

## Notes for Conservation I. Histories of Properties

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1908 Heath Hen Preserve. WT/E. 612 ac. Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Additional land purchased over 90 years to create 5200 ac **Manuel F. Correllus State Forest.**<sup>ii</sup> The West Tisbury 2000 Open Space and Recreation Plan identified 6,536 acres, 42% of the town, as having some degree of conservation protection. Thirty-nine percent of the town is protected permanently; of this, the State Forest accounts for 41%. If the State Forest acreage were excluded from consideration, 29% of the town’s (non-State Forest) total area or nearly 3,900 acres would have some form of protection.

1958 **Sheriff’s Meadow. Edgartown.** 10 ac. Purchased by the Hough. Currently about 20 ac.<sup>iii</sup>

1959 *Sheriff’s Meadow Foundation.* Charter issued. 1961 Non-profit status. VG 7-17-2009. SMF owns close to 150 parcels of land, 2000 ac and CRs on 600+ ac. “Sheriff’s Meadow is the progenitor of all the local conservation on Martha’s Vineyard”. 2013 www: 2005 ac owned in fee; 853 ac CRs; 2858 ac total. Largest private landowner on MV. <sup>iv</sup>

1959 **Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge.** Ch. 516 ac. TTOR.<sup>v</sup> Lighthouse from 1893. 14 miles of beach road. Additional land donated/purchased: 1965, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1984, 1995. ~516 ac. according to Wikipedia.<sup>vi</sup> The Trustees of Reservations was established by the Massachusetts State Legislature in 1891 “for the purposes of acquiring, holding, maintaining and opening to the public...beautiful and historic places...within the Commonwealth.” The Trustees is a private, nonprofit organization, but it is a testimony to the vision of founder Charles Eliot, a Boston landscape architect, that his idea to hold land tax-free for the public to enjoy was so novel that the state legislature had to approve it.<sup>vii</sup>

1960 **Blueberry Hill Farm** 56.2 ac SMF CR. Gift. Lew King bought Hammett Farm in 1951 and 120 acres on North Road. Hammett farmhouse renovated as centerpiece of Inn. 1966 fire destroyed main house. Lew bought Rex Weeks House (Conroy & Co.), Community Market (Chilmark Store), gas station and laundrette. 1994 sold Inn to Bob & Carolyn Burgess who modernized it. 2000 Burgess sale to private group for high-end club.<sup>viii</sup>

1960s **Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary**. WT. 312 ac. SMF fee. Henry Hough and Allen Morgan (Exec VP MAS; helped found Sudbury Valley Trustees 1953, 1<sup>st</sup> Exec Director 1981) organized first fund-raising to buy Daggett 100 ac. Henry and George Hough donated 70 ac. 40 ac from Nortons.<sup>ix</sup> Name dates to 1718; Vineyard Gazette leadership for contributions. VCS involved (VCS 1997). Steve Rattner CR on 3.58 ac at CTN to SMF. Small Indian Burial Ground on property. WT Selectmen's Minutes 12-9-1991. Alan & Lynn Retik CR on 11.5 ac on Indian Hill Road – makes 4000' frontage owned r CR to SMF. <sup>x</sup>

1963 **Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary**. E. 321 ac. MAS. <sup>xi</sup> Owned by Walter Smith's family. 1849 Amos Smith drove stock south through Smith Hollow to Bold Water to graze. Barged 4-500 out to Noman's Land. Fought with Flynns. Born in Quincy but family retained 180 ac on Felix Neck. Lived there with father and grandfather. Town ditched large area for mosquitoes. Al Brickman wanted to buy and develop it as did Alvin Strock. Sold it to George Moffet for \$106,000 over 15 years – 180 acres to keep 40 acres and put the rest in trust His uncle Clarence was hermit in camp at end. VG article. **Felix Neck Preserve** E. 25 ac MVLB. Secures rest of Felix Neck. MVLB www. MVLB 2011: opened, but purchased earlier.

1965 *Vineyard Conservation Society* founded as "Friends of the Island" in response to threat of development of Lobsterville Moors. 29 CRs on 2000 ac by 1980. 1995 bemoan road-widening, steel guard rails, aircraft noise, sewer plans, \$40m school expansions. VCS 1995. Bruce Blackwell 1965 – Bob Woodruff 1968 – Tom Counter 1980 - Brendan O'Neill 1985. Started in apartment, moved with VOLF to Howes House WT (owned by Virginia Jones). VCS www. Does not own land so can better focus on advocacy and outreach.<sup>xii</sup>

**Lobsterville Moors**. A. xxx ac. Wampanoag Tribe. Area protected by road designation. West Basin compromise to avert development. Friends of Island (VCS) convinced state to put a limited access designation on West Basin Road prohibiting any further development or subdivision<sup>xiii</sup>. State road and limited access. <sup>xiv</sup>

1966 **Menemsha Hills Reservation**. C. 211 ac. TTOR. Prospect Hill – second highest point on MV. Original acreage – gift from Nathaniel I. and Catherine P. Harris in memory of Nathaniel and Sarah A. Harris. given by Mrs. David J. Epstein in 1980, and by the Prospect Hill Association in 1988.<sup>xv</sup>

1967 *Conservation Council* organized. Umbrella partnership comprised of VCS, SMF, Felix Neck Wildlife Trust, Friends of Tisbury, and East Chop Association. Coordinate efforts, prevent duplication, prompt mobilization and strive for unity. By 1975 VCS facilitated discussions for further coordination, especially regarding landowner outreach, through the "Vineyard Alliance." Provided model for the Wakeman Center and a similar roundtable in 1997 that the Land Bank Commission joined called the Conservation Partnership (see 1997). 1984 – legal framework for Wakeman Center was formed for mutual benefit of five signatories to trust agreement. The five signatory organizations manage the affairs of the Wakeman Trust, its two acres of real estate and its 3,000 square office building through a trustee appointed from each of the governing boards of participating organizations. Purpose is aligned with the five organizations' missions: SMF, VCS, MV Garden Club, TNC, TTOR. <sup>xvi</sup>

1970 *Vineyard Open Land Foundation*. Vineyard Open Land Foundation is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit land-use planning organization dedicated to preserving the natural beauty and rural character of Martha's Vineyard. Since 1970, more than 2,000 acres of significant agricultural areas, wildlife habitats and scenic views have been conserved<sup>xvii</sup>, including 271 acres that it owns. "VOLF was set up by professional planners," says Executive Director Carol Magee. "They saw that the Island was going to come under tremendous development pressure. People have to live somewhere." "an organization to guide development and provide an example of saving land in conjunction with limited, environmentally sensitive development," according to Carol. VOLF has helped create sixteen "conservation subdivisions," the first of which, in 1973, was Sweetened Water Farm in Edgartown. <sup>xviii</sup>

OLF – Edward Louge, planning wizard for NY state "At least you'll still be able to drive along island roads as though nothing happened"; Buy large parcels, protect roadside, and hide development behind them. (Anne Simon)

Garden Club 10 Edgartown Ladies 1924 ... "The Island is our Garden"  
1925 – anti-billboard campaign. Just used public and private pressure & agreement

1970s **Whiting Farm fields**. 50 ac. MDA APR. VCS facilitated. Mill Brook Watershed.

