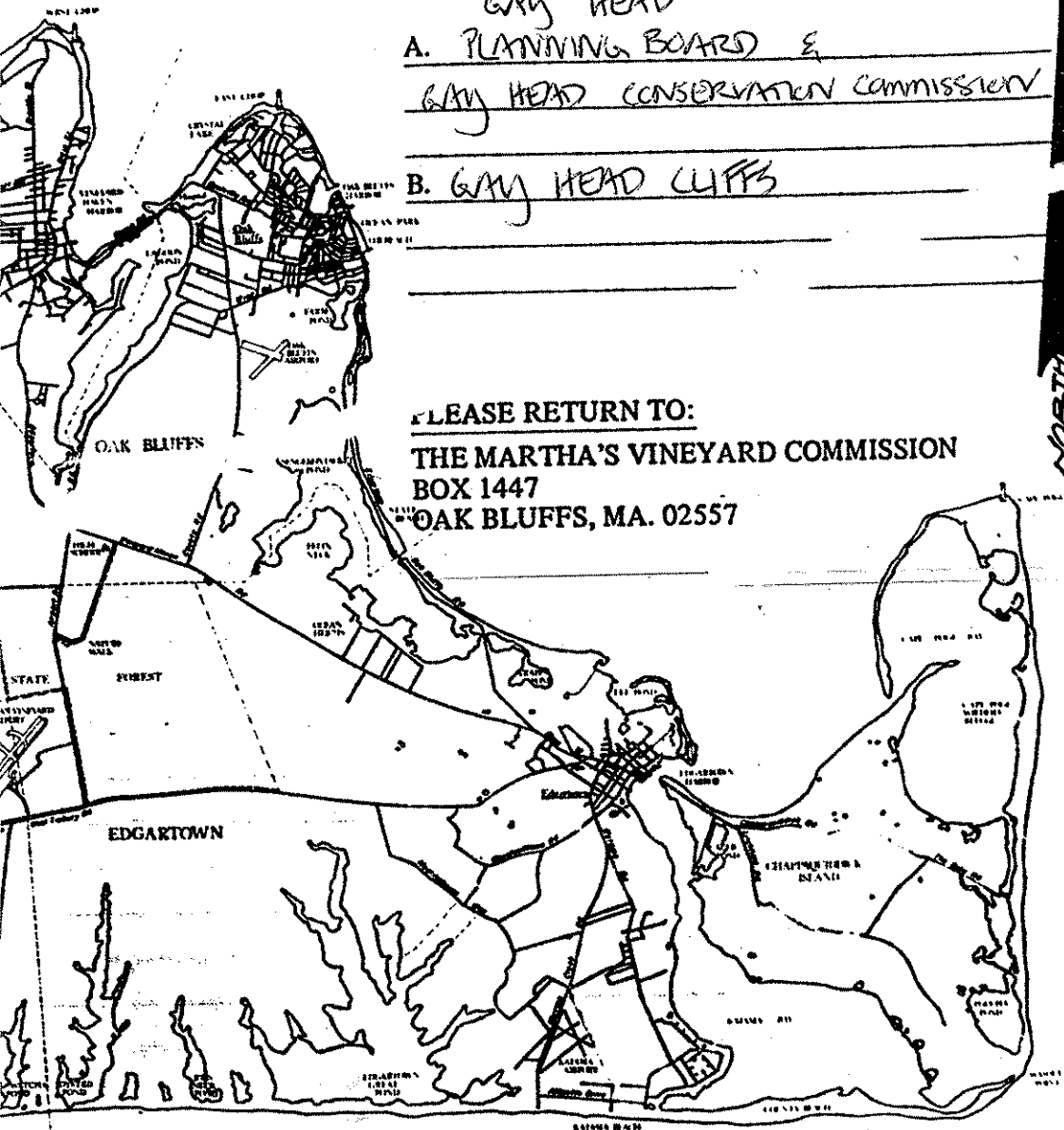


### DIRECTIONS:

A) Print the name of the municipal board (planning board, conservation commission, board of health, board of selectmen; or the first name on the taxpayers' petition.

B) Print the name and location of the proposed district.

C) Mark the boundary of the proposed district on the map. Be as accurate as possible. Larger scale maps are available at the Martha's Vineyard Commission offices, if necessary.



GMY HEAD  
A. PLANNING BOARD &  
GMY HEAD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

B. GMY HEAD CLIFFS

PLEASE RETURN TO:

THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION  
BOX 1447  
OAK BLUFFS, MA. 02557

# DISTRICT NOMINATION

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scale 1"=3,000'

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DIRECTIONS:

In the space provided below, answer as simply as possible the following:

- A) Why is this resource or area important to more than one town or to the Island as a whole?
- B) What are the problems associated with the uncontrolled or inappropriate development of the area?
- C) What kind of development would be advantageous within the proposed district?

