

DCPC NOMINATION

Instructions

Please review Appendix "Critical Planning District Qualifications" prior to completion of the nomination. Only nominations in accordance with the "Critical Planning District Qualifications" will be considered.

Sponsors are encouraged to contact the Commission's DCPC Coordinator (Jo-Ann Taylor, 505-693-3453, Extension 19, taylor@mvcommission.org) prior to completing and submitting the nomination.

Please answer all questions as completely and concisely as possible, using additional sheets as necessary.



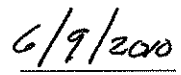
Include a locus map with proposed boundaries shown on an appropriate base, such as the town assessors' maps or a section of the most recent U.S.G.S. 1:25,000-scale topographic map.

If the sponsor is a town board or the Commission, include signature below and a copy of the vote.

If a taxpayer petition is included, include tax collector(s) verification for 75 signatures.

Submit the signed nomination, in person or by certified mail, to Martha's Vineyard Commission, Olde Stone Building, New York Avenue, P.O. Box 1447, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557.

SIGNATURES: If the sponsor is a town Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission or Board of Health, or the Martha's Vineyard Commission, the appropriate officer of such board shall sign his or her name below. Attach a copy of the vote.

 Name	 Title	 Date
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IF THE NOMINATION IS BY PETITION, SEE ACCOMPANYING PETITION SIGNATURE PAGE.

NOMINATION INFORMATION

NAME AND ADDRESS of the nominating board (Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Martha's Vineyard Commission) or a signatory of the taxpayers' petition. All correspondence will be directed to the sponsor whose name and address appears here:

Name: Edgartown Planning Board
Address: 70 Main Street / P.O. Box 1065
Phone: (508) 627-6170
Fax: (508) 627-6123
e-mail: planningboard@edgartown-ma.us

NAME AND LOCATION (TOWN OR TOWNS) OF PROPOSED DISTRICT:

EDGARTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

AREA PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION:

Describe the location of the proposed district, referencing any distinguishable landmarks, structures, roads, assessors' map and parcel numbers, etc. which may act as boundary limits. If appropriate, give measurements in feet. Attach a locus map with proposed boundaries shown on an appropriate base, such as the town assessors' maps or a section of the most recent U.S.G.S. 1:25,000-scale topographic map. The proposed boundaries should be delineated as accurately as possible, both on the attached locus maps and in the narrative.

Jeffers Lane – beginning near the most southeastern point of Map 31 Lot 30 on the north side of Chappaquiddick Road and proceeding northeasterly then northwesterly to Map 31 Lot 16.12 and ending at the point where a way branches leading to the Old Indian Burial Ground overlooking Cape Pogue Bay. This portion is a Special Vehicular Way. (2009)

Old Wood Road - beginning at the north side of Meetinghouse Road at the southeast point of Map 28 Lot 251 and running northerly along the east boundary of said lot to its intersection with Quenomica Road. (2009)

NEED FOR DESIGNATION

Please review Appendix "Critical Planning District Qualifications" before continuing. The Martha's Vineyard Commission will only consider proposals warranting designation in accordance with the "Qualifications".

A. Indicate the type of district that is proposed (See Appendix "Critical Planning District Qualifications"). Nominations may include more than one category:

- 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 QUALIFICATIONS (See Appendix "Critical Planning District Qualifications"), explain why you feel that this area would warrant designation. Use additional sheets as necessary.

The generically-named Old Wood Road appears on maps from the mid to late 19th century, crossing and linking at least five other ancient ways (Ben Tom's Road, Mill Path, [Now West Tisbury Road], Quenomica Road, Swimming Place Path, and Meetinghouse Road) forming a 3-road intersection with Quenomica Road, people recall traveling Old Wood Road by vehicle in the 1980's but today is a footpath running along the rear of lots in the Island Grove subdivision. The way continued north but was truncated by the development of the Edgartown wastewater treatment plant and the Hye Road subdivision has truncated the portion between West Tisbury Road and Quenomica Road. While another segment of Old Wood Road lies north of West Tisbury Road, it is not considered to be in jeopardy and is not being proposed for designation at this time.

