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Ms. Bea Phear
Edey Foundation

Re: Wonderful Organization 2021 Edey Foundation Grant
Island Grown Initiative/Whitestone Farm

Dear Bea,

The West Tisbury Conservation is writing to offer its full support to the proposal by Island Grown Initiative (IGI) to provide a trailer for composting horse manure at Whitestone Farm (formerly known as Red Pony Farm), and for the purchase of equipment needed to install two monitoring wells at the IGI property to monitor groundwater in Lagoon Pond.

The Commission has been involved with the previous and current owners of Whitestone in an effort to help the owners adopt best management practices of the horse manure pile at this property which is in close proximity to Deep Bottom Cove on Tisbury Great Pond. Monitoring data for nitrogen load in this cove shows that this cove is significantly impaired. Funding this grant request will be a major step in setting up a long-term system for management of waste at this property and will aid reducing the impact to groundwater from runoff of manure.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this grant proposal.

Very truly yours,

Whit Griswold, Chair