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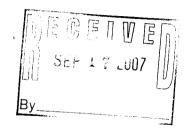
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Comments: See following.



I am sending the petition from the Edgartown Meadows Road Association, of which we are a member, as we strongly agree with its points. We are a home owner at 2 Fisherman's Knot Road and we have come to know and treasure our area and we are looking forward to retiring there in the near future.

The Island is a special place for us and over the last 8 years we have come to love it as a place to live. We regularly use and enjoy Middle Line Path when we walk our dogs. While we realize that nothing can stay the same, we hope that the change can not be at the expense of what makes the Island so special. It does not have to happen.

We live in Maryland, when not on Martha's Vineyard, in a small, desirable community just inside the Washington Beltway. We are only 5 miles from the District line, and along the Potomac River. The community goes back to at least the 18th century and still remains an area that has resisted successfully the feeling of a regular suburb. People who live here become very attached to it and are quite active in maintaining its character, even if it is recognized that new houses grow larger and fancier. One of the features that helps do this is a one-lane bridge, formerly known as the Union Arch Bridge, dated 1832, that is historic and remains the largest all-stone bridge in the world.

The paths, like our bridge, are part of the environment. Preserving them wold help preserve the history and Island environment for the future. They are part of the Island's common interest and it is the Commission's role to uphold these common interests for the benefit of all the landowners.