

On October 28, 2020, the Town of Hopedale filed an action in the Land Court to preserve its opportunity to assess and vote on its right of first refusal to acquire the portion of 364 West Street that is classified as forest land under G.L. c. 61. In connection with its claim seeking a declaratory judgement that Hopedale holds an irrevocable option to purchase the Chapter 61 Land, Hopedale is also seeking a restraining order compelling the Trust, the Trustees, and GURR to refrain from any further destruction of the forest lands and an injunction enjoining the Defendants from taking any further action to alienate title and control of the forest land from the Trust and to permit Hopedale to exercise its right of first refusal option under M.G.L. c. 61, § 8 for the duration of the statutory period and for any extension of time provided pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020.