



Dear Friends, Alumnae and Supporters:

As you may know, over a two-year period Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts conducted a comprehensive review of our 27 properties. Our Long Range Property Planning (LRPP) task force's purpose, composition, activities and process have been shared at delegate meetings over the past six months and have been detailed on our website during that same period. We are committed to open communication with our membership and stakeholders, and our web site will remain a source for updated information about the council's Long Range Property Plan. This letter serves to communicate an important vote by our Board of Directors yesterday, June 25.

The LRPP task force asked the Board of Directors to consider a motion to divest of two Massachusetts properties that have been rested for several years and scored the lowest across all measurements, including usage, desirable property features, and investment needed to meet quality and safety standards. The task force shared data obtained through a Board-approved appraisal process, and after considerable and thoughtful discussion, the Board unanimously approved the plan to move forward with the marketing and sale of two properties: The Center in Rowley and Paradise in Beverly. **Proceeds from these sales will be reinvested in the camps and other facilities we will retain.** Ultimately, the Board's decision reflects our deep commitment to serving girls, and we believe this effort will help to keep Girl Scouting relevant to girls and our camps competitive in the marketplace.

We will make all reasonable efforts to seek buyers who will retain the property as conservation land and will allow continued use by our members, but this goal may not be achievable for both properties. We recognize the deep personal connections and historic significance properties hold for many in our council, and while we make plans to market and sell The Center and Paradise--which could take 18 months to two years--we remain committed to maintaining our council's sense of history and tradition. We invite you to suggest ways in which we can appropriately celebrate these properties. Please share your comments, concerns and ideas with us at LRPP@girlscoutseasternmass.org.

Our council remains, as it has always been, focused on serving all girls and providing the best quality Girl Scout experience to them. We look forward to sharing with you our specific plans to improve, enhance, and expand some of our remaining properties.

We appreciate your ongoing support of our commitment to the girls of eastern Massachusetts and to the future of the Girl Scout movement.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth N. Bramson".

Ruth N. Bramson
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E. B. Stevenson".

Elizabeth Stevenson
President, Board of Directors