

Island native



OAK TREE

Island native  
Island appropriate

flowering Cherry



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Birch Tree Clump

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hydrangea  
endless summer  
near rock area  
4-5ft wide 4ft tall

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Russian sage  
30 to 40 in tall w/ de  
Shallow root

NOT RECOMMENDED BUT OK



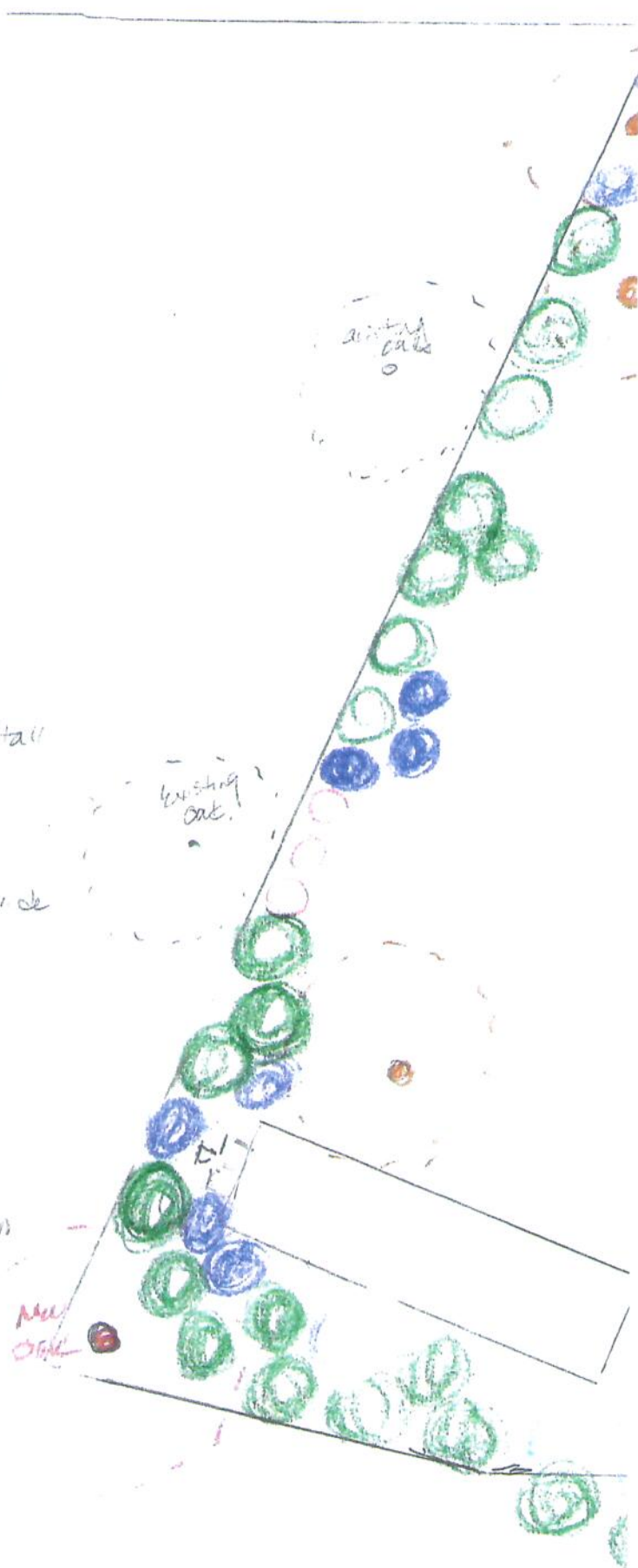
heyland Cypress  
grows to 15-25ft tall  
10ft wide

Island appropriate



PB. Fire Ice  
hydrangea  
3 season color white to maroon  
5ft wide 5-6ft tall

NEW ONE



since our species are different from those originating off-Island. Property owners can contract to have seed harvested and/or grown to supply native plants.

- **Island Appropriate:** These species are not native to the region but have been observed on the Island long enough to demonstrate that they perform well here, are relatively pest and disease resistant, support the fauna found on the Island, and are not likely to become invasive. Island-Appropriate species are acceptable in non-critical habitat areas, and are acceptable in other locations without sensitive habitat as well.
- **Historic:** These species have been used as street trees or for other distinct purposes on specific streets or in specific areas on the Island. Continued use in these areas is acceptable.
- **Not Recommended:** These are non-native species that are problematic for use on the Island, generally because they do not survive well in Vineyard conditions without the intensive watering and/or the use of pesticides or fertilizers. The most important example is turf grass. There are generally alternative plants with similar characteristics but without the negative impacts. Although these plants are not recommended, they may be used for decorative or other purposes within Development Envelopes and in areas without sensitive habitats.
- **Invasive:** These species are known or are likely to cause environmental or economic harm. This includes all plants listed on the State Banned Species list and may include others perceived to be a threat on the Island. These are not permitted for use anywhere on Martha's Vineyard.

