

Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
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Dear Eve,

After careful consideration the YMCA Board (with consultations with AMM Architects and Heidi Clark of the Woods Hole Group) is proposing the following actions to comply with the NHESP.

1. Reduce the northwest parking lot by 50% (from 32 to 16 parking spaces).
2. We cannot move the building further south on our property without compromising traffic flow and parking. Our original plan had the building located 200' to the north, and with subsequent campus planning, we moved our building as far south as possible to facilitate a cluster development plan with our neighbors on the south, east and west.
3. We agree to provide a development restriction and no-build zone on the areas north of our building and future building footprint.
4. We propose to reduce the size of the play area and eliminate the clear-cutting. Instead the under story will be brush-cut, deciduous trees will be selectively cut or pruned, and all pitch pines preserved.
5. We will enhance and protect remaining pitch pines with selective deciduous tree cutting or pruning, wherever possible.
6. We cannot restrict future build out plans (which are noted on the plan view), given the expected future needs of our island community. However, plans such as the second swimming pool and added locker rooms are many years away and are not part of our current fund-raising or building construction documents.

We believe that our proposals meet the goals set by NHESP, and look forward to working out the details with you. I am enclosing a schematic plan view showing these changes.

Yours,

Mark Baumhofer
Chairman, Facility Committee
Martha's Vineyard YMCA