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Town Council
Town Hall
2200 East Main Road
Portsmouth, RI 02871

Re: Removing Elmhurst School as Part of Protecting and Enhancing the Glen

Dear Honorable Town Council:

The Friends of the Leonard Brown House at Glen Farm enthusiastically support the proposal for removing the Elmhurst School building as part of protecting and enhancing the Glen as outlined in Mr. Edward Clement's letter of February 17, 2012 to Richard S. Wimpres, Chair of the Elmhurst Planning Committee.

The Glen is arguably one of Portsmouth's most important community assets, from economic and environmental perspectives, and it is deserving of the protections afforded by a perpetual Conservation Easement. This incredible open space is a centerpiece for our community and it benefits people from across our town, Aquidneck Island and beyond. It should never be taken for granted. The value of the Glen to the public will also be greatly enhanced with the addition of the proposed new public waterfront area once the Elmhurst School building is removed.

We ask that the Portsmouth Town Council publicly endorse this proposal to protect and enhance the Glen and allow voters to decide upon it in November. At a minimum, Portsmouth voters should be given the opportunity to vote on such an important and charitable proposal to protect and enhance the Glen.

Sincerely,
The Friends of the Leonard Brown House at Glen Farm

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "C" at the beginning.

Craig Clark
President