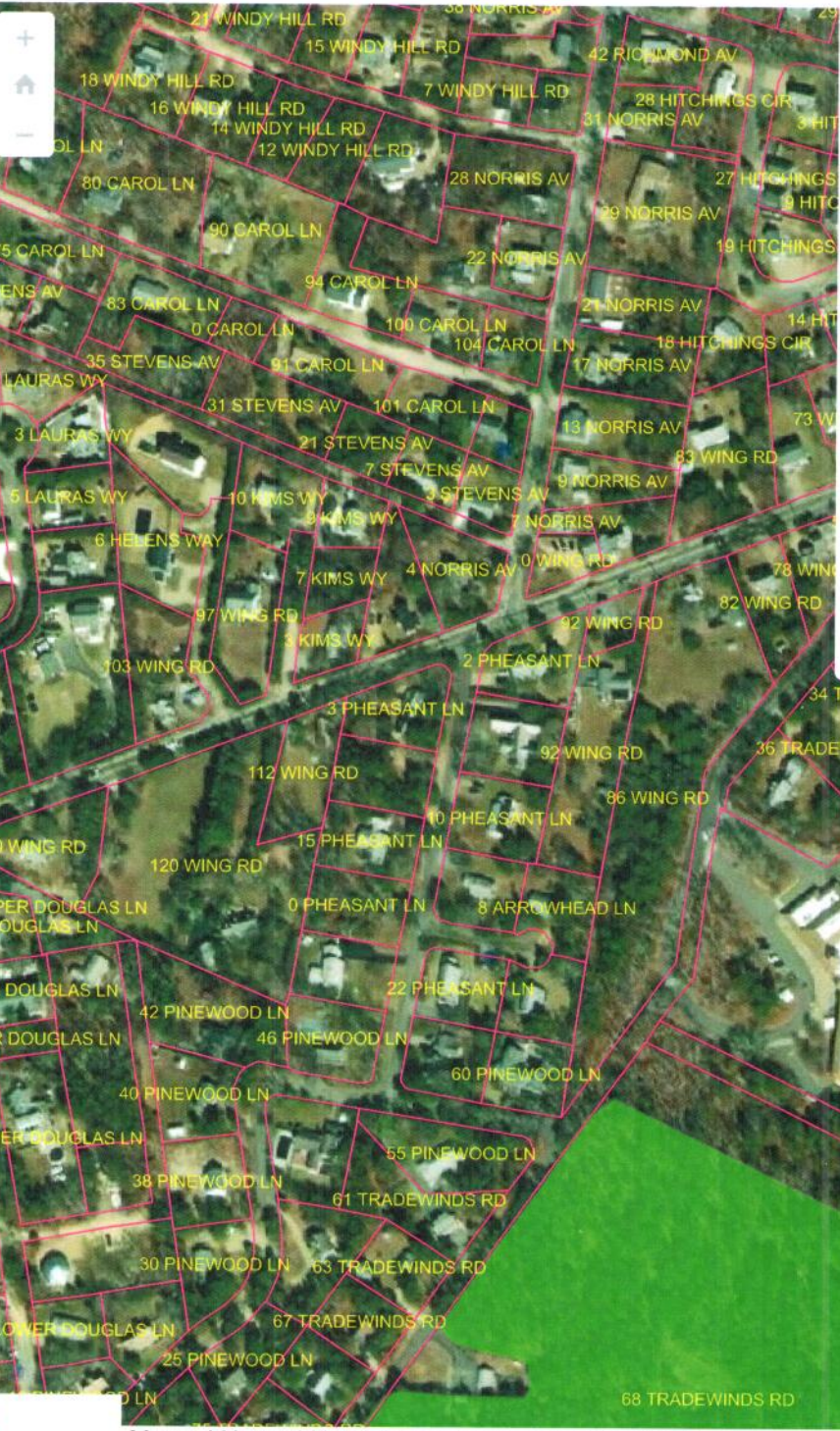
A sister document to this policy is the "Lists of Native, Island-Appropriate, Historic, Not Recommended, and Invasive Species for Martha's Vineyard", prepared in conjunction with the Polly Hill Arboretum. The lists include information that allow project designers to select plants based on criteria such as type, size, sun and water requirements, and typical landscape use such as street tree or wildlife supporter. The list is now available as a printed document or a pdf on the MVC website. It will soon be available as an interactive database that will allow project designers to cater the list to their needs by searching for specific criteria. The most up to date version will be available online from Polly Hill Arboretum: [www.pollyhillarboretum.org/plantdatabase](http://www.pollyhillarboretum.org/plantdatabase).

Plant materials should be selected from the list of Native and/or Island-Appropriate plants. The planting of non-native Invasive species is strictly prohibited. The following table provides guidelines for selection of plant species in various areas on the Island. Refer to the Critical and Priority Habitat map to determine the status of your site



	Critical Habitat and Priority Sandplain Habitat	Priority Habitat	Other Areas and within Development Envelopes
Native	Necessary	Preferred	Preferred
Island Appropriate	Not Permitted	Acceptable	Acceptable
Historic	Not Permitted	Not Permitted unless used historically in that area	Acceptable
Not Recommended	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Acceptable
Invasive	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted

- Where planting of new stock is required, consider the specific characteristics of the site, the



**Legend**

- Parcel Boundaries - MassGIS (8/17/21)
- NHESP Estimated Habitat v15 Effective Aug 1 2021
- NHESP Priority Habitat v15 Effective Aug 1 2021