**Nip n' Tuck Farm**. VCS

**Allen Sheep Farm**. 22.5 ac. CR VCS. MVLB funding. MVLB www

1971 **Brightwood Park**. T. 8.8 ac. SMF fee. Now with trail on 7.3 ac MVLB Ramble Trail Preserve. Ramble Trail, one of island's first trail networks.<sup>xix</sup> RM Swamp at the bottom. 1872 Oklahoma 120-ac Tisbury development planned

with 500 houses and “Brightwood Park” designated in rugged ravine along Lagoon Pond. In 1950s, Henry Cronig bought remaining open lots. 1971 he gave Brightwood to SMF.<sup>xx</sup> Adjoins Town of Tisbury Shellfish Hatchery.

1967 **Wasque Reservation.** Ch. 200 ac.<sup>xxi</sup> TTOR. With fundraising by Mrs Seth Wakeman December 1967 - Wasque Point Trust formed (1967) to purchase Wasque in five units and sell to TTOR.<sup>xxii</sup> January 1968 to The Trustees of Reservations bought first; 1971 – all five. <sup>xxiii</sup> Was once a planned Chappaquiddick-by-the-Sea 700 ac development with ¼ ac lots.

1972 *Island Trust Bill* introduced. Nantucket Sound Islands Commission – 21 members, 18 from Islands. 4 classes of trust land. Forever Wild, including beaching in public domain, with existing buildings removed in 21 yrs; Scenic preservation; County control; Town control. Amendment allowed controlled buildings in scenic preservation and merged town & country categories. Built on other land use legislation but innovative.

HBH “The defeat of the Kennedy Bill Cannot be accounted as other than a major disaster, the rejection of the final opportunity for self-determination.”

*Article 97 Amendment* to Massachusetts Constitution. Guarantees basic environmental rights to residents. Protected open space requires 2/3 vote to dispose of land (has been done 75 times). VCS suggests adding to Tashmoo Overlook etc Public Trust Doctrine layer of protection., involves redrafting deed to keep “forever in its natural and open condition for conservation purposes”. Similar to CR.<sup>xxiv</sup>

1972 **Caroline Tuthill Preserve.** E. >150 ac. SMF fee. Gifts between 1972 – 1983, largest gifts in SMF history.<sup>xxv</sup>

1973 **Sweetened Water Farm.** E. 32 ac. open space. CR (VOLF? Edg?) on homeowners association land. One of older planned communities and first by VOLF. Deed covenants limit 15/110 houses (was 1/2 -ac zoning) on 15 lots and 35 ac. VG 4-15-2011. **Sweetened Water Preserve.** E. 11.4 ac. MVLB. Purchased in 2000. <sup>xxvi</sup> Involved relocation of a house and extensive clearing and mowing of land. MVLB www

**Spring Point.** Deed restrictions compatible with VOLF, which provided advice. 220-650’ buffer to N. Rd. 48 ac. W. side set back ~ 500’. 31 ac. No more than 55 houses. VG 3-29-73.

1974 *Martha’s Vineyard Commission* established.

1975 **Seven Gates.** ~1026 ac. CR. TTOR. WT/C NSS death (~1904) – holdings transformed into a trust “for purpose of providing summer homes in the manner of his own conception.” Mill Brook watershed. VCS role. CR on 3.3 ac to TTOR

1991.<sup>xxvii</sup> Land reclassified as working farm and recreational land in 2009 (112 ac - Ch 61 A and 820 ac - 61 B) to reduce taxes. 930 ac common land; 1600 ac total. 48 homes. One of earliest planned communities on MV. <sup>xxviii</sup>

**Peaked Hill Reservation.** C. 148.9 ac. MVLB. Began with 0.42 ac VOLF deeded to Chilmark. Former radar Station site. 1992 MVLB then purchased adjoining 71.6 ac. and town purchased nearby 20 ac.<sup>xxix</sup> 1997 Land Bank purchased 18.1 ac. <sup>xxx</sup>

**Long Point Reservation.** 1902 - N of Watcha Path. Flint Remedy Company purchased 7 of 12 divisions north of Seconquit (120 acres); filed subdivision plan; 2,345 lots, paper roads bisecting; plan was to convey lots to purchasers of patent medicine; failed, lots sold in bulk. First (paper) subdivision in Long Point area. (*Raleigh*). 1903-12 *Hunting clubs* (industrialists); oystering companies shucking shacks along TGP; fishing shacks lined south shore; *Watcha Club*, 1st hunting club, 1903, S Scrubby Neck between Watcha and Oyster Ponds; clubhouse W of Watcha Pond. Watcha Club → Richard Keeler → sold 327 acres at Scrubby Neck; *Tisbury Pond Club*, Long Point 1912; most of Seconquit; 470 acres; club house near Middle Cove Pond. Area from TGP to Oyster Pond was in 2 clubs. 1912-1919: 1,861 birds shot, 334 shooting days; caretakers supposedly planted wild rice; ditch connecting TGP-LCP, regulate water level for ducks feeding on the pondweeds in Long Cove Pd. Tisbury Pond Club terminated – Carl Gilbert, William Rodgers, Frederick Blodgett, retained 1/3; December 27, 1968 donated to TTOR 1/30 for ten years; 1975, WT looking for south beach access, agreement TTOR, WT and Tisbury Pond Club road through Pasquanahommon's Neck – beach parking; 12 blinds remained; Long Point Wildlife Refuge – among greatest concentrations of rare species in the state; parking lot LP, once a fenced-in woodlot. Vestiges of fence, trees 200 years old; MV-wide 1939: 17 sites stocked with quail; 13 with pheasants. (*Dean 1939*). 1999 - Richard & Barbara Campbell donated 5 tiny parcels, part of 2000 postage-stamp lots never developed in 1920s as Island Heights subdivision (Medicine Lots) and easement on paper roads. <sup>xxxi</sup>

1976 **Ox Pond Meadow and Little Beach.** 5 ac. SMF. 3.7 ac originally donated in 1976 from Robert & Josephine Brown with a 1.3 ac added in 1995.<sup>xxxii</sup> Connects to spit that forms Eel Pond, which is Little Beach. Connects by trail to Sheriff's Meadow. Plan to link to Lighthouse etc.

