



TOWN OF CONCORD
CONCORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Community Preservation Committee
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Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee,

On behalf of the Concord Historical Commission, I submit this letter in enthusiastic support of the proposal from the Concord Free Public Library Special Collections for the preservation and digitization of Thoreau's surveys.

Henry David Thoreau's surveys are irreplaceable historic documents with both local and national significance. They help chronicle Thoreau's life as one of America's most iconic and thoughtful observers and are particularly important to the Historical Commission as records of town properties that we help document and steward.

The Concord Historical Commission encourages the Community Preservation Committee to help preserve these important documents by funding the proposal in full.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Ellis, Chair