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PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS HERITAGE LANDSCAPES IN CHATHAM

**Chatham Community Center
702 Main Street, Chatham, MA 02633
2nd Floor - Large Conference Room
October 14, 2010 - 4:00 PM**

The Chatham Historical Commission is hosting a Public Meeting on Thursday October 14, 2010 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Chatham Community Center for a discussion about the natural and cultural resources of Chatham. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has partnered with the Cape Cod Commission and Boston University's Preservation Studies Program to bring DCR's Heritage Landscape Inventory program to Chatham. Heritage landscapes are special places created by human interaction with the natural environment that help define the character of our community and reflect its past. As part of the Chatham Historical Commission's participation in this project, they will be hosting this public meeting to solicit input on the development of a list of potential heritage landscapes in Chatham.

This meeting will provide an opportunity for residents to come together and identify those landscapes that make Chatham unique. The aim of this meeting is to increase awareness about the many different types of heritage landscapes found throughout Town and help in planning for their preservation. Community members are encouraged to attend the public meeting, to discuss the landscapes that they feel are important to the character of Chatham with the project team evaluating these landscapes and providing recommendations for their protection.

For more information about this project please contact Terry Whalen in the Chatham Community Development Department at twhalen@chatham-ma.gov or 508-945-5168 x475. If you'd like to learn more about DCR's program, please visit their website at: www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/histland/histland.htm or for additional project specific information, please go to the Town of Chatham's home page under Boards & Committees, Historical Commission, Heritage Landscape Inventory Project (http://www.chatham-ma.gov/Public_Documents/ChathamMA_HistComm/LandscapeHeritage).

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