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Nickerson Complex Resource Management Plan

DCR Public Meeting

December 5, 2013; 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Cape Cod Community College, Barnstable

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Governor
Deval L. Patrick

Energy and Environmental Secretary
Richard K. Sullivan, Jr.

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner
John P. Murray

DCR Mission Statement

To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well being of all

Tonight's Meeting

Playground – Shawme-Crowell State Forest

Crosby Mansion – Nickerson State Park

- Presentation
  - Introduction to Resource Management Plans (RMPs)
  - Overview of the Nickerson Complex
  - RMP contents
- Public Input

RMP Requirements

Management plans are prepared for "all reservations, parks, and forests under the management of the department"

M.G.L. Chapter 21; Section 2F

RMPs Shall …

CCC Pavilion – Nickerson State Park

"include guidelines for the operation and land stewardship of… reservations, parks and forests"

"provide for the protection and stewardship of natural and cultural resources"

"ensure consistency between recreation, resource protection and sustainable forest management"

M.G.L. Chapter 21; Section 2F

Resource Management Plans:

- Consider the past, present, and future of a property
- Guide short and long-term management
- Help set priorities for capital and operating budgets, and resource allocation
- Enhance communication and cooperation with visitors, partners, and surrounding communities

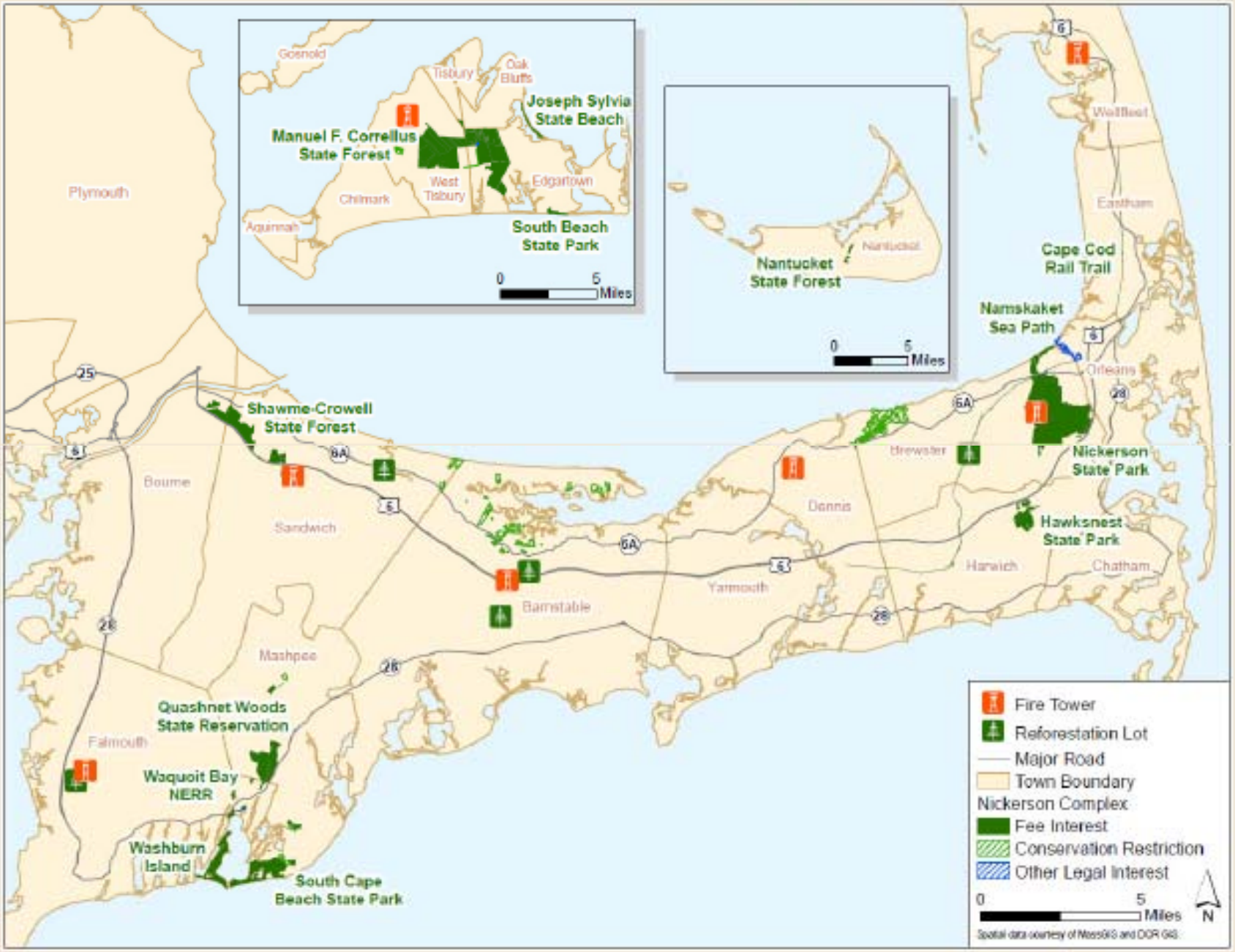
Operational Complex

Natural Resources Management – Waquoit Bay NERR

Beachgoers – Flax Pond – Nickerson State Park

- DCR manages over 400 properties (more than 450,000 acres)
- Properties are grouped into 32 operational complexes, each managed by a Field Operations Team
- An RMP covers *all* properties in an operational complex

