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WATERSHED ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW HOME

The Ipswich River Watershed Association is very happy and honored to announce that it is now
the proud owner of a beautiful 15-acre property with almost a quarter-mile of frontage on the
Ipswich River. The property, located in Ipswich, was generously donated to IRWA by Dr.
Joseph R. Petranek, who made it his home for more than 40 years.

"Our new home ushers in a new era for the Watershed Association" said Kerry Mackin, IRWA's
Executive Director. "This extraordinary gift comes at a great time, as we celebrate our 30th
year as the voice of the river and enjoy remarkable progress in restoring the Ipswich River to
health. We look forward to a new chapter of collaboration with residents, businesses, schools
and communities to protect the river and ensure that our water supplies are safe and sustainable.
IRWA is also helping communities to address stormwater problems, helping residents create
beautiful, environmentally-friendly landscapes, and providing resources for schools to
explore our rivers and learn how to protect the environment."
IRWA plans to convert the house into its headquarters and to create a visitor center with displays
about the Ipswich River. There will also be trails with access to the river. There will be a "grand
opening" next spring, once renovations are complete. At that time, the property will be open to
the public for canoeing, kayaking, walking, birding and nature observations. IRWA also hopes
to conduct educational programs at the property about how we can all become "water wise" and
protect and enjoy our region's beautiful rivers.

For more information, or if you would be interested in helping IRWA with renovations, property
management, trail maintenance, creating demonstration gardens, or river protection, please
contact the Watershed Association at 978-887-2313 or irwainfo@ipswichriver.org.