**Pilot Hill Farm.** T. xxx ac. VOLF. 182 ac. Limited development. 28 instead of 135 lots. <sup>xxxiii</sup>

1979 **Katama Farm** E. 200 ac. Edgartown Conservation Commission. 220 ac. total with 20 lots. VOLF, VCS, town, state. Leased to FARM Institute. <sup>xxxiv</sup> 2003 – 24 years of wear and tear due to failed operations. FARM Institute took over in March 2003, John Curelli Executive Director. Town preserved 200 ac in 1979. Need to replace buildings, start from scratch. First tenant – Stephen Potter, Seaside Dairy – folded in 6 years after building 13,000 sq ft milking & dairy facility. . Jim McCarthy dairy farmer defaulted on payments after running

bustling milk operation until 1994 filed for bankruptcy. Town \$5k for cleanup using Dukes County House of Corrections inmates. Mervin Hardwick 1996 – cattle that began declining. Rented living space in dairy barn by 1999 – up to 18 at \$125 week. FARM Institute started with Herring Creek Farm purchase. Owns 7 ac. And leases 40 ac. At Herring Creek. Look to seel Herring Creek. Sam Feldman a founding member. <sup>xxxv</sup> 4 neighbors mounted campaign against FARM Institute running farm arguing that fencing denied open access. Rejected by court. (Original 23, 5, 160 ac parcels. 160 ac bought with self-help grant.)<sup>xxxvi</sup>

1980 **Phillips Preserve**. T. 68.8 ac. SMF. CR in 1980 with fee ownership passed on in estate 1985. Marjorie Acker Phillips. Trails opened 2009. <sup>xxxvii</sup>

1981 **Meetinghouse Road**. 56 ac CR held by VOLF. Protects long frontage along Meetinghouse Road, Tiasquam River and King's Highway. Total land 147 ac. 24/50 houses, 2 youth lots. CR mandates land open to public. So trail along Tiasquam River and from Middle Road to Kings Highway. VOLF www. Meetinghouse Road Association owner Nat's. Mill Brook Watershed (VCS 1997). Great example with map of VOLF approach to protecting frontage. <sup>xxxviii</sup>

1982 **Packard Preserve**. Ch. 6.7 ac SMF. Includes walking trail from Chappaquiddick Road to scenic overlook. Gift from Vance & Virginia Packard, New Canaan CVT. <sup>xxxix</sup>

1983 **Cranberry Acres**. T. 23 ac VOLF. CR Tisbury ConsComm. 8/16 house lots on 21 acres, including one for Mary Wakeman Conservation Center. Preserves cranberry bog and three reservoir ponds. Adjacent property subsequently purchased by Wakeman Center as Annex (TNC HQ?). 2004 planted a demonstration area for organic cranberry production. <sup>xl</sup> 2007 – uncertain funding and logistical challenges but ½ ac area in 6 ac. bog established. Funds from selling house lots used to conserve rest of land. Most recently owned and manged by Manny Duarte. ~1970 Manny converted it to Cranberry Acres campground. Eventually closed. \$250K to establish ½ ac bog. Still not producing commercial fruit. Plan to renovate the shed. <sup>xli</sup>

1984 *Land Bank* created. 10 APRs by 1998. First property – 8.6 ac Christiantown Woods surrounding chapel. (built 1659).<sup>xlii</sup> 2006: \$12.9m revenues.<sup>xliii</sup> **2007**: \$11m income. 82.2 ac conserved. <sup>xliv</sup> 2006: \$11.2m revenues.<sup>xlv</sup> **2007** (FY2008): Revenues \$9.56m.<sup>xlvi</sup> MVLB **2008** AReport: 2985 ac (4.9%); debt service \$4.994m (46.4% but budgeted to be \$7.267 or 83% in 2009). 33% decline revenues. \$7.4m income. 134.3 ac conserved.<sup>xlvii</sup> **2009**: 7.2 ac protected. 23% decline in revenues to \$5.7m. VG 12-24-2009. MVLB **2010** AReport: 1986 founding. 3018 ac (5.2% MV) conserved by MVLB. 30 tons of junk removed form new part of Ripley's Field Preserve and 8 tons from Felix Neck property that not yet open. MVLB debt service was \$6.995m 86% of total expenditures. \$9.935 unencumbered. MVLB AR **2011**: 3023 ac (5.3%)<sup>xlviii</sup> **2012**: ~\$7.5m revenue. **2013**: \$9m revenue<sup>xlix</sup> 3018 ac purchased<sup>l</sup>.

MVLB Legislation (see doc) : Land Bank administered by Land Bank Commission of 7 people (one legal resident of each town for 3 yr-term, one designee of Secretary of Environmental Affairs); Town Advisory Board – one representative from each town board: ConsComm, Planning Bd, Board of Assessors, Bd of Health, Park & Recreation commission, Bd of Selectmen, Water Commission. Purpose: acquiring, holding and managing land and interests in land. Public institution with essential government function. Management plan required for each land holding. Follow town open space guidelines, etc. Lands of interest: wells, aquifers, recharge areas; forest; ag; fresh and salt water marshes; ocean and pond frontage; scenic vistas; nature & wildlife preserves; easements for trails; passive recreation. Annual report filed with Secretary of Environmental Affairs; 2% fee on purchase price – may be reduced by 2/3 vote at annual town meeting of majority of towns in single year but not in effect until all bonds and notes paid off; exempt land transactions: transfers to state or federal government or charitable or religious org, gifts, an amount determined annually by LBC after analysis and not less than \$300K to a person who has not owned property for domicile within 2 years (and must hold 5 years). Any town can pull out by majority vote but only after bonds & debts paid. LB dissolved if number of towns less than 3 with land interests transferred to towns. Amendments require 2/3 vote by member towns and general court review.

*Wakeman Center.* Legal framework established – see 1967 Conservation Council and 1994 – Conservation Partnership. <sup>li</sup>

**Getsinger.** Ch. 23 ac. SMF. 6 ac donated in 1984, 17 ac donated in 2010. Bunker, Getsinger, Allen families. One of earliest to build on Katama Bay according to Edo Potter. <sup>lii</sup> Location unspecified.

1986 **Keith Farm.** C. 48 ac of 72 ac. CR to Town of Chilmark. 5 house lots 14 without houses. Limited development. VOLF www. The Conservation Registry shows a 10.78 ac CR to Town of Chilmark in June 2013 that looks to be the field on the east side of the drive, one on west side along South Road. <sup>liii</sup> Eldon Bradford Keith and Lucile Pruet Keith decided they wanted a farm during the war. His partner Joe Walked had farm at Watcha Pond. Bought land, built house on unpaved Middle Road. Working farm 1947-1995, managed by Ozzie Fischer for 37 years after clearing from second growth. Some rocks into Oak Bluffs harbor jetty. Beef cattle, pigs, 1500 chickens, up to 6 milk cows. Sheep require too much fencing according to Ozzie (who retired to Beetlebung Farm). Lived in Brockton and Westwood. <sup>liv</sup> MVC approved subdivision of 73.58 ac into 8 lots. For Eldon and Lucille's children. Could still be farmed. 3 lots 6+ ac., 2 lots 2+ ac., and one each 4.8, 10.6, 31.6 ac. Larger lots could be further subdivided under MVC oversight. <sup>lv</sup>

1988 *Wakeman Center.* VOLF, MVGC, SMF, VCS and TNC. VOLF www

**Howland Scenic Roadside.** A. 69 ac CR (TTOR) with 9 ac for 6 lots, potential 12 houses (total project – 75 ac.). Preserves view from State Rd to Menemsha Pd and 3300 feet of road frontage and 3000 feet of frontage on Squibnocket Pond. From spring to Victorian at top of hill. Mr/Mrs Weston Howland, Jr. assisted by VOLF. <sup>lvi</sup> 2007 – Howlands gifted 22 ac in two parcels (with TTOR CRs; so part of 69 ac?) to SMF in Chilmark and Aquinnah. Adjoining land owned by Tribe. <sup>lvii</sup>

1988 **Wapatequa Woods Reservation.** OB, T. 105.9 ac. MVLB. Started with 20 ac in 1988. Greenbelt around Tisbury. MVLB www. Located on X-Tisbury Trail. Last added to in 2013 with 3-ac tract. <sup>lviii</sup>

1989 **Nat’s Farm.** WT. 56 ac. SMF/WT Fee/CR. Mill Brook Watershed (VCS 1997). SMF and VOLF worked together. Langmuirs owned 100 ac worked with VOLF on limited development plan 27/100 lots and 56 ac preserved open space. Much or most leased to farmers. Discussions began in 1979 with VOLF. <sup>lix</sup> VOLF www says 1981.

