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Update: Orleans Fertilizer Home Rule Petition

The Orleans Select Board voted unanimously on June 15, 2022 to take action in addressing clean and healthy waters in Orleans, protecting our environment, wildlife, residents, visitors, pets, economy and property values by supporting a Home Rule Petition: An Act of Prohibiting the Application of Fertilizer in the Town of Orleans.

At the Orleans Fall Town meeting on October 17, 2022 the town passed the Home Rule Petition, article 32.

On December 21, 2022, the Select Board unanimously voted to send the Home Rule Petition to our State Legislature through Representative Sarah Peake and Senator Julian Cyr for the start of the 2023 session.

The process so far has created significant awareness and education as to the negative effects of fertilizer on our most important asset, our waters.

We are very grateful for the support of our residents, committees, organizations and especially from our regional leadership and organizations: Assembly of Delegates, Cape Cod Commission and APCC.

During the process the biggest universal comment we received was that this should be continued as a regional issue. As we enter this next phase of passing the Home Rule Petition over to our state legislators we would appreciate your continued support and look forward to working together to protect our environment and economy.

Thank You,

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