Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

Quays Corner
Management Plan

acreage 0.58 acres

conservation significance and reason for acquisition
(1) fresh water wetlands
(2) scenic vistas
(3) wildlife preserves
(4) passive recreational use

special features
(1) Site is approximately halfway between Vineyard Haven Center and Oak Bluffs Center, providing a "waystation" for bicyclists and others
(2) Access to the Vineyard Haven Harbor is within a minute's walk
(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

origin of property name
Charles Edward Banks's The History of Martha's Vineyard cites "Oohquaess" and, later, "Quays" as a place name used in land deeds in this section of Oak Bluffs in the eighteenth century.

limitations and restrictions
The Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission has jurisdiction through the Wetlands Protection Act over any alteration of the wetlands and associated resource areas.

abutters
(1) Henry and Patricia Corey
(2) George Sevigny

vegetation
A pocket of freshwater wetlands is found at the rear of the site. The tract is otherwise composed of pines, cedars, and lower vegetation.

vehicular access and parking
No motorized vehicles shall be permitted on-site, with the exception of Land Bank Commission maintenance vehicles.
bicycle racks
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.

trails
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.

fencing
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.

fields
None.

stone walls
None.

benches
Two rustic-style benches shall be sited in the small clearing.

signs
A land bank logo sign will be erected on the preserve's Eastville Avenue frontage.

trash
No trash collection services will be provided; Land Bank Commission property management staff shall regularly inspect the property and shall remove any trash found.

hunting
No hunting shall be permitted on this property, in accordance with the Land Bank Commission's adopted hunting policy.

on-going actions
(1) Develop a species inventory
(2) Establish a base map
(3) Impose conservation restriction over entire tract

distribution of management expenses
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