**Farm Pond Preserve.** OB. 27.2 ac. MVLB. 27 ac donated by Harthaven to MVLB. <sup>lx</sup> MVLB has different story - 17.5 ac originally purchased by OB as outdoor laboratory for adjoining school. They granted CR to MVLB. Additional 9.7 ac knob of land projecting into Farm Pond. <sup>lxi</sup>

1990. **Waskosims Rock Reservation.** 184.9 ac MVLB (originally 145 ac, 9 property owners and \$3.5m from Land Bank). Spearheaded by VCS. VCS 1995. Mill Brook Watershed. Remnants of 17<sup>th</sup> C farmstead of James Allen, first patentee of Tisbury: capstone on well, cellar hole, stone stairs, paddock. Middle Line separating Indian and English lands in mid-1600s marked by rock. <sup>lxii</sup> Abutted by Dunkl land. Grazed by goats in 2013.

1991 **Frances Newhall Woods Nature Preserve.** 511 ac. TNC now owner. VCS CR. (originally was TNC holder). VCS negotiated largest individual conservation restriction in state history. VCS 1995, 2013. Mill Brook Watershed. Closed to visitors. TNC www.

*The Nature Conservancy.* “a new player on the block” according to Brendan O’Neill at all-Island Selectman’s Meeting. “they want to be a member of the local conservation community”. During discussion of Woods property conservation restriction. Many questions about trails – the family “would not slam the door on future plans for public access” according to Brendan, “it was not [the lawyer’s] intention to prohibit horseback riding or trail construction in the future provided that it had no detrimental effect on the natural values.” Brendan “had tried unsuccessfully to have trails included now but there is future potential for access and recreation.” Jonathan Mayhew insistent: who did Brendan represent and what leverage could be used in the future? “Mr. O’Neill replied ‘Some leverage is my assurance tonight’”. <sup>lxiii</sup>



**Hal & Olive Tilghman Trail.** Ch. 1.85 ac. SMF. CR granted; fee donated in 2000 along with trail easement on their land. 2010 children widened the easement from 4 to 10 feet. SMF www.

**Agricultural Society.** WT. 23 ac. APR VCS & WT. Buildings and uses to be approved by WT/MVC.<sup>lxiv</sup> Land sold by Bob and Jeanne Woods to Ag society about when 511-ac Woods Reserve was conserved. \$175K below-market sale. The APR limited use of the property to the "full-range" of non-profit and educational activities MVAS "has historically pursued," as well as limited commercial activities that "relate directly to the non-profit and educational function of MVAS." This plus zoning severely restricts uses in opinion of Ron Rappaport. "customarily incidental to a permitted use." Among other restrictions, he recommended that only five weddings be permitted in a calendar year; only weddings of a MVAS member in good standing for five years be permitted; a member of MVAS be present at each wedding at all times; and at least four weeks' notice be given to selectmen, the chief of police, and the town conservation committee. In addition, he said, three additional activities per year, for example the Vineyard Nursing Association auction, a birthday party, and the family Planning Art show could be deemed as incidental uses, he said.<sup>lxv</sup>

1992 **Aquinnah Headland Preserve** A. 49.4 ac. MVLB. North and South Head with town parking lot in middle.<sup>lxvi</sup> North is open September 15 – June 14, South year round. Added 1 ac (near historic steamboat landing; first pier license 1883) in purchase from VOLF in 2011. Historic erosion from paths so fence and gate to be erected. AHP controversy due to Land Court suit with Hugh & Jeanne Taylor who claim MVLB use of trail easement on the North Head overburdens fragile land.<sup>lxvii</sup> Donald Olgilvie owns Pilot's Landing and also complained.<sup>lxviii</sup> Taylor case reports that they began proceedings against Vanderhoops who wanted to access their land.<sup>lxix</sup> Dates of MVLB acquisition complex; 1992 date is correct for some of property.<sup>lxx</sup> MVLB has discussed opening a loop walk via the beach.

1993 **Chilmark Pond Preserve** C. 8.3 ac MVLB. Largest piece on north shore of Chilmark Pond provides canoe drop. 2 stretches of beach accessible by water. <sup>lxxi</sup>

1994. **Mill Brook Walking Trail.** VCS innovative trust agreement for public access. Mill Brook Trail Association Trust. VCS 1995. Unclear status as only referred to in 1995 VCS document. Not found through Google.

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**Moshup Trail** project started by VCS about 1980 when VCS facilitated purchase of property near Gay Head Cliffs and worked to designate the area as a Critical Planning District. Initial land on Moshup Trail purchased in 1995. 40 ac by 2008. Legal defense of property from access for development. VCS 2013.<sup>lxxiii</sup> Also called Moshup Trail Moors.

**Chappaquiddick Golf Course.** Ch. 15 ac. CR SMF. Donated by family of Ruth Marshall, with family continuing to run it as small family course.<sup>lxxiv</sup>

1996 **Squibnocket Ridge.** 235 acres (for wildlife & Ag use) donated to VOLF by Cape Cod Company Limited Partnership (Hornblower, Montgomery, Foster, Roush families). Along with financial support by partners – Barbara Hunter Foster & Phoebe Hornblower (Ralph’s widow, he died in 1987). MVC 1991/Chilmark Planning 1992, final approval 1995. 16 house lots – 20+ ac. Minimal development with small building envelopes (<1 1/2 ac on largest 27 ac). 20 total ac in building envelope, 6 in roads. “Small islands of human use in large conservation tract.” (VOLF Newsletter). None on top of slopes or within 500 feet of Squibnocket Pd. Preserves archaeological sites. PAL. Substantial \$\$ to Dukes Co. Housing Authority. 3.3 ac at Menemsha donated to Chilmark for public beach. Youth lot for Chilmark resident. VOLF - Squibnocket Ridge, Cranberry Acres (near Wakeman Center; restoration for sustainable production), Peaked Hill Radar Site, 60-ac CR on Meetinghouse Rd. Also received Pilots Landing in Gay Head (former steamboat landing) from CC Co. Also working on View Easements. 2002 - CR from Squibnocket Associates Limited Partnership on 140 ac TTOR. Allows one new building and one building to replace caretaker’s cottage. Managed for passive recreation by SALP.<sup>lxxv</sup>

1997 **Edgartown Great Pond Beach.** E. 7.4 ac. MVLB. Only public access to the 2-mile long EGP beach. Combines two separate 3.7-ac parcels, only one of which is open. Access via canoe from Edgartown boat ramp and park north of Turkeyland Cove.<sup>lxxvi</sup>

