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Compensation for Conservation

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In his letter of Nov. 13 regarding the purchase of the former Griswold Airport property ["No Price Too High?"], William Bach was misinformed when he stated that "the conservation folks who negotiated this...deal are to be paid a 10 percent fee for their 'help.'" I'd like to set the record straight.

The Town of Madison asked The Trust for Public Land (TPL) to negotiate an option for the town to acquire the airport property for conservation and recreational purposes to create an alternative to the proposed housing development. TPL is a non-profit organization whose simple mission is to protect land for people to enjoy. This project fits our mission because the parcel contains precious coastal resources, river access and trails, and the potential for new recreational fields. TPL is funded primarily through philanthropic donations. All the donations we receive are plowed back into the work that we do. That is how we can invest the time in Madison, for instance, to spend a year negotiating, put our own money down to secure the contract, pay for appraisals, title review, and other due diligence costs, conduct fundraising campaigns, and other tasks-all to save the town money. We can do these things because we have received donations in the past from the landowners whom we've worked with and other donors around the country.

Separate from the purchase agreement for the airport land, we have asked LeylandAlliance for a donation to support our mission. In addition to donations from private landowners, we also rely on charitable gifts from thousands of other conservation-minded individuals, foundations, and corporations to support the important work we do. Year after year, these contributions allow us to conserve special places like Griswold Airport all across the country.

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