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## Seminar on New State Habitat Regulations

On October 25 at 12:15 pm, John Regosin, Senior Project Analyst, Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, Mass. Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, will speak about the new regulations that went into effect on July 1, 2005. Far-reaching amendments call for referral to NH&ESP for permitting of many common uses in priority habitat areas. It is essential for local permitting agencies to get up to speed regarding the amendments, and to hear about how to implement the new referrals. (Bring a bag lunch.)

## Pond Data on Website

Do you want to find water quality information about a Vineyard pond? The MVC's Water Resources Planner Bill Wilcox and GIS Coordinator Chris Seidel have prepared a visual display of the water quality data collected during 2003 from 13 Vineyard coastal ponds. To access the information: 1) Go to the MVC website. 2) Click on "Planning". 3) Click on "Water Resources". 4) Scroll down the page to "Research, Assessment and Monitoring". 5) Click on the "2003 Summary Map". If you want to read the guidance, click on "How To Interact". This project was funded in part by a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection under section 604b of the Clean Water Act.

# MVC Names Comprehensive Island Plan Steering Committee

On October 6, 2005, the Martha's Vineyard Commission announced the formation of the Steering Committee that will oversee the preparation of a Comprehensive Island Plan for the Martha's Vineyard. The Committee is made up of 20 Vineyarders from all walks of life, all towns, and representing a wide range of interests including various town boards, non-profit organizations, and individual citizens.

The goal of the Comprehensive Island Plan is for the Island community



*Jim Athearn will Chair the CIP Steering Committee*

to renew its vision for the future . . . to figure out where we are, where we want to go, and how we want to go there. The Plan will seek to answer questions such as: What is the best way to manage growth on Martha's Vineyard so that we can preserve the Island's unique environment and character? How can we provide housing opportunities for all income groups? How can we protect the water quality of our coastal ponds? How can we preserve critical habitat and important vistas? How can we develop a more sustainable

economy? How can we find ways for people to get where they want to go, while minimizing traffic congestion?

The Plan will set out the strategy for achieving this vision by outlining possible programs, regulations, and other actions that could be carried out by the Martha's Vineyard Commission, by the towns, and by other entities. The Martha's Vineyard Commission will adopt the plan as the official regional plan.

The Steering Committee will oversee both the process and the content of the Plan. In addition, it is proposed that an Advisory Committee be created to provide a sounding board throughout the process as well as task forces to be set up for concentrated periods to deal with each of the specific topics to be covered by the Plan. The planning effort will be supported by the specialized expertise of the Martha's Vineyard Commission staff, and outside expertise will be brought in as needed.

A group of MVC Commissioners has worked for several months to outline the planning program and to select the best group of Vineyarders to form the Steering Committee, people who can provide leadership for this important effort. Jim Athearn has agreed to be the Steering Committee Chairman. A list of all Steering Committee Members is on the next page.

## CIP Steering Committee

The following are the members of the Steering Committee.

**John Abrams** is President of South Mountain Company, member and former Chairman of the Island Affordable Housing Fund, and lives in West Tisbury.

**Marie Allen** is President of the NAACP of Martha's Vineyard, a member of the Board of the Vineyard Conservation Society, a former MVC Commissioner, and an Oak Bluffs resident.

**Clarissa Allen** is owner of the Allen Sheep Farm, member of the Chilmark Land Bank Advisory Board, and lives in Chilmark.

**James A. Athearn** is owner of Morning Glory Farm, Vice-Chair of the MV Agricultural Society, a member of the MVC, an Edgartown resident, and will be Chair of the CIP Steering Committee.

**Prudence Burt** lives in West Tisbury and is a member of the West Tisbury Conservation Commission.

**Tom Chase** is Eastern Massachusetts Programs Director for The Nature Conservancy and is a resident of Oak Bluffs.

**Steve Ewing** is owner of Aquamarine, is on the Edgartown Land Bank Advisory Board, is a former member of the Edgartown Conservation Commission, and is an Edgartown resident.

