



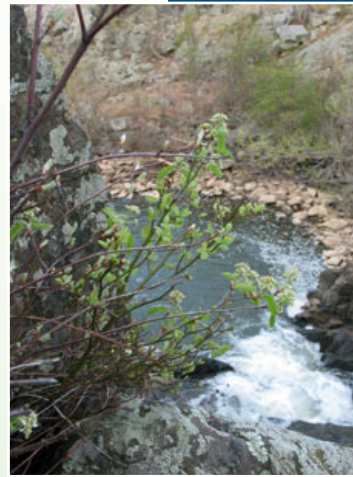
Nantucket Natural Heritage Coordination

Town of Nantucket, Massachusetts

The Horsley Witten Group, Inc. (HW) has contracted with the Town of Nantucket to address the redevelopment of a 20-acre Town-owned property slated to become a public safety facility and cultural arts center. Portions of this property are mapped as *Priority Habitat of Rare Species* for the State-listed Nantucket shadbush (*Amelanchier nantucketensis*), one of the site constraints that will influence the final project design.

HW is working in conjunction with the Town and their architect, Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc., to further the Conceptual Master Plan for full build-out of this property and design and permit the project through the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP). A mandatory review under Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA; M.G.L. c. 30 §§ 61 through 62H, inclusive) is also required for work within rare species habitat.

As an adjunct to the project, HW is working with the Town and other private conservation entities to serve as the NHESP Coordinator for the Town of Nantucket to further the Town's goal of sustainable development. With Nantucket's unique situation containing numerous rare species and globally-rare plant communities, and with nearly half of the island already designated as conservation lands, options for setting aside additional lands for preservation are increasingly limited.



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