The first Special Way to be proposed on Chappaquiddick is Jeffers Lane, running up to Cape Pogue Bay to a town cemetery with mid 19th century graves and to an early schoolhouse. The Jeffers restaurant also used to be located off this road overlooking the bay and sound beyond. Today, a small number of motor vehicles regularly travel this entire route, which is typically 10 feet wide with a sandy surface. It appears the road continued beyond the cemetery, past Cove Meadow and connecting to North Neck Road. Vehicles occasionally travel this section, but the owner of most of this section restricts access.

In addition to being visible reminders of how previous generations of Vineyarders have gotten around the island and which places were significant to connect, today these ancient ways are enjoyed recreationally. They provide residents with paths to enjoy the outdoors and to exercise. They also link neighborhoods and provide an alternative to using automobiles for short trips. The interconnection of most of the ancient ways with other Special Ways and paths enables people to take longer excursions into other towns.

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C. Referring to the GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS (See Appendix "Critical Planning District Qualifications"), please answer as simply as possible the following: (Use additional sheets as necessary)

1. Why is this resource or area important to more than one town or to the Island as a whole?
2. What are the problems associated with the uncontrolled or inappropriate development of the area?
3. What kind of development would be advantageous within the proposed district?

Answer to #1.

These ancient ways are artifacts from the island's past. While recorded historical references of these ancient ways apply to the European settlement of the Vineyard, many are presumed to have been established by Native Americans. The interconnection of these ancient ways combine to allow users to travel extended distances – even to ancient ways and paths in other towns – without using a motor vehicle. Retention of these ancient ways fosters exercise and enjoyment of the outdoors by visitors as well as residents.

Answer to #2.

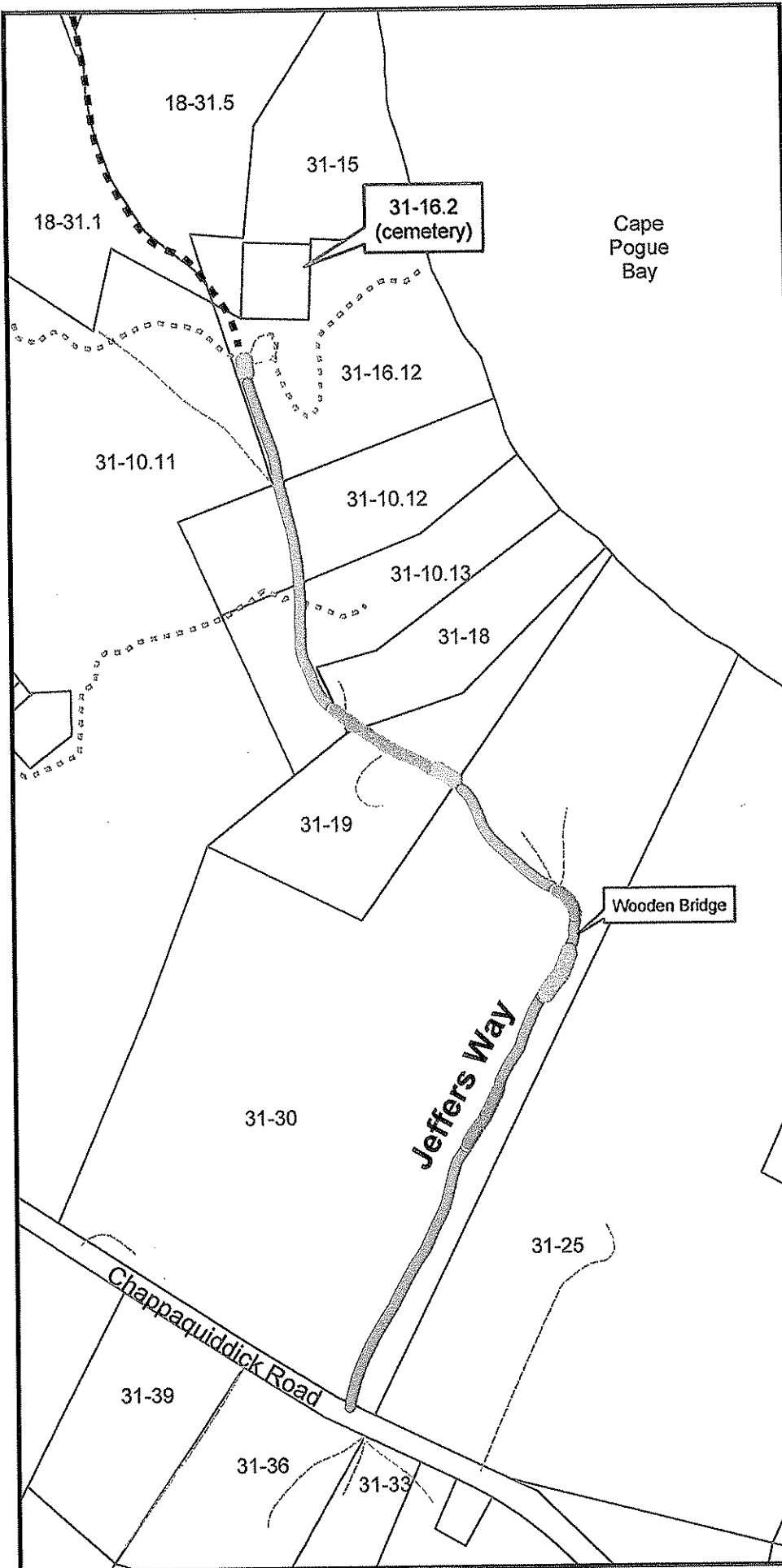
The nominated ways represent two types of potential inappropriate development.

