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*“To preserve, enhance and protect the natural and historic resources of Upton State Forest.”*

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Dear Members and Friends,

Friends of Upton State Forest (FUSF) work “to preserve, enhance and protect the natural and historic resources of Upton State Forest (USF).” Part of that work is looking for opportunities to leverage our limited funds. Examples of that are the restoration of the Entrance Gateway, a bridge on Hopkinton Spring Trail and a new flagpole, porch and universal access ramp at the Headquarters Building. Fundraising efforts such as bake sales, raffles, a yard sale and donations leveraged by matching grants made these projects possible.

The FUSF Historic Resources Committee has a new opportunity for a project to preserve USF history that has both historical and practical value. The recent discovery of hundreds of original Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) documents from the 1930’s includes 37 blueprints and other planning documents for USF and Camp SP-25, CCC at Upton. Included in this collection are plans for developing Park Road, Dean Pond, water holes and other recreational resources, as well as the original design for the camp. Most of the records are in fragile condition and cannot be used until they are conserved. The Department of Conservation and Recreation has received an estimate of \$8990.00 from Northeast Document Conservation Center for conservation of the Upton records. This work will preserve the documents and allow digital reproductions to be made for use by our staff for maintenance of the resources as well as for others interested in historical research.

FUSF is asking for your help. We will be fundraising toward the conservation while looking for grants that will leverage any funds we can use for this project. In the past, our efforts have brought a two for one match to every dollar we raised. Any donation that you can make to this effort will be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made to FUSF Historic Resources Account and write “CCC records” in the note space. Please enclose the form on the back of this letter with your donation. FUSF is a 501c3 nonprofit and your donations are deductible under section 170 of the IRS code. Please consult your tax advisor for further information. More information about FUSF and the documents, including pictures, are available on our website <http://www.friendsofuptonstateforest.org> or by contacting any member of the Board of Directors. We appreciate your past support and thank you for any donation you can give toward this project.

Sincerely,

Ellen Arnold and Steve Warren, Co-chairs, FUSF Historic Resources Committee