Nickerson Complex



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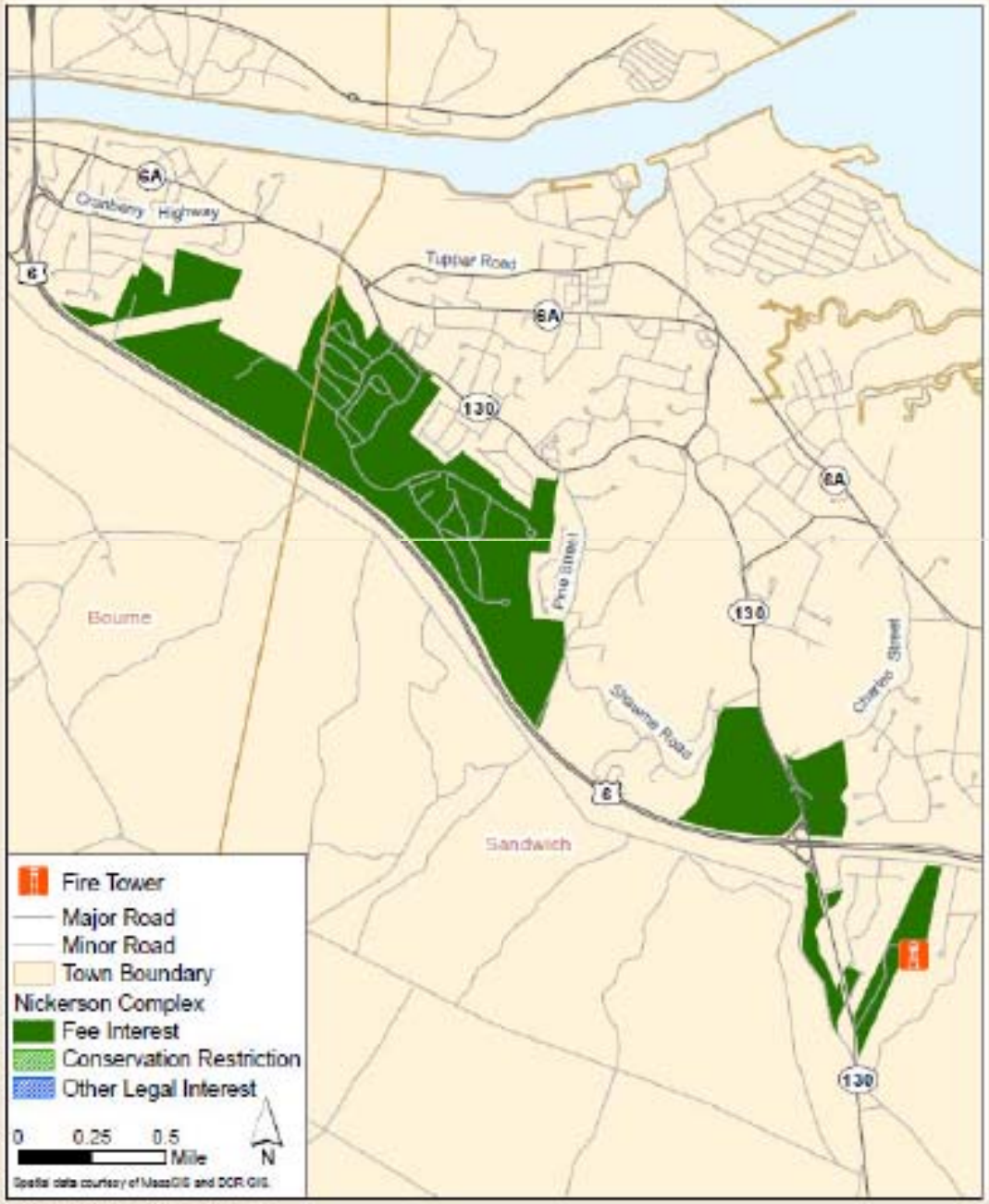