A) THE GAY HEAD CLIFFS ARE A UNIQUE NATURAL FEATURE ON THE ISLAND AND IN NEW ENGLAND, THEY ARE VISITED BY RESIDENTS OF ALL THE ISLAND TOWNS AND ARE A FOCUS POINT OF VISITS BY TOURISTS.

B) PROBLEMS WITH UNCONTROLLED DEVELOPMENT ARE DAMAGE TO CLIFF VEGETATION, EROSION, SOILS ARE GENERALLY UNSUITABLE FOR SEPTIC SYSTEMS & DAMAGE TO VIEW OF CLIFF AREA FROM PUBLIC ROADS & FROM THE WATER.

C.) POSSIBLE ADVANTAGEOUS DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CLIFF DISTRICT WOULD BE PASSIVE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, SINGLE FAMILY HOMES, WITH HEIGHT & SQUARE FOOTAGE RESTRICTIONS, & CERTAIN MUNICIPAL, STATE OR FEDERAL USES SUCH AS NEW EXIST (LIGHTHOUSE, TOWN PARKING, PICNIC TABLES ETC).

# DIRECTIONS:

- A) Indicate the type of district(s) which is (are) proposed:
1. Drinking Water Resource District
  2. Fishing Resource District
  3. Farming Resource District
  4. Wildlife, Natural, Scientific or Ecological Resource District
  5. Cultural or Historic Resource District
  6. Economic or Development Resource District
  7. Major Public Investment District
  8. Hazardous District
- B) Referring to the specific Critical District Qualification, explain why you feel this area would warrant designation. A district may be nominated for more than one reason.

## 4. WILDLIFE, NATURAL, SCIENTIFIC OR ECOLOGICAL RESOURCE DISTRICT

WE BELIEVE THIS AREA ELIGIBLE AS A NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT BECAUSE THE FACE OF THE CLIFFS ARE A REGISTERED LANDMARK. THE NATURAL LANDMARK PROGRAM RECOGNIZES PREMIER EXAMPLES OF PARTICULAR GEOLOGIC FEATURES THROUGHOUT THE NATION. THE GAY HEAD CLIFFS WERE DESIGNATED BY THE DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR IN 1972. IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON NATURAL LANDMARKS THREATENED BY ANY TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT, DOI LISTED THE GAY HEAD CLIFFS. ELIGIBLE AS A SCIENTIFIC RESOURCE DISTRICT BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE CONFIGURATION OF THE SOILS AT THE CLIFFS. PROFESSORS & STUDENTS OF GEOLOGY REGULARLY VISIT THE CLIFFS TO STUDY THIS UNUSUAL GEOLOGIC FEATURE.

## 5. CULTURAL & HISTORIC RESOURCE DISTRICT BECAUSE OF THE CLIFFS' STATUS AS AN IRREPLACEABLE COMPONENT OF THE CHARACTER OF MARYLAND'S VINEYARD. THE CLIFFS & SURROUNDING AREAS HAVE BEEN THE OBJECT OF PILGRIMAGES BY ISLAND HISTORIANS SINCE THE MID-1820S. EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CLIFFS AND THE AREA AROUND THEM TO THE WAMPANOAG INDIANS.

## 8. HAZARDOUS DISTRICT BECAUSE OF THE CHARACTER OF THE SOILS WHICH RENDER THE CLIFFS AND AREA ABOUT THEM UNSUITABLE FOR INTENSE DEVELOPMENT. EROSION IS RECOGNIZED PROBLEM AT THE CLIFFS, AVERAGING 2.5' A YEAR FROM 1897-1969 (KANE, 1971). IN ORDER NOT TO EXACERBATE AN ON-GOING PROBLEM, ADDITIONAL CONTROL OVER USES OF CLIFFS MAY BE REQUIRED.

### DIRECTIONS:

In the space provided below, describe as simply as possible the proposed district(s). Please refer to any distinguishable landmarks, structures, roads, etc. which may act as boundary limits. If appropriate give measurements in feet. The boundaries should be delineated as accurately as possible, both on the map on the front cover, and in the narrative below.

ON THE NORTH SHORE AT PILOT'S LANDING MAP 6 LOT 48  
PROCEEDING ALONG CLIFFS EDGE PAST THE LIGHTHOUSE TO  
THE SOUTHSIDE TO THE POINT WHERE THE WESTERN  
BOUNDARY OF THE LONG PROPERTY (LOT 57, MAP 10), NORTH ON  
SAID LOT LINE TO MUSHUP'S TRAIL, NORTH ALONG MUSHUP'S  
TRAIL TO THE JUNCTION WITH LIGHTHOUSE ROAD, ALONG  
LIGHTHOUSE ROAD ~~TO~~ TO THE DIRT ROAD ON THE WEST  
OF THE OLD STONE HOUSE (LOT 54, MAP 6), NORTH  
ALONG SAID DIRT ROAD TO PILOT'S LANDING, THE POINT OF  
BEGINNING.

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