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# Bank of Cape Cod donates trees for park

*Bank of Cape Cod has donated $5,000 toward the purchase of Elm trees for the proposed park at the former Joe's Driving Range on Teaticket Highway in Falmouth. Pictured at Hamilton Farm with the donated Elms are: Charles DeSimone, senior VP at the bank; Emily Kellndorfer, president of The 300 Committee Land Trust of Falmouth; Kelly Monahan, business development officer at the bank; Jeff Hamilton of the land trust; Timothy T. Telman, president and CEO of the bank; and Jessica Erickson, executive director of the land trust.*

Bank of Cape Cod is branching out in more ways than one in Falmouth.

Bank president and CEO Timothy Telman has announced a significant grant the bank has made to The 300 Committee Land Trust of Falmouth to purchase Elm trees for Teaticket Park. The bank, which recently opened a new branch at 445 Main Street in Falmouth, will be helping the group improve the streetscape at the former Joe's Driving Range.

"At Bank of Cape Cod, we recognize our role is also to be a good neighbor and community partner," said Telman. "This grant will go a long way in helping to bring a park and greenery to the east end of Main Street. We are delighted this donation will be enjoyed for generations to come."

The proposed park is the first park creation project undertaken by the private land trust, established in 1985 to preserve 300 acres for the town's 300th birthday celebration. The group's plan is to turn the 11-acre site on Teaticket Highway into a handicapped-accessible park with walking trails, benches and a picnic grove.

"We are grateful to the Bank of Cape Cod for its support of our Teaticket Park project," said Emily Kellndorfer, President of The 300 Committee. "We intend for the Park to be a great resource for the Falmouth community, and the Bank's grant speaks highly of its willingness to make commitments and form partnerships within our community."

Telman said the decision to support development of the park was an easy one.

"Not only are we helping to improve our Main Street neighborhood, but we are helping create a beautiful park thousands of people will enjoy," Telman said. "The 300 Committee Land Trust has done significant work preserving important parcels in town and we are proud to play a role in making this vision a reality."

This is the second major donation, along with a number of smaller contributions, the bank has made to the Falmouth community. Bank of Cape Cod, with additional branches in Hyannis and Osterville, recently donated $7,500 to historic Highfield Hall in Falmouth to help sponsor new children's programming there.

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*To learn more about Falmouth's 300 Committee Land Trust and how to donate to the park effort, log on to the group's website, www.300committee.org.*