*Conservation Partnership* (TNC, SMF, TTOR, VCS, MVLB) to communicate and coordinate conservation. Meets periodically. Must be a separate 501c3 as the SMF-based web site asks for donations.<sup>lxxvii</sup> See 1967 MV Conservation Council initiated by VCS and 1984 Wakeman Center trust agreement established.<sup>lxxviii</sup>

*MV: Choices for the Future.* Paper assessing state of Vineyard from a conservation and development perspective (Leah Johnson Smith economist and Phil Henderson). Within 250 miles – 32m people. Most visitors stay 4 days. 1996 – all towns passed non-binding referendum capping cars/trucks at 1995 levels (368,000). Acreage developed 1971-1992 greater than all 300 previous years. 1980-90 WT population increased by 68.7%. 9000 acres remaining undeveloped (fate determined in decade). 200 parcels >20acres about 12,000 acres (many with houses). Shift from large developments to large parcels. Need to double the rate of land protection to conserve 5400 acres in 8 years. Land Protection groups: TNC (1951), SMF (1959), VCS (1965), TTOR (1891) VOLF (1970;), MAS (1896), Felix Neck Wildlife Trust, MV Garden Club (1924; ancient ways, Old Mill); Agencies – MVLB (1986; 1108 ac), Towns (>2000 ac.), Wampanoags, Commonwealth (5200 ac).

1998 *Cost of Community Services.* Leah Johnson Smith study (is this independent of Choices?). Every \$1 in tax revenue in WT costs town \$1.32 in education, public safety, cultural services. For every \$1 revenue generated by open space and farms, spends \$.33

1998 **Thimble Farm.** 43 ac. Land Bank \$1.075m for CR.<sup>lxxxix</sup> Began in 1982 when retired lawyers Bencion and Patricia Moskow began raising hydroponic tomatoes and PYO strawberries, raspberries. 33,000-square-foot greenhouse built 1991.<sup>lxxx</sup> Have worker housing and intern program. Produce available all year round in all stores. MVLB purchased APR, trail easement and use easement to ensure active use in 2000. Key to cross-town trail Duarte's Pond is a MVC Special Place. Subdivided 3 existing houses and green house lots. Purchased by Lawrence Benson who leased to Andrew Woodruff for Whipporwill Farm CSA, with right of first refusal. Horse farm offer came in 2007 but Eric Grubman, VP of NFL purchased for \$2.45m and renewed lease to Andrew<sup>lxxxi</sup> Island Grown Initiative purchased with help of Allen & Shelly Holt of DC and plans: refurbished greenhouses, parcels for tenant farmers, slaughterhouse, affordable housing for seasonal workers, commercial kitchen.<sup>lxxxii</sup> TNC consulting on habitat for property.

1999 **Pennywise Preserve.** E. 118.7 ac. Town of Edg/MVLB CR. 178 ac taken by town (after town vote) through eminent domain for ~\$3m. Remaining 57 ac set aside for municipal uses; town-sponsored 60-unit affordable housing project.<sup>lxxxiii</sup>

~2000 **Eastman Property.** A. 16.6 ac. SMF Fee (11 ac) and CR (5.6 ac.). West side of Menemsha Pond, rectangular area just north of ½ way down pond. Date of original gift unclear (may be much earlier), but CR completed after 10 years in 2011.<sup>lxxxiv</sup> HF maps show 1/3 of area is open to public?

2000 **Clark Property.** E. 17 ac. CR to TTOR from George E. Clark. Meetinghouse Way. Protects over 700 feet on Edgartown Great Pond.<sup>lxxxv</sup>

**Mazur Property.** E. 102 ac. TNC CR. MacKenty family (Jerry, John; Kay Bigelow) bought 200 ac for Meetinghouse Golf Course. 2000 TNC bought Bigelow property for \$11.878m; marketed 102 ac. at \$13.5m with 6-ac building envelope, height and other limitations. Sold to Brian and Anne Mazur. Large area cleared of trees to re-establish sandplain grasslands. 7 acres on Kanomika Neck retained by Bigelow, sold with 2 houses built. <sup>lxxxvi</sup>

2001 **Ben Tom's Preserve.** E 16 ac. MVLB.<sup>lxxxvii</sup> . Named for Ancient Way. 2012 MVLB purchased adjoining 11.8 ac for \$900K that boosts Ben Tom's Reserve to ~30 ac with 2000 feet of frontage on West Tisbury Road. <sup>lxxxviii</sup> 2000 MVLB bought Sweetened Water Preserve lots; 2001 put CR on Morning Glory Farm.

**Herring Creek Farm.** E. 102 ac. TNC. 1990s Neil and Monte Wallace fought for 54-home subdivision. Received permission in 2000 for 33 houses. Wallaces lowered price, two Oracle execs gave some money and bought property. \$64m. 6 houses on 215 ac farm. TNC owns and manages 102 ac. Will restore 62 ac to native sand-plain grassland for sparrows and short-eared owls. With no public access. Oracle folks owned 113 ac (Farming Agriculture and Resource Management Institute) and sold three lots to MV Regency Group – David Letterman. Houses restricted in size, use of pesticide and lighting. <sup>lxxxix</sup>

History – Great Plains Farm assembled by Ronold Wild 1942, bought from Jack Wehl, ended with 250 ac., 80 in cultivation. Sold to Benjamin Harrison Cohan, wool merchant in 1947, who bought more land and started the MV Dairy Cooperative. Was largest dairy farm on MV and a leader in Holstein production in state. Sold to Wallace Brothers in 1969, raised beef cattle (up to 200 Herefords) with hay, corn. Renamed Herring Creek Farm. Sold to TNC, Island FARM Institute, and private parties in 2001. 2004 – Herring Creek Acquisition Company, LLC owned by Cohan descendants purchased operating farm from FARM Institute, restoring varied livestock, etc.<sup>xc</sup>

2001(J. Wells MVG) - Coming of age story for MV. 1990 Wallace subdivision plan \$55m: Subdivision plan – 54 luxury houses with 2 beach clubs. Big MVC and town battle/discussion for years with unanimous opposition. (Cohan's revealed they had a covenant restricting any sale until 2010). Ron Rappaport major legal defense. Wallace lawyers issued a major freedom of information request; filed lawsuit on 3-acre zoning (ultimately 3-ac upheld in Supreme Judicial Court); 1994 MVC denied; 7 lawsuits; 2000 MVC approved 7-6 33-lot cluster development, but eliminating beach club. "White knight" – TNC, FARM Institute, Denise Lahey, Roger Bamford and David Letterman. TNC will restore 62 ac, FARM Institute runs 40 ac, 6 more houses to be built, Cohan descendants took 2 houses and some farm land.<sup>xc1</sup> 2000 DRI Decision by MVC approving subdivision.<sup>xcii</sup>

2003 Washington Post article with major criticism of TNC. As purchased and resold for development. "A last great place for David Letterman". Sellers got massive tax breaks. "Everyone felt like they needed a shower after the deal was done" Julia Wells, MVG reporter.<sup>xciii</sup> 2005 – Senate Committee on Finance investigated. Highest single price for property on MV. \$18.5m of purchase included gift from

Wallaces. Conservation or tax break for parties involved? Wallaces had \$78m appraisal for qualified as bargain sale. Descendants of Chan paid \$11.9m to release covenant on sale, also a bargain sale. \$2m and \$14m charitable deductions for gifts but not for any CRs. On the Vineyard the conservation buyer program, once heralded as a model for the future for the land trust movement, has ground to a halt.