Jeffers Lane is a narrow dirt road serving several properties that have subdivided off lots. If continued, this could result in increased vehicular traffic and widening of the road leaving little to distinguish traveled segments from any recently created dirt road in Edgartown or on Martha's Vineyard. (This seems unlikely for Jeffers Lane where much of the land is conserved from further development. In fact, the Land Bank has been "un-developing" (removing structures from) the vicinity of the cemetery at Hickory Cove.)

Old Wood Road is an existing footpath but potentially threatened by encroachment of abutting lands, especially from relatively small lots.

Answer to #3:

Some of these ways border existing residential neighborhoods, which provide or could provide, residents outdoor recreational opportunities and physical exercise. The ways used by vehicles could potentially accommodate a small amount of additional residential development. For ways that abut small residential lots, additional vegetative screening or fencing may be appropriate.



Edgartown Special Ways

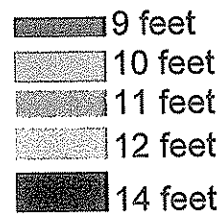
Special Vehicular Ways

Jeffers Way

Measured Road Widths
(top of banks)
as of January 26, 2010

Special Vehicular Ways


Width



 Width Pinch-point

 Turn-out *

Trail

 Trails

Additional Features

 Driveways

 Other Dirt Road

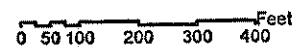
 Parcel Boundary

21 - 134.0 Map - Lot #

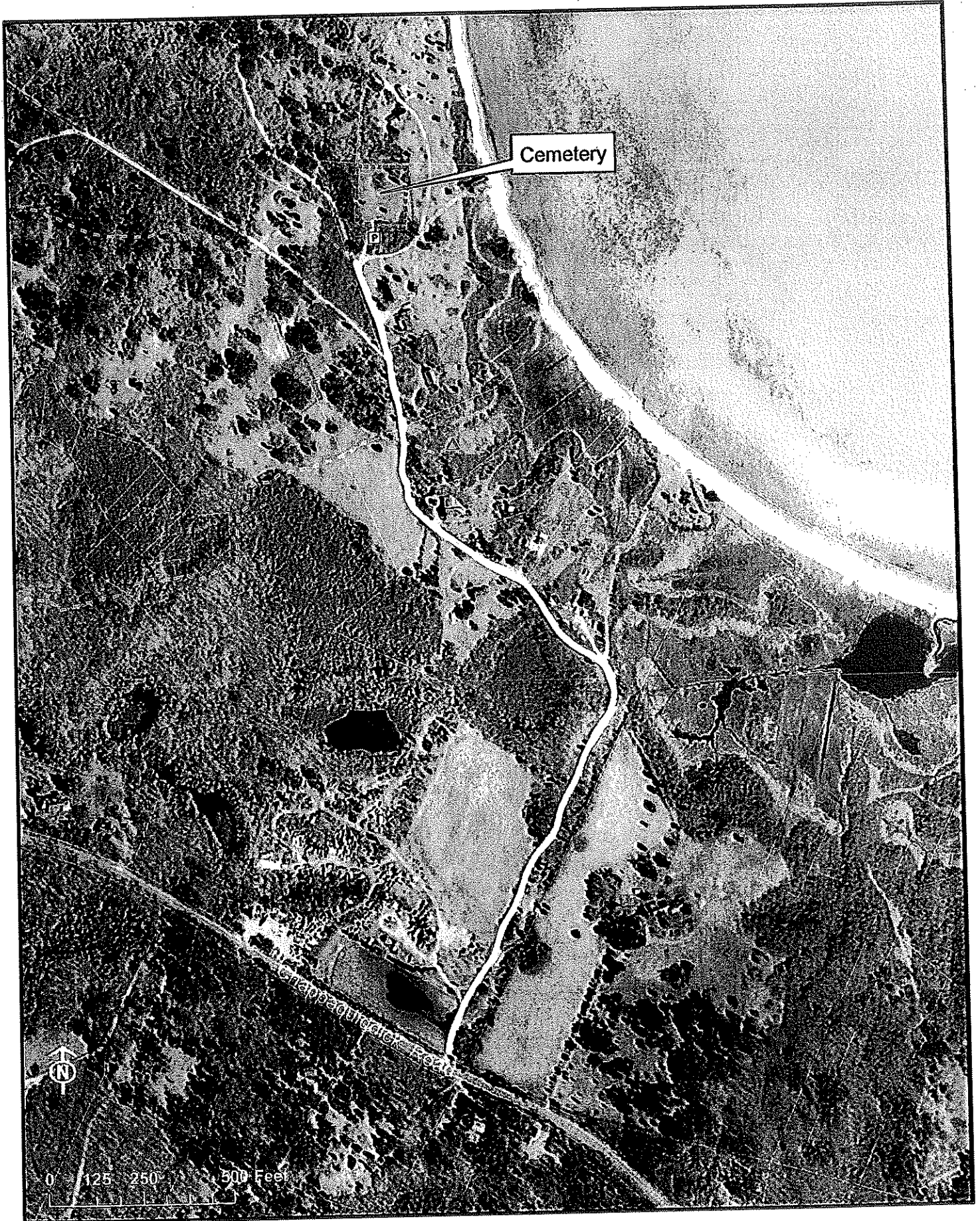
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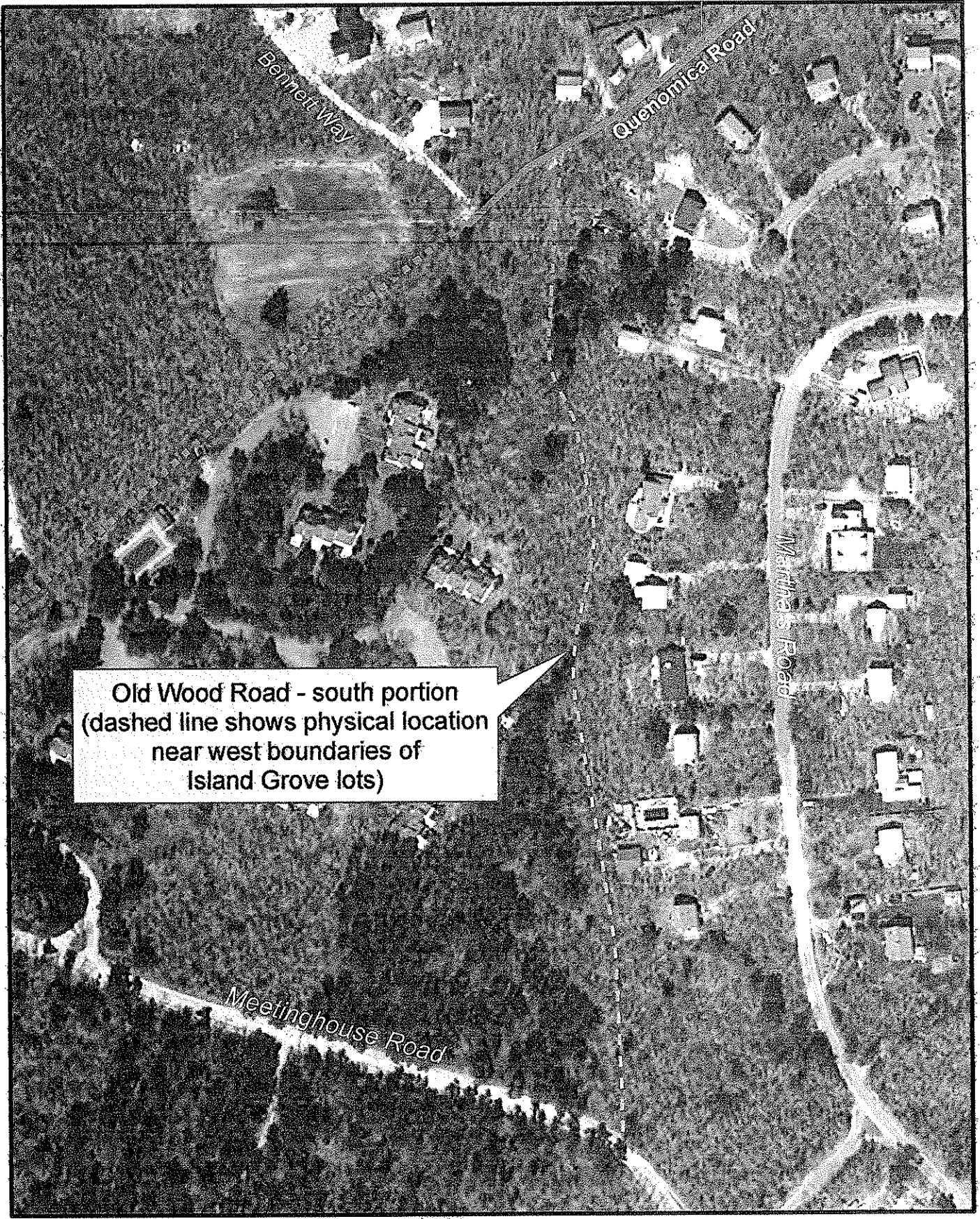
DISCLAIMER:
This map combines data from a variety of sources considered sufficiently accurate for the intended purposes of this map - a representation of the portion of certain Special Ways to be categorized as Special Vehicular Ways, and certain characteristics of such ways.

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 Data: Trails - MVC 2008; Parcels & Right of Ways - Cartographic Associates 2008;
 Projection: StatePlane, MA Mainland, NAD83, Meters
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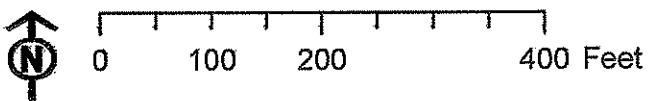


Jeffers Way Special Way - Edgartown





Old Wood Road - south portion
(dashed line shows physical location
near west boundaries of
Island Grove lots)



MVC; BVeno 7.7.09 (Aerial 2005)

Old Wood Road (south) Special Way - Edgartown