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Lincolnton Board of Selectmen  
c/o David Kinney, Town Administrator  
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To the Board of Selectmen,

I am writing on behalf of Coastal Mountains Land Trust to propose a collaboration between the Town of Lincolnton and our organization to permanently conserve two important properties in the Town of Lincolnton for the benefit of the community, to provide public access to a special beach, and to preserve important wildlife habitat along the Ducktrap River. More specifically, our proposal is for the Land Trust and the Town to complete an exchange of two properties, one owned by the Land Trust on Penobscot Bay and one held by the town, on the Ducktrap River. The goal of this exchange is to ensure the greatest public benefit from the properties, and to find the most ideal of owner of land to achieve those benefits.

Coastal Mountains Land Trust proposes that the Land Trust transfer to the Town of Lincolnton ownership of its newly acquired property with access to a lovely stone beach on Penobscot Bay, which is 4.34 acres of land located at 2817 Atlantic Highway, Tax Map 17 Lots 63, 67, and 69. The property was previously managed as a private park, and has an existing volleyball court, horseshoe pits, picnic areas with grills, paths, a parking area, and steps down to its spectacular beach. We feel this property would make a wonderful town park and anticipate that it would be a popular location to access the ocean. We believe the town would be an ideal owner of this property given the fact that it has already been established as a park, more than as a nature preserve.

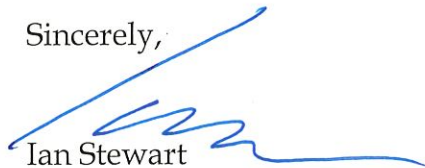
In exchange, we propose that the Town of Lincolnton transfer to the Land Trust ownership of its 68.8 acre property on the Ducktrap River, located at Tax Map 31 Lot 41. Conservation of this parcel would further the Land Trust's long-term goal of protecting the river corridor and habitat for a

federally listed population of Atlantic Salmon. The Ducktrap River Focal Area, identified by the Land Trust and its Ducktrap Coalition, is also designated a focus area by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The Land Trust would manage the property as we do with our other preserves, maintaining it in its natural condition while allowing public recreational access to its relatively remote forest. We believe we would be the best long-term owner of this property, given its special natural features and the fact that it is surrounded almost entirely by conserved land, ensuring that the forest and undeveloped river corridor will forever remain contiguous.

We are happy to work with you in any way we can to assist in moving this proposal forward should you determine this exchange is something you would like to pursue. We look forward to talking more soon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ian Stewart  
Executive Director