements on fee-owned land which include a public bid process. Future lease agreements will be negotiated to encourage soil health improvements (see details below).

III. Management Goals

A. Ecological Conservation & Management

a. Periodic review of the property's ecological function will be conducted in conjunction with routine monitoring visits. The following items will be considered:

i. Evaluate signs of deer/Canada Geese for indications of overabundance / ecological impact; consider altering hunting permissions accordingly.

ii. Evaluate presence of undesirable invasive species and consider mechanical management / removal if warranted.

B. Agricultural & Forest Management

a. Highlighting agricultural activities is a primary management goal for this property. The property is currently leased for corn production; this or similar a crop will be sought in future lease arrangements. Agricultural land not in row crop production will be mowed annually at a minimum.

b. The agricultural property is classified as Prime Farmland Soil in the State of Rhode Island and will be kept in agricultural production through lease arrangements or other means.

c. Soil testing will be conducted on agricultural portions of the property every three (3) years or prior to a new lease agreement.

d. All use of chemical pesticides and herbicides will be in accordance with Best Management Practices and guidance provided by the RIDEM Department of Agriculture and will be applied by a licensed applicator.

e. Information regarding the use and application record of all pesticides, herbicides, and soil amendments will be provided by the lessees to the Trust annually after each growing season.

f. Lessees will coordinate with a Trust representative to restrict public access to the property at any time pesticide/herbicide application or other agricultural operations pose a hazard to public health.

g. Managing forest health to encourage climate resilience and increase carbon sequestration is one management area that could be explored for this property in the future.

C. Water Resource Management

a. The southwestern end of this property contains predominantly deciduous forested wetland. All management and use of this portion of the property will adhere to State regulations governing Freshwater Wetlands.

b. Any proposed changes to the agricultural practices or public use of the property should be compatible with water quality protection.

D. Scenic, Cultural & Educational Management

a. Educational information describing the agricultural land uses in Little Compton and highlighting the importance of water quality and natural resource protection will be developed and made available to the public onsite or on the Trust's website.

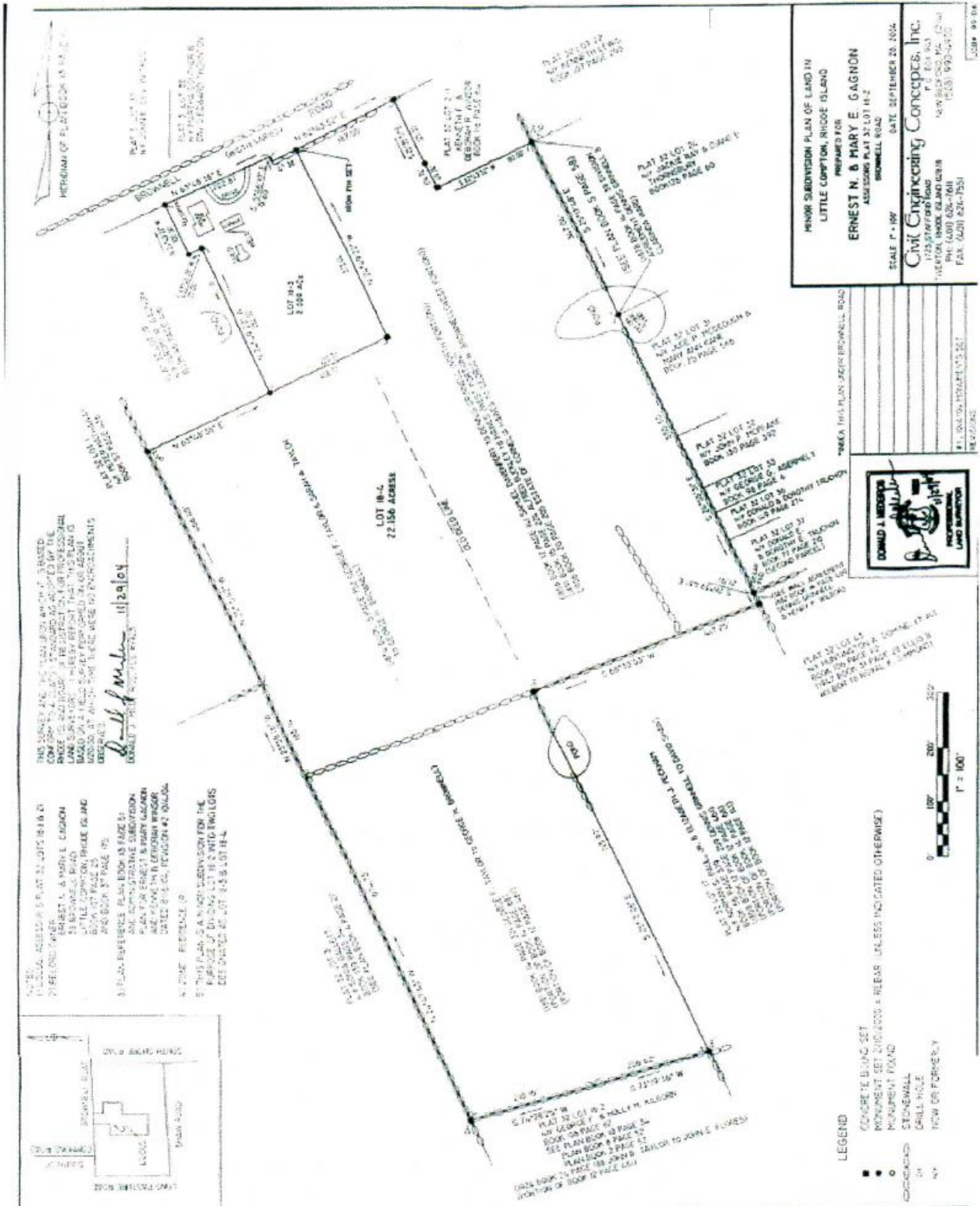
E. Public Access & Recreation

a. Public access is limited and must be coordinated through the Trust and the farmer.

F. Infrastructure Maintenance

a. The majority of the property's boundaries are marked by fieldstone walls with the northern boundary also being marked with concrete posts.

Figure 2.
Class 1 Survey Plan
Gagnon Property
Little Compton, Rhode Island



**Soil Survey Map
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 Approx. Property Boundary

 Perennial Stream

Soils

 PmA

 PmB

 Se

 W



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