



# Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

## Quays Corner *Management Plan*

<i>acreage</i>	0.58 acres
<i>conservation significance and reason for acquisition</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) fresh water wetlands</li> <li>(2) scenic vistas</li> <li>(3) wildlife preserves</li> <li>(4) passive recreational use</li> </ul>
<i>special features</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Site is approximately halfway between Vineyard Haven Center and Oak Bluffs Center, providing a "waystation" for bicyclists and others</li> <li>(2) Access to the Vineyard Haven Harbor is within a minute's walk</li> <li>(3) Tract is one of the few remaining open areas in this section of Oak Bluffs and provides a "green fence" along otherwise busy and developed Eastville Avenue</li> </ul>
<i>origin of property name</i>	Charles Edward Banks's <u>The History of Martha's Vineyard</u> cites "Oohquaess" and, later, "Quays" as a place name used in land deeds in this section of Oak Bluffs in the eighteenth century.
<i>limitations and restrictions</i>	The Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission has jurisdiction through the Wetlands Protection Act over any alteration of the wetlands and associated resource areas.
<i>abutters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Henry and Patricia Corey</li> <li>(2) George Sevigny</li> </ul>
<i>vegetation</i>	A pocket of freshwater wetlands is found at the rear of the site. The tract is otherwise composed of pines, cedars, and lower vegetation.
<i>vehicular access and parking</i>	No motorized vehicles shall be permitted on-site, with the exception of Land Bank Commission maintenance vehicles.

<i>bicycle racks</i>	As with all other land bank properties, a bicycle rack shall be installed so that bicycles and other such vehicles may pause here. The rack shall be sited just off of the beginning of the trail which leads to the small clearing.
<i>trails</i>	A short footpath shall be cut off of the Beach Street Extension just north of its intersection with Eastville Avenue to lead to a small clearing where benches shall be located. As with all other land bank properties, use of this clearing is expected to be low-key; it shall be at least partially screened from Eastville Avenue to ensure such low-key use and to promote the general aesthetics of the area.
<i>fencing</i>	None currently. The Land Bank Commission shall consult with any abutters who post "no trespassing" signs along their boundary with the property and shall offer to install split-rail fencing and boundary markers, as necessary, as an alternative to the signs.
<i>fields</i>	None.
<i>stone walls</i>	None.
<i>benches</i>	Two rustic-style benches shall be sited in the small clearing.
<i>signs</i>	A land bank logo sign will be erected on the preserve's Eastville Avenue frontage.
<i>trash</i>	No trash collection services will be provided; Land Bank Commission property management staff shall regularly inspect the property and shall remove any trash found.
<i>hunting</i>	No hunting shall be permitted on this property, in accordance with the Land Bank Commission's adopted hunting policy.
<i>on-going actions</i>	(1) Develop a species inventory (2) Establish a base map (3) Impose conservation restriction over entire tract
<i>distribution of management expenses</i>	All expenses associated with the management of this property shall be absorbed by the Central Fund.

*approved by the Oak Bluffs Town Advisory Board: October 22, 1991*

*approved by vote of the Land Bank Commission: July 29, 1991*

*approved by the secretary of environmental affairs: May 7, 1992*