"The Senate finance review has chilled everything," said Tom Chase, eastern Massachusetts program director for the Conservancy whose home and office are on the Vineyard.<sup>xciv</sup> Concern over board member involvement. One owner Bamford has ties to Harthaven. Letterman getting Monte Wallace house. Tom Wallace "The market has come to the point where larger-sized properties with reduced density are of higher value, and this transaction is a verification of that reality".<sup>xcv</sup> Boston Globe article Beth Dailey 7-27-2001. VG Editorial Largest sale "ends perhaps the most contentious and costly environmental battle in Island history."

**Henry Goethals.** WT. 21 ac. 2001 10.6 ac sold to WT with SMF CR. Connects Lambert's Cove Road and beach. 2007 bargain sale of additional 10.4 ac. CR Includes family homestead and >600 feet frontage on Lambert's Cove Road.<sup>xcvi</sup> Includes marsh behind dunes and Blackwater Brook. 43 contiguous ac conserved by the Goethals brothers – Henry, Tom, Peter, which includes earlier sale of beach to town.

2003 **John Presbury Norton Farm** WT. 118 ac. MVLB Fee and CR. Forges WT Cross-Town Trail, from Duarte's Pond to Old County Arboretum opposite School. MVLB www. August 28, 2003 Katherine P. Sterling sold property to MVLB for \$6,155,900<sup>xcvii</sup> Most expensive single land bank purchase to date. 68.51 wooded ac, 31.02 farm fields that will be conserved with APR. 0.7 mi frontage. Andrew Woodruff – farmed it for 15 years calls it one of largest undeveloped parcels in WT on prime ag lands. Sterling retained ½ of original holding, which she purchased on 1970. Previous owners include Francis A. Foster (1927) and Henry and Mary Bell Hotchkiss who raised Hampshire sheep, peacocks, chickens "Nannauwiyack Farm".<sup>xcviii</sup>

2004 **South Woodlands Reservation.** OB. 234 ac. MVLB. Purchased 190 ac. for \$18.6m in 2004 and added this to 45 ac owned by MVLB along County Road. Largest single acquisition by MVLB in area and cost.<sup>xcix</sup> Released management plan in 2011. Maintains >2 miles of ancient ways with new 1.4-mi trail. Will close 1.5 miles of old road that led to former Webb's campground and remove outbuildings. Will work on primitive campground on SE corner. 5.8 ac of grassland will be maintained and extended by 5 acres with 6.3 ac maintained as mowed grassland and 4.6 ac leased to farmer. Possible landswap with OB on landlocked piece (24-ac owned by town resident homesite committee in middle of woodland with piece owned by CK near ice rink) tangled in legal disputes<sup>c</sup> In

2004 Kupersmith still planned large development (26 homes on 90 ac.) and building a house for himself. Three golf course plans (2000, two in 2002) and massive housing plans (320 houses) thwarted. 2003 began to clear large area of forest fronting Barnes Road and abutting Featherstone Center. Cease-and-desist by state. In 2004 CK still in legal dispute over MVC ability to regulate 40-B developments. MVLB paying with bond. Average price is \$98K per ac, less than MVLB average of \$101K. Conserves Back Road to OB, Old Holmes Hole Road, and part of Chase Rd. <sup>ci</sup> In 1998 original dealings when Webb's Campground (82 ac., half camp, rest rolling woods) came on market. Much of land in area had faulty title. Conservation Partnership. Land Bank - \$1.5m, CP to raise \$1-1.5m if town chooses to acquire. Preferred Links (Corey Kupersmith) bought Webb's and then surrounding to make 190 ac. 1998 made a DCPC. Land Bank owns 18 ac "former Featherstone Farm". Adjoining - two town parcels of 10/15 ac, 90 ac donated to town by Brine. Total 233 ac. Historical use for walking and "Cross Oak Bluffs Trail." MVC decision 2004. <sup>cii</sup>

**Tisbury Great Pond Beach.** WT. 3.8 ac. MVLB. Park at Sepiessa. MVLB purchase of great pond frontage - 1993 on Chilmark Pond and 1997 on Edgartown Great Pond. For estate planning. 1978 Onassis purchased land for \$1.1m from Hornblowers. Viewed as a conservation plan and "fabulous" by conservation commission. <sup>ciii</sup>

**Manaquayak Preserve** WT. 11.1 ac. MVLB. Ice House Pond. 1908-1953 Vineyard Ice Company operated at Ice House Pd. MVLB www. WT ConComm has met 3 times to determine conditions. Also EEA under two administrations. NHESP program review of trails, dock, access. Unrelenting pressure from abutters. Land purchased for \$2m through straw buyerto mask interest form abutters who may not have sold to public agency. Abutters claim MVLB is deteriorating water quality even though no swimming yet. Kate Sterling and Ben reeve very critical of MVLB. <sup>civ</sup>

2005 *Kennedy Limited Family Subdivision.* 7 building lots on 375-acre property that had 31 lots. One unbuildable beach lot of 61 ac, one 100 ac family compound, one lot for each kid, 2 lots that may be sold. If sold outside of family no subdivision. Agreed to preserve more than 300 ac by restricting development to <15% of property. Kids ages 17, 15, 12. Richard enehan; LandVest; Schofield etc. Reviewed by VCS and SMF. Brendan quote. <sup>cv</sup>

**Native Earth Teaching Farm.** C. 34.7 ac. SMF CR with MAS a co-holder. \$600K To Rebecca and Elisabeth Gilbert, with fundraising coordinated by VCS. Will be continued to be farmed by Rebecca Gilbert and Randy Ben David as have since 1990. <sup>cvi</sup>

**Quansoo Farm** C. 154 ac. SMF fee. Gift over several decades. 96.9 ac bequest in 2005 brings to 154 ac. Flipper Harris gad bought farm as couldn't bear the thought of it being developed. In addition to gift arranged a donation from her

deceased sister's (Polly Hill?) charitable trust to renovate the house. Made donations and helped oversight of new house on the site for SMF <sup>cvii</sup>

Tom's Neck Farm. Ch. 32 ac SMF Cr. Ann Floyd and George, Caroline, Benjamin and Timothy Baker. Have resumed limited farming. Land in the family since 1700s. <sup>cviii</sup>

**2006 Ocean View Farm Preserve.** C. 21 ac. MVLB. \$7m. Trail easements donated to connect to Fulling Mill Brook and Middle Road Sanctuary. Small summerhouse that MVLB will use for summer staff. Purple needlegrass. Heath. Trails. <sup>cix</sup>  
Purchased from Jane Leavy, Jonathan Leavy, Elizabeth Leavy Stroman. Three separate parcels. Required additional trail easement donations. <sup>cx</sup>

**2007 Ancient Ways** – portions of Ben Tom's Road, Pennywise Path, MiddleLine Path, Tar Kiln Road and Watcha Path – added by MV Commission to Island Roads District of Critical Planning Concern (DCPC). Date to 1600s and 1700s and may trace Wampanoag paths. Protect from widening.