**Ann Floyd** is owner/principal broker of Sandcastle Realty, is on the Board of the Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce, and lives in Edgartown.

**Ray Laporte** is Vice-President of Advest Financial Advisors, Chairman of the Tisbury Board Selectman, and lives in Tisbury.

**Ned Orleans** is a Tisbury resident, an MVC Commissioner, and former member of the Tisbury Planning Board.

**Kerry Scott** is proprietor of Good Dog Goods, is an Oak Bluffs Selectman, and is a life-long Oak Bluffs resident.

**Linda Sibley** is a West Tisbury resident, owner of Vineyard Electronics (Radio Shack) and is Chair of the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

**Elio Silva** owns North Star, a Brazilian specialty department store in Edgartown, and lives in Oak Bluffs.

**Russell Smith** is an engineer, Legislative Liaison for Martha's Vineyard, and lives in Aquinnah.

**Bret Stearns** is Director of Natural Resources for the Wampanoag Tribe and lives in Chilmark.

**Henry Stephenson** is a planner/architect, a member of the Tisbury Planning Board, and lives in Tisbury.

**Paul Strauss** is a County Commissioner and an MVC Commissioner, living in Oak Bluffs.

**Richard Toole** is a carpenter/caretaker, is former Chair of the Martha's Vineyard Commission, and lives in Oak Bluffs.

**Susan Wasserman** is Vice-President of Martha's Vineyard Community Services and lives in West Tisbury.

**Durwood Vanderhoop** is Director of Planning for the Wampanoag Tribe, is a member of the Tribal Council, and lives in Aquinnah.

## Upcoming Meetings

*Wednesday, October 25, 12:15pm*

**New State Habitat Regulations**  
MVC Offices

*Tuesday, October 25, 5:00pm*

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee**  
MVC Offices

*Thursday, October 27, 5:00pm*

**All-Island Planning Boards**  
MVC Offices

*Wednesday, November 2, 10:30am*

**Joint Transportation Committee**  
MVC Offices

*Saturday, November 5, 2005*

**Site Plan Review Workshop**  
(CRTC \$25), 9am  
MVC Offices

*Wednesday, November 9, 2005*

**Planning With Community Support Workshop** (CRTC \$25), 6:30-9:00pm  
MVC Offices

*Please check the Calendar section of the MVC website for the latest updates.*

## DRI Status Report

The following are current Developments of Regional Impact.

**Anderson Irrevocable Tr./ Wintertide**  
Conversion of attic to residential, Tisbury (#504-M2) Modification approved 9/1/05

**Cozy Hearth** – Subdivision, Edgartown. (#584)  
PH 10/20/05.

**10 State Road** – Site clearing, Tisbury. CR  
10/20/05

**Our Market** – Modification, Oak Bluffs. (#4-M)  
CR 10/20/05

**7 Beach Street Demolition and Reconstruction**,  
Tisbury (# 557-M) DD 10/20/05

**World Revival Church** – Construction,  
Edgartown (#587) PH 11/3/05

**117 Beach Road** – Addition/Conversion,  
Tisbury. PH 11/17/05.

**Vineyard Gardens** – Garden center, West  
Tisbury (#581) Application incomplete.

**Vineyard Assembly of God** – Construction,  
Tisbury (#322M) Application incomplete.

**Rutkiewicz Subdivision** – West Tisbury (#488)  
LUPC 5/2/05. On hold.

**1986 Evelyn Way Trust** –Tisbury (#576) On  
hold at Applicant's request

**Tarkiln Subdivision** – Edgartown (#470-M3)  
On hold at Applicant's request.

**Vineyard Golf Club Housing** – Edgartown  
(#484-M4) Application incomplete.

*LUPC Land Use Planning Committee review*

*CR Commission Concurrence Review*

*PH Commission Public Hearing*

*DD Commission deliberation and decision*

*WD Commission vote on written decision*

*t.b.d. to be determined*

All meetings at the Commission offices unless otherwise noted. (Information: Paul Foley at extension 18 or check the website)

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