



The sales of The Center, our property in Rowley, and Paradise, our property in Beverly, are on track to close in just a few weeks. As previously reported, the properties will be preserved as conservation land and will be available for continued use by Girl Scouts. The GSEM Board of Directors recently approved a motion to sell the council's remote and rarely used Nantucket property, and the Nantucket Islands Land Bank has agreed to purchase the five-acre parcel. The Land Bank is one of several organizations that maintain Nantucket's pristine open spaces.

These three sales will generate funds that, per the Board Directors, will be reinvested in GSEM's properties. This will protect Girl Scout land from commercial or residential development while netting the council significant funds to improve the outdoors experience for girls in our council. We have a property improvement plan for the upcoming year that will address years of deferred maintenance and will provide new or enhanced facilities for programs at several of our camps, including the installation of challenge courses, the purchase of new boats, and the creation of new and improved indoor program spaces to make our popular camp properties more appealing to more girls.

Any proceeds from these sales not spent on property improvements this year will be invested and preserved for future property enhancements. We are also in negotiations with WCVB-TV to be featured in an episode of *Extreme Makeover*. We have worked with the program producers to identify essential improvements to Great Hall at Camp Cedar Hill in Waltham, and we look forward to sharing more information about this wonderful opportunity once the details are confirmed.

As a reminder, the Long Range Property Planning Committee is examining all of the council's properties as part of a comprehensive evaluation meant to ensure financial sustainability and the best experience for our members. We will provide periodic updates as we have news to share.