**Wintucket Cove.** 2007 E. 9.4 ac. CR SMF. From Forrester family. Adjacent 15-ac SMF CR from MacKenty in 1981 and 125 ac TNC CR. Links TNC sandplain restoration to Wintucket Cove. <sup>cxii</sup> 2005 – TNC listed 22-ac "Wintucket Cove" property for \$2.5m – includes one building envelope. Also 3.27-ac Vincent Farm Trail property for \$650K with house restrictions. Both part of 102-ac property sold by TNC with similar restrictions. <sup>cxii</sup>

**Swan Neck CR.** E. 50.4 ac. SMF CR. Kohlberg family gift along Edgartown Great Pond. Beautiful peninsula in Lyles Bay encompassing the "Wildlife Preserve" (see Swan Neck Development<sup>cxiii</sup>) and upland area. <sup>cxiv</sup> 2 limited building areas remain on property for main residence and barn or additional residence. Revived historic raising of sheep in grassland area of peninsula near main residence.

**Bennett Property.** WT. 14.5 ac & 4 ac. MVLB Fee and CR. Across Street from John Presbury Norton Farm near Old County Road. MVLB purchased 14.5 ac for \$1.86m and placed CR on 4 ac that will be owned by affordable housing trust, which will put 8 housing units on other 4 ac of 8-ac property. Protects Old Homes Hole Road and is excellent agricultural soils. <sup>cxv</sup>

**2008 Quammox Preserve.** Ch. 31.5 ac. MVLB. 2 parcels. SWesterly flank of Washaqua Hill. MVLB AR 2008: 22.8 ac purchased in 2009 from Dick and Laura Chasin for \$2.1m (\$1.85m from MVLB; \$250K from Chappy Open Space Fund). Quammox Road is a town right of way. Total MVLB ownership on Chappy – 506 ac and 2876 ac on island. <sup>cxvi</sup>

**Quansoo Preserve Opened.** C. MVLB. Abuts SMF property. MVLB www. MVLB 2008: Quansoo created. Also left 6-ac pond lot to be sold for endowment, which was sold to MVLB (Q Preserve) along with trail easement over Quansoo Farm. So Quansoo Farm and Preserve. Mayhew-Hancock-Mitchell house.

**Chicama Vineyard** T. 21.2 ac. MVLB APR. MVLB www George and Catherine Mathiesen. Closed in 2008 after 37 years. ~50-ac farm. Planted 6 acres 1971. Sold 4 ac in OB to MVLB in 2001, borders Duarte Pond. 2003 APR and trail easement purchase don 21 ac. T. George died 2005; 2008 family sold land to Vineyard Meadow LLC, unknown owners who want to start horse farm. <sup>cxvii</sup>

2010 **Kingsbury Fields.** T. 7 ac. MVLB CR. Purchased from Kristen Kingsbury Henshaw - \$301,000. Site of “Hoo Rah for Bill” sign for Clinton’s visit. No trails. Used as sheep pasture. <sup>cxviii</sup> More recently has had chickens. MVLB www

**Little Field Preserve** WT 24.6 ac. MVLB. Not yet open to public, but will connect to Old Court House Rd. Ann Nelson sold for \$1.2m to honor Peg and Albert Littlefield after reacquiring land from her son. First sizable parcel purchased since 2008. Includes 4 lots: State Road hay field, lot on W of Mill Brook with 16000-feet of frontage, 2 lots on East of Mill Brook with 1750-feet frontage. Hay field abuts 87-ac Square Field, which was from the Green and Hickie families. <sup>cxix</sup>

2011 **Self Property.** 41.1 ac. MVLB. Cove Meadow on Cape Pogue Pond at end of Jeffers Lane - \$4.95m from Judith Self Murphy, Baldwin Self, Jr., Karen Self Osler. Adds to Three Ponds Reservation (358 ac – 2011) and includes 900 feet of shoreline on Cape Pogue Bay plus four ponds. Focal point is 6-ac promontory with house and 2 outbuildings that will be removed. 35.3 ac already covered by CR donated by family in 1990s to SMF. <sup>cxx</sup> Four previous transactions gave MVLB 11 feet shoreline so now 2000 feet. <sup>cxxi</sup>

2012 **Flat Point Farm.** 12.9 ac purchased by MVLB \$2.9 m plus APR and trail easement on adjacent 25 ac. For \$550,000. Financed by Steve Rattner (financier, Obama advisor, owns Monomoy Farm – 20 ac on former Crow Hollow Farm on New Lane, which has APR to MVLB). 9-year payback at ~1-2%. Arnie Fischer had P&S on 13 ac for \$2.95m; town assigned right of first refusal to MVLB. Contingent on purchase of trail easement back to Tiah’s Cove Road and APR on adjoining field as MVB unwilling to only own 12.9 ac. Tisbury Great Pond and Short Cove. Part of 110-ac farm in Ch 61A. Started by Arnie’s father in 1939 as dairy farm; four kids have 5-ac house lot from 1976 subdivision with farm in trust. Grow 30 ac hay for animals on their farm; beef cattle, lambs, goats, chickens, eggs. Subdivision plan approved by MVC for 2 houses. <sup>cxxii</sup>

2012 **Kanomika Neck.** CR 18 ac. Working with TNC which owns land. Former MacKenty lands part of Meetinghouse Golf Club project (MacKenty & Bigelow).

Watcha Woodlands TNC project

2013 Medicine Lots TNC Project



LIST of Reserves to Place in Time

Manuel Correlus State Forest. 5146 DEM Fee. Mill Brook Watershed (VCS 1997)

*MVLB*

**Fulling Mill Brook Preserve** C. 49.6 ac. MVLB. <sup>cxiii</sup>

**Gay Head Moraine** A. 103.2 ac MVLB. MVLB www

**Great Rock Bight** C 28.5 ac MVLB. 1300 feet of Vineyard Sound beach. Rare clam shrimp.

**Blackwater Pond Reservation.** WT. 106.5 ac. MVLB with adjoining TNC Hoft Farm.

**Middle Line Woods** C. 47.3 ac. MVLB. Adjoining the landfill. MVLB www

**Menemsha Neck Preserve.** A. 12.8 ac MVLB. Long beach hike in. MVLB www

**Rainbow Farm** 94.6 ac. MFCLT APR. Mill Brook Watershed (VCS 1997)

**Ganz** 75 ac. TTOR CR. Mill Brook Watershed (VCS 1997)

**Kloss** 53.1 TTOR CR. Mill Brook Watershed (VCS 1997)

**Ripley's Field Preserve.** T. 77.1 ac. MVLB. MVLB www. MVLB 2008: 12 ac added.

**Sepiessa Point Reservation.** WT. 173.7 ac. ~ 11,000 feet of shoreline. Savanna restored for hawks. MVLB. MVLB www

**Square Field.** WT. 87.1 ac. Prime ag land in alluvial Mill Brook Valley. MVLB (?), WT, State. MVLB www. 25 ac added in 2010 with purchase from Ann Nelson for \$ 1.2m. MVLB 2010 AnnRep.