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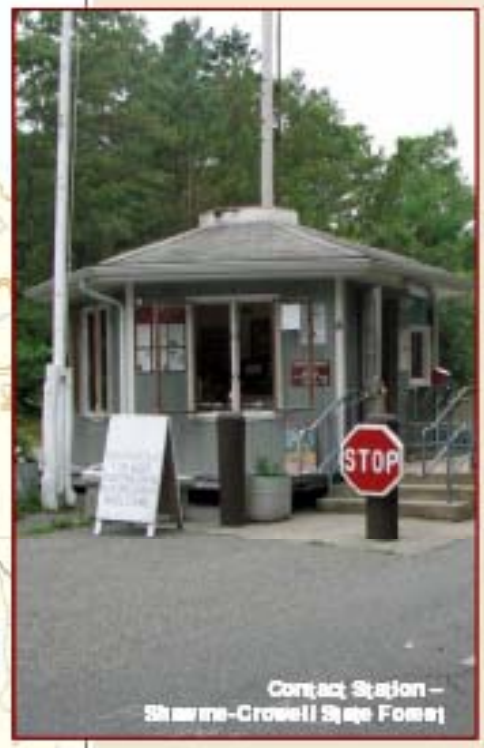
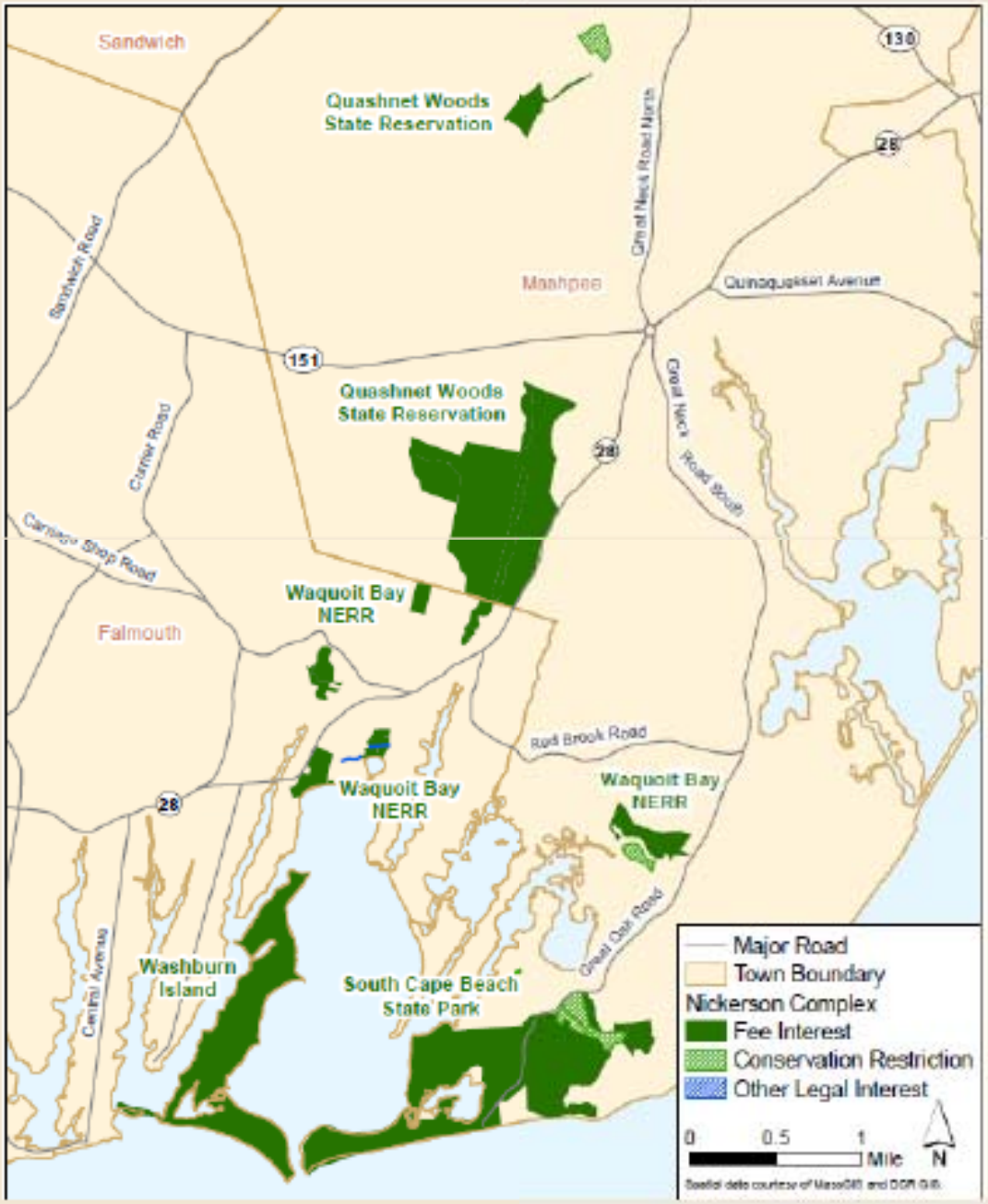


Contact Station – Shawme-Crowell State Forest

Waquoit Bay Properties



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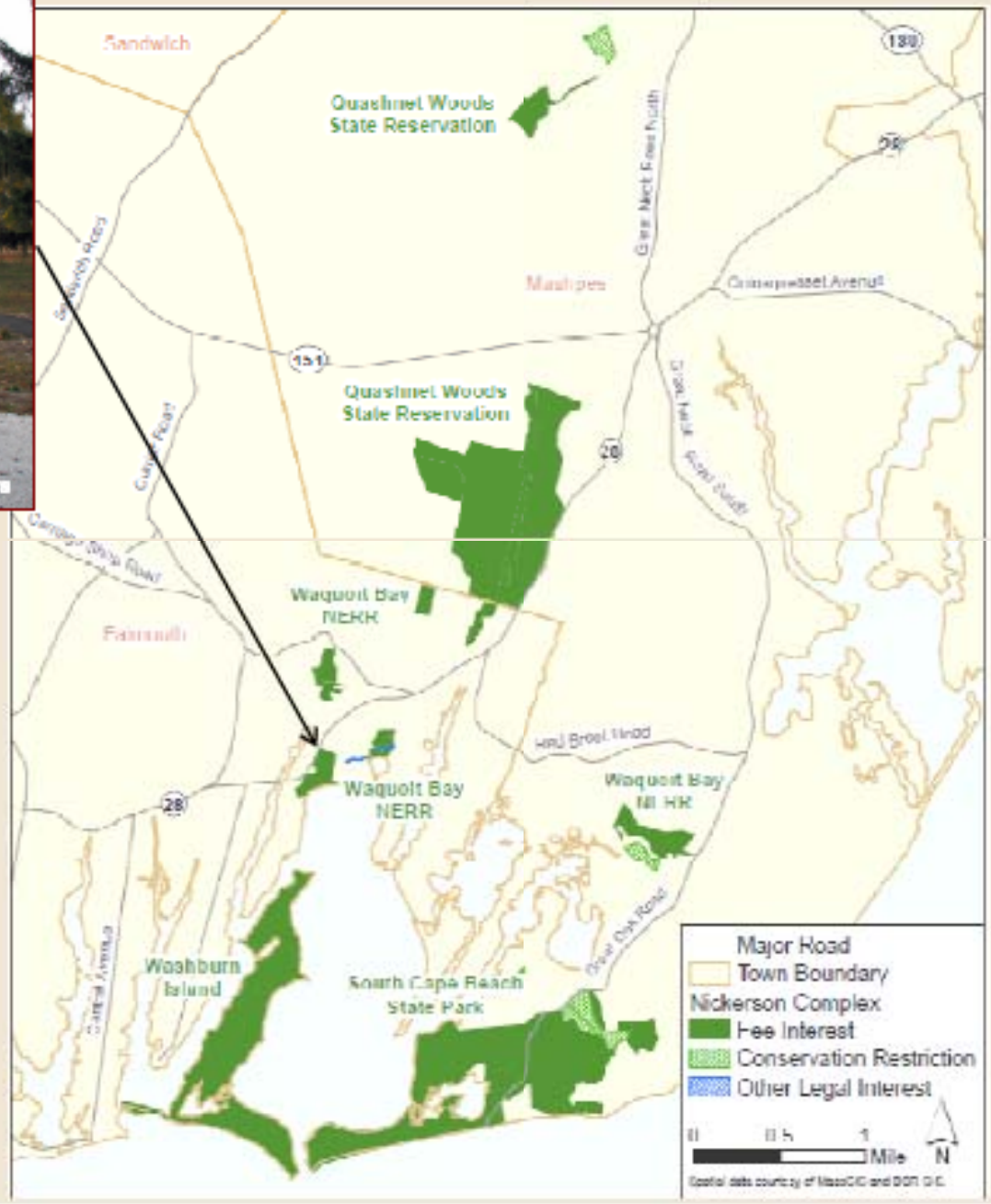

