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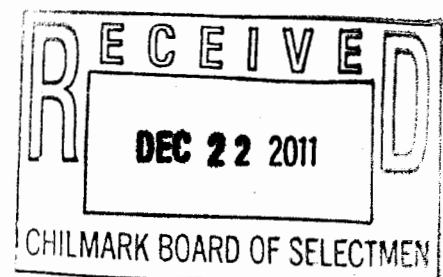
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Dear Chairman Doty:

This letter is to update you on a state-funded project which will provide significant benefit to your community.

MassGIS, now part of the Information Technology Division, is the Commonwealth agency responsible for collecting, storing, and distributing digital maps for use in geographic information systems (GIS). The program's legislative mandate also includes setting standards and coordinating GIS activity within the Commonwealth. In the current fiscal year, MassGIS has received funding to develop essential geographic data for use by public safety and other agencies. As part of this overall effort, we have awarded a contract to Cartographic Associates, Inc. to create and enhance digital mapping of Chilmark's local tax parcels.

A statewide specification for this parcel mapping work was developed based on input from local assessors, municipal GIS staff, public safety staff, regional planning agencies, and GIS consultants. This allows the mapping to be used for several towns or entire regions for purposes such as site selection for economic development, setting regional conservation priorities, planning for floods or other disasters, as well as defining emergency response zones and providing address locations for the State's 911 NextGen system.



MassGIS will provide the product from this project to your community free of charge. Together with mapping of streets and new aerial imagery soon to be distributed by MassGIS, parcel mapping provides the base for establishing a municipal GIS if you do not now have one. If you do have a municipal GIS, this will provide enhanced data for use in that system.

We very much appreciate your cooperation with Cartographic Associates, Inc. as they work to create this product. If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Paul Nutting, MassGIS' Outreach Coordinator at 617-619-5611 or paul.nutting@state.ma.us

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Letchford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "L".

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cc: Christian Jacqz, Director, MassGIS

CC: Board of Assessors