**Tea Lane Farm.** C. 50 ac. Farmstead owned by Chilmark, land by MVLB.

**Three Ponds reservation.** Ch. 353.5 ac. Brine's , Buttonbush and Cape Poge ponds. MVLB www

**Tiasquam Valley reservation.** C/WT. 109.4 ac. MVLB www

**Tisbury Meadow Preserve** T. 83.8 ac. Mai Fan House. Restored by tenants. MVLB. MVLB www

**Trade Wind Fields Preserve.** OB 71.9 ac. Unusual sandplain plants. Planes need advanced permission. MVLB. MVLB www

**Uncle Leonard's Farm** WT. 16.7 ac. MVLB CR. No public access. MVLB www

**Child Farm East.** WT. MVLB CR. Field was created in exchange for the CR (not historic?) and one of few on west side of County Road. MVLB www

**Child Farm West.** WT. 14.5 ac. MVLB APR. MVLB www

**Crow Hollow Farm.** WT. 17.8 ac. MVLB fee(? CR?). Adjacent Uncle Leonard's Farm. MVLB www

**Featherstone Farm** OB. 18 acres MVLB with Featherstone. Old horse farm. Connected to total of 238 ac area including Weahtaqua Springs and Southern Woodland Preserve. MVLB www

*SMF*

**Roth Woodlands.** 26.4 ac. SMF Fee. 1320 feet frontage on North Road. VCS Mill Brook Watershed & Trail Member (VCS 1997). <sup>cxiv</sup>

**Dunkl Family Property.** 23.4 ac. SMF CR VCS Mill Brook Watershed & Trail Member  
**Little Beach** 20.1 ac. E. SMF fee. Abuts Ox Pond Meadow and Eel Pond and connects to Fuller Street beach. SMF www.  
**West Chop Woods** ~90 ac. T. SMF fee. Abuts Land Bank property? SMF www.  
**Middle Road Sanctuary.** C. >100 ac SMF fee. 2 separate parcels connected by trail easement. SMF www.  
**Wallen, Preston & Shands Preserve.** A. 5.6 ac SMF fee. SMF www  
**Brookside Ridge Preserve.** C? 43 ac SMF fee. Donated by Wendy Gimbel and Douglas Liebhafsky, Stan Panitz and Jerome and Carol Kenney. SMF www  
**Huckleberry Barrens** E. 17 ac. SMF fee. Katama Plain. Formerly Edgartown Pond Lot conserved as part of VOLF development. Lilac, old cellar hole, loop trail. SMF www.

MV Agricultural Society. 22 ac. VCS/WT APR. Mill Brook Watershed (VCS 1997)  
 Green – Hickie Farm 37.6 ac. MDA/WT/MVLB APR. Mill Brook Watershed (VCS 1997)  
 Brookside Farm (Gimbel/Liebhafsky) 32.1 ac. SMF CR. Mill Brook Watershed (VCS 1997)

Hill and Morgan. 58.2 ac. CHIL CR. Mill Brook Watershed (VCS 1997)  
 Bilzerian 13.7 ac. SMF CR (VCS 1997)  
 Parker 22 ac. SMF CR. (VCS 1997)

Woodruff property. First VCS conservation restriction. VCS 1995.  
 MacDiarmid property – Gay Head. VCS.  
 Dark Woods Edgartown. VCS  
 Sailing Camp Park. OB. VCS.

Eastville Point Beach  
 Iron Hill  
 Public rights – Red Coat Hill.

Maley 1 2.1 ac. VCS CR. Mill Brook Watershed (VCS 1997)  
 Putnam 12 ac. SMF Fee. Mill Brook Watershed (VCS 1997)  
 Pantz 6.6 ac. SMF Fee. Mill Brook Watershed (VCS 1997)

Bare Hill Preserve T. 2.7 ac MVLB westerly piece. APR on Easterly piece. MVLB www  
 Blue Barque Reserve C. 8 ac MVLB MVLB www  
 Chappy Point Beach Ch. 2.9 ac MVLB. Adjacent ferry slip. MVLB www

Christiantown Woods Preserve. 8.6 ac. MVLB Acquired to protect backdrop to chapel and cemetery. MVLB www

Hillmans Point Preserve. T. 2.2 ac. MVLB. MVLB www

Katama Point Preserve E. 2.1 ac MVLB. Park at Edgartown Town Landing. MVLB www

Little Duarte's Pond 6.6 ac. MVLB. Purchased when 61-A right-of-first-refusal from T and OB was assigned to MVLB. MVLB www

Morning Glory Farm E. 26.4 ac. MVLB APR. MVLB www. Morning Glory/Mindoro Farm. VCS

Music Street Fields WT. 1.8 ac. MVLB APR. MVLB www

Muskoday Farm E. 28 ac. MVLB/Town of Edg. MVLB www

North Neck Highlands. Ch. 4.9 ac. MVLB. MVLB www

Norton Fields Preserve. E. 20.5 ac. MVLB. MVLB www

Old County Arboretum. WT. 2.5 ac. MVLB. OPlans to have plaques for plants. MVLB www

Paint Mill Brook Preserve. C. 25.1 ac. MVLB CR. No map. Trails in future when possible to link. MVLB www

Pecoy Point Preserve OB. 17 ac. MVLB. 1100 feet of pond shore. Rare plants include bristly foxtail and eastern gama-grass. MVLB www

Poucha Pond Reservation Ch. 154.7 ac. MVLB and private. MVLB www. 147 ac in 2011. <sup>cxxv</sup>

Priester's Pond Preserve. WT. 2.9 ac. MVLB. Opposite the "Liberty Oak". MVLB www

Quays Corner. OB. 0.6 ac. MVLB. Park on Eastville Avenue Extension leading to harbor. MVLB www

Sailors Burying Ground. T. 1 ac. Dozens of sailors but no Vineyarders. Donated to MVLB & MVMuseum by Boston Seamen's Friends Society. MVLB www

South Indian Hill Woodlands Preserve. WT. 5.7 ac. MVLB. MVLB www

Toad Rock Preserve. A. 6.3 ac. Closed for planning. MVLB. MVLB www

Weahtaqua Springs Preserve OB. MVLB. Drinking water protection as in drawdown zone for town well. Water surfaces on adjacent water district land. Emerging beech forest. Lichen and bearberry threatened by invading oak and will need management. MVLB www

Wilfrid's Pond Preserve. T 5.2 ac. MVLB. MVLB www

Wompesket. WT. 18.1 ac. MVLB. Gorgeous wet meadow. Wood ducks in ponds. Cardinal flower. Isolated. MVLB www. MVLB AR 2011: Acre of Russian Olive cutaand uprooted – squared field enclosed by stone walls. Debt service \$6.452m (82%).

David H. Smith Preserve E. 15 ac. TNC. Assisted by DEM. TNC www

Hoft Farm Preserve WT. 90 ac. TNC. TNC www

Katama Plain Reserve E. 192 ac. TNC. Closed due to sensitive environment. Lrgest example of native sandplain grassland on MV. TNC manages land for town and holds CR on 128 ac. TNC www

Homer-Watcha Preserve. WT 142 ac. TNC CR and involved in management. TNC www

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