

**Re: FWP asks: Pink House**

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Hi All,

Yes, I will say that this *was* a very politically sensitive issue when the service first proposed to demolish the structure over 7 years ago. Since that time, locally elected officials have come to a collective understanding that refuge staff has done everything possible to accomplish a suitable land exchange, even working for several years beyond an initial internal deadline, to no avail. The overall sentiment among our congressional delegation is one of understanding and acceptance of this inevitable outcome. Many of our partners and members of the public feel the same.

That said, there does still exist a "Support the Pink House" group, which consists of a core membership of about 6 people. Beyond that core group, the campaign has largely been dormant. With release of the EA, I expect that to change.

Let me know if anything further is needed.

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yes. I included it. I guess Matt Strickler wants to know more.

- On or around November 3, Parker River National Wildlife Refuge will release a draft environmental assessment (EA) for 30-day public comment proposing a building demolition, site restoration, and construction of a small gravel parking lot and public viewing area of adjacent salt marshes. The building, known as *The Pink House*,<sup>22</sup> is a local landmark that has fallen into disrepair and currently presents an environmental and public safety hazard. Prior notice will be given via a meeting on or around November 2 with the local congressional delegation. The non-profit Save the Pink House group, who are active supporters of keeping the property as is, also will be notified coinciding with the announcement. Outreach includes a news bulletin shared with local media and the announcement will be posted on the refuge's website. (10/18/2023)

## UPDATED ITEMS

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Adding Matt Hillman and Graham Taylor who are more familiar with those dynamics and groups involved. We did reference this in the week ahead.

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hi, they ask: Is this politically sensitive? Understand there is a campaign to save this house/do a land swap. Is that still active?

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## Preservation of The Pink House moves forward

NEWBURY — Efforts to preserve The Pink House received a boost recently with an endorsement from the Planning Board for a design that reconfigures two parcels into one lot at

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