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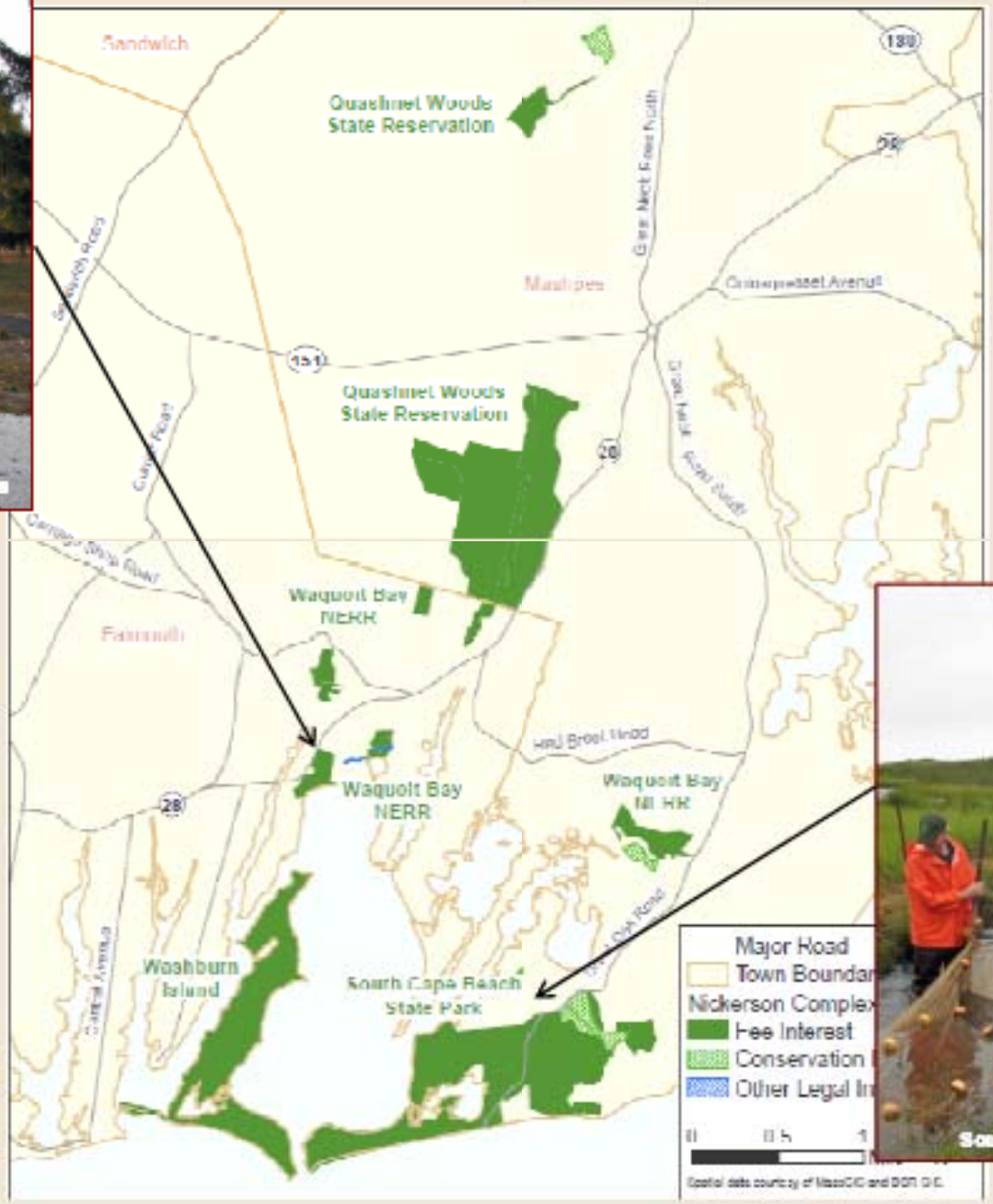

Waquoit Bay Properties

Waquoit Bay NERR - Headquarters

Washburn Island

Ecological Research - South Cape Beach State Park

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Quashnet Woods State Reservation

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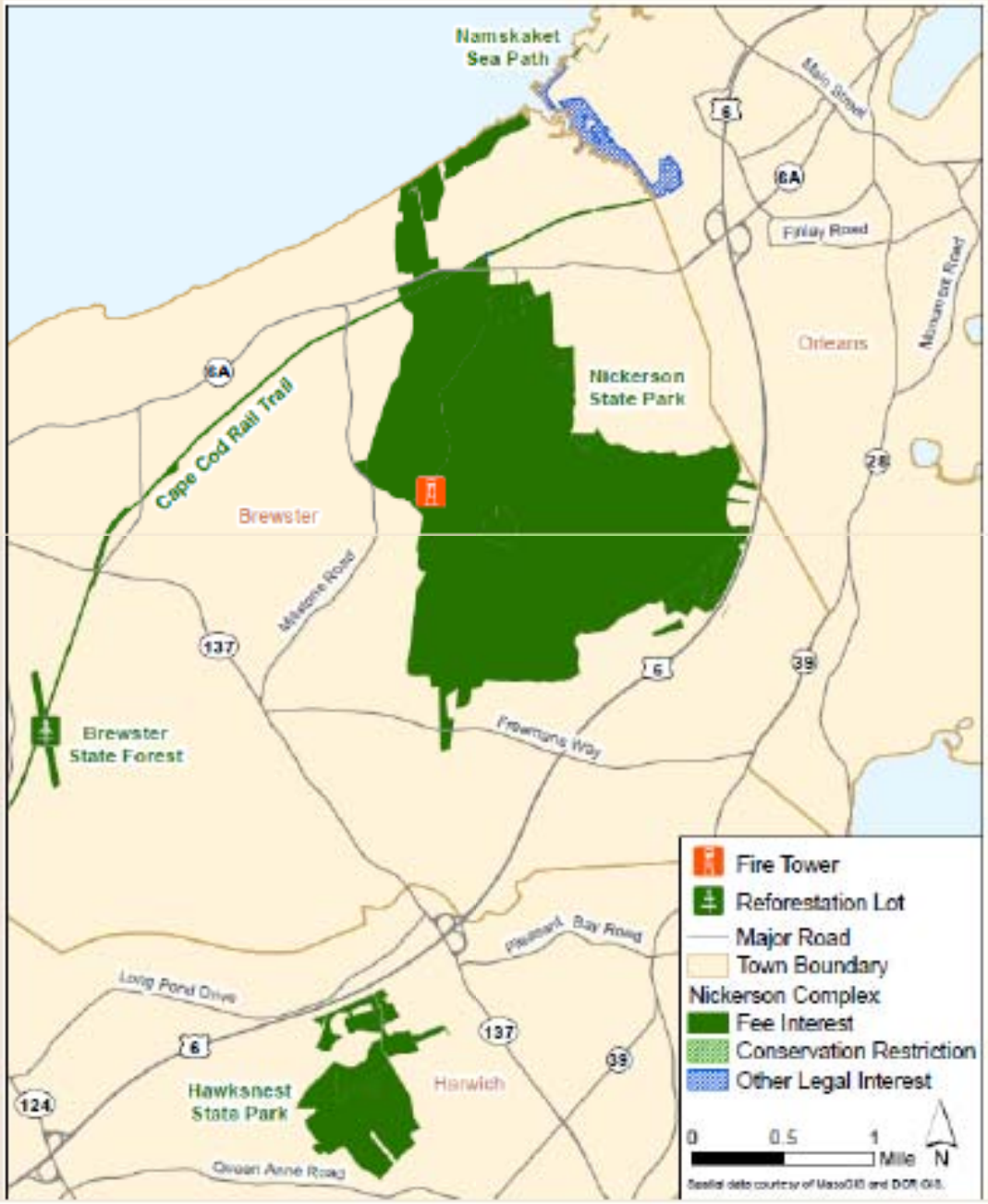
Nickerson State Park



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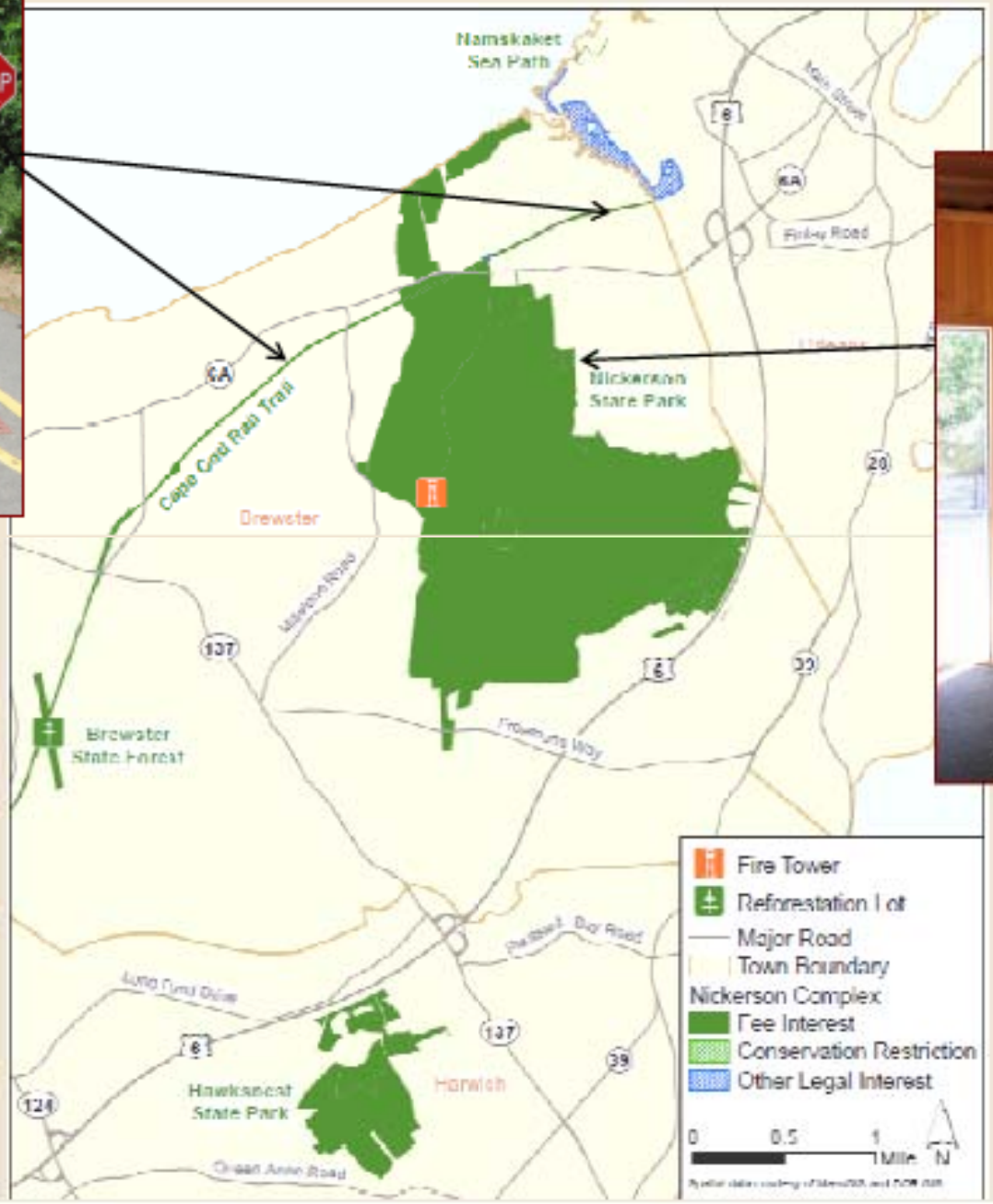
Wellfleet Trailhead – CCRT



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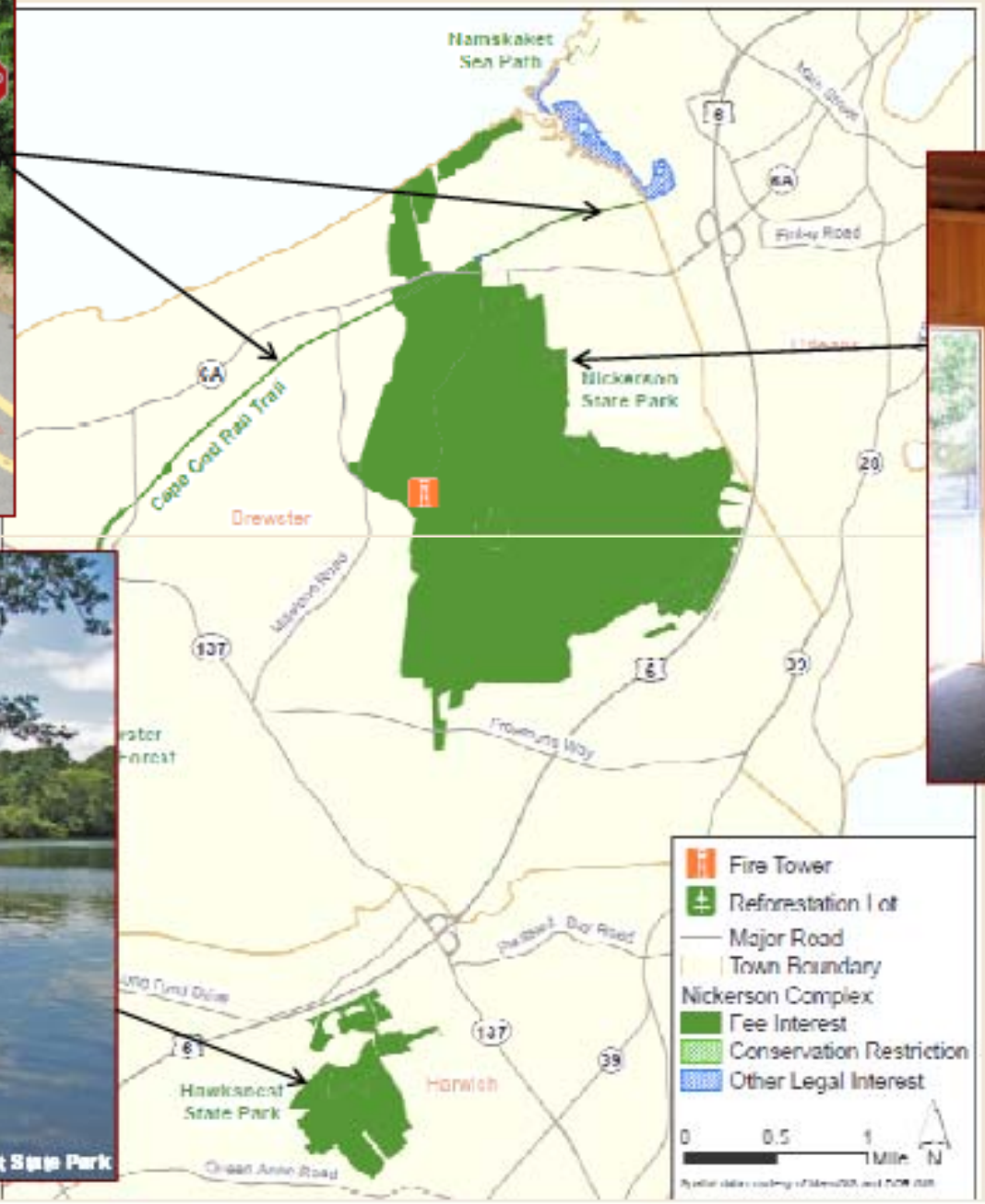

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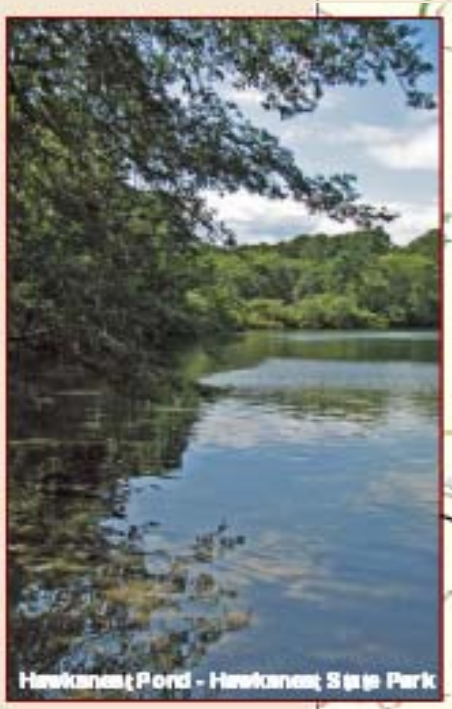
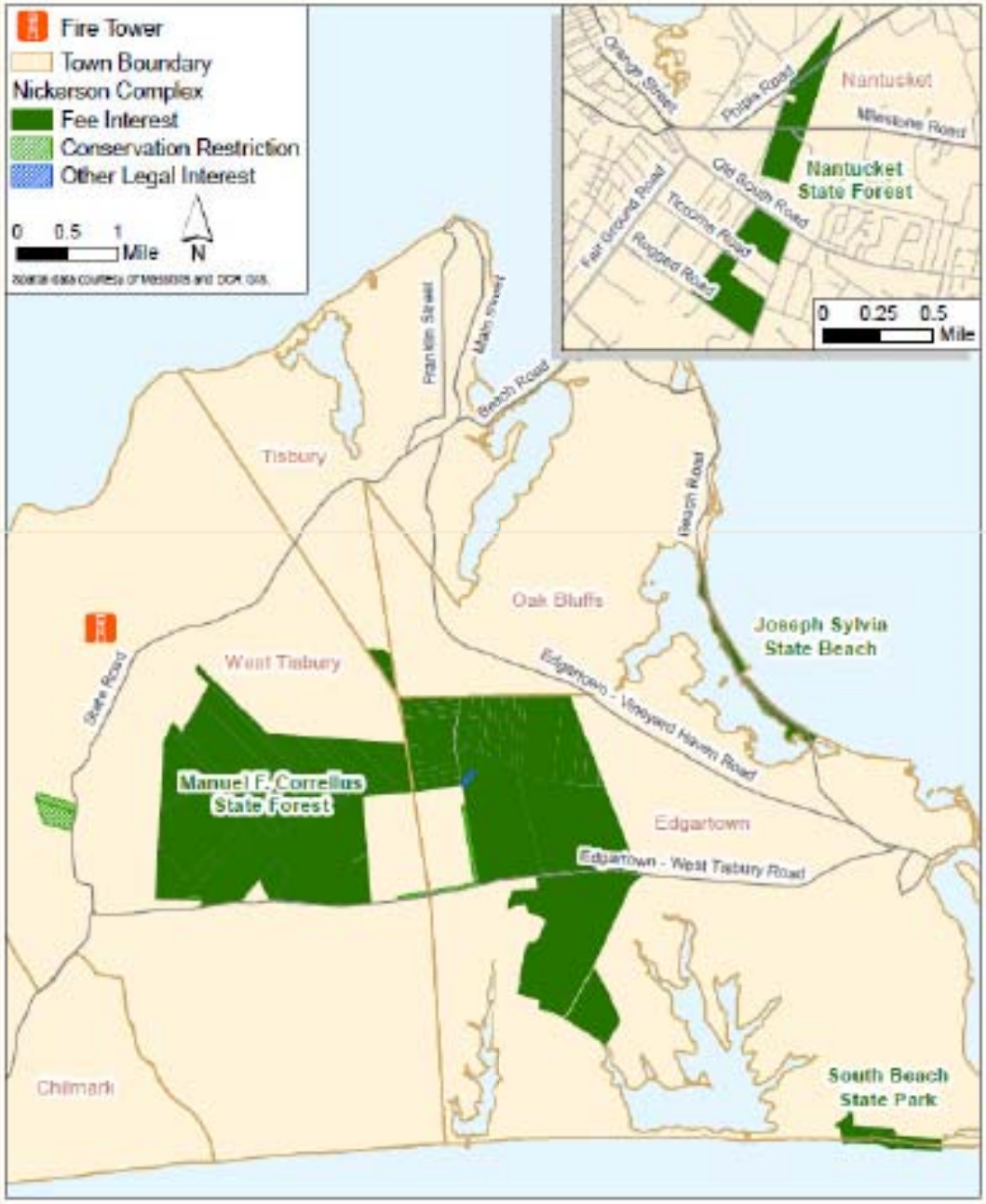


Hawksnest Pond - Hawksnest State Park

Manuel F. Correllus State Forest



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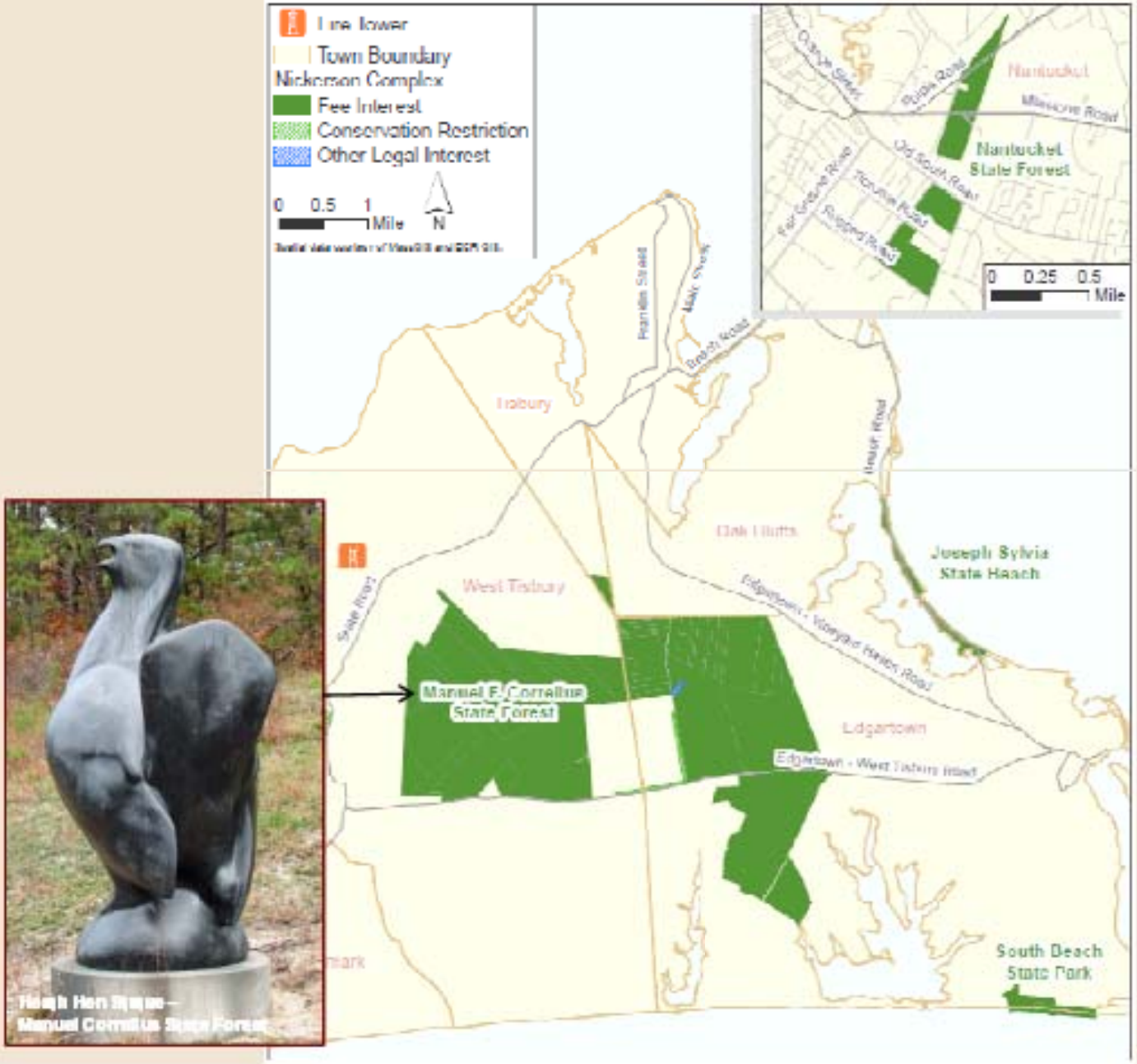

Hough Hen Sculpture – Manuel Correllus State Forest

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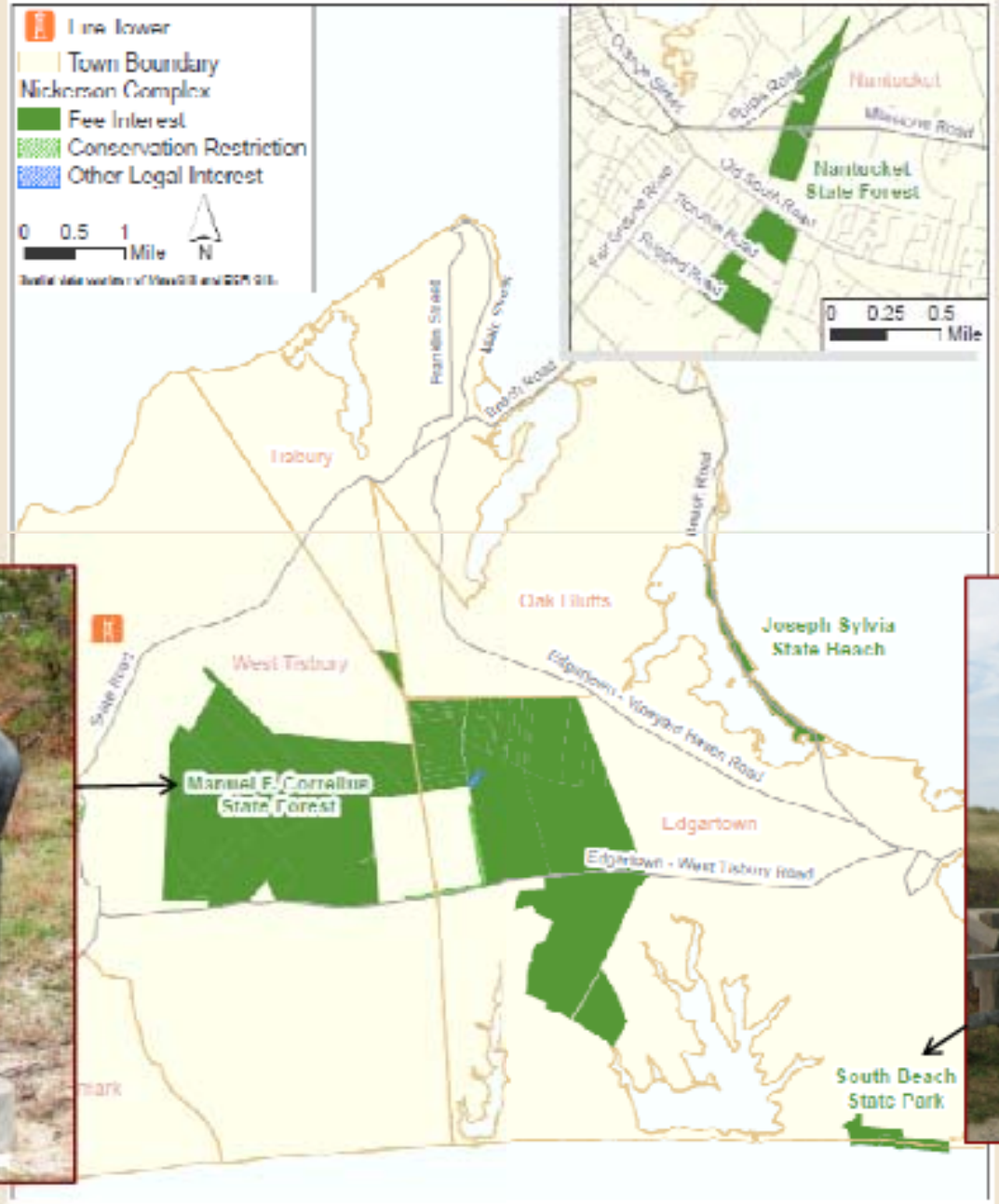

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