

April 30, 2018

To: Paul Foley, DRI coordinator, MV Commission

Re Flat Point Farm DRI 34-53

Dear Mr. Foley and Commissioners,

I am writing to lend my unqualified support to the Fischer family's subdivision plan for Flat Point Farm.

I have lived in West Tisbury, and known the Fischer family, all my life. In 2001, I received a resident homesite from the town. I now live just across Tiah's Cove Road from the entrance to the Land Bank's Short Cove property - purchased from the Fischer family several years ago. I am lucky enough to be able to step out my back door and walk the trails here several times a week.

While I serve on both the town's conservation commission and the Mill Brook Watershed Management Planning committee, I write this letter as a private citizen. I am well acquainted with land preservation and water quality issues facing my town. I feel that the plan in front of you is respectful of this land, and these issues.

I have been both amazed and deeply impressed that this family has been able to keep this land intact while navigating the dense, angry tangle that is estate planning on Martha's Vineyard when you are extremely land rich and cash poor. Through several family deaths over the last dozen years, they have maintained a commitment to keeping as much of this farm as open space as they can. That anything remains undeveloped, indeed- that more than half of this land will remain permanently protected open space, is a testament to their commitment to this ideal, and to their long tenure as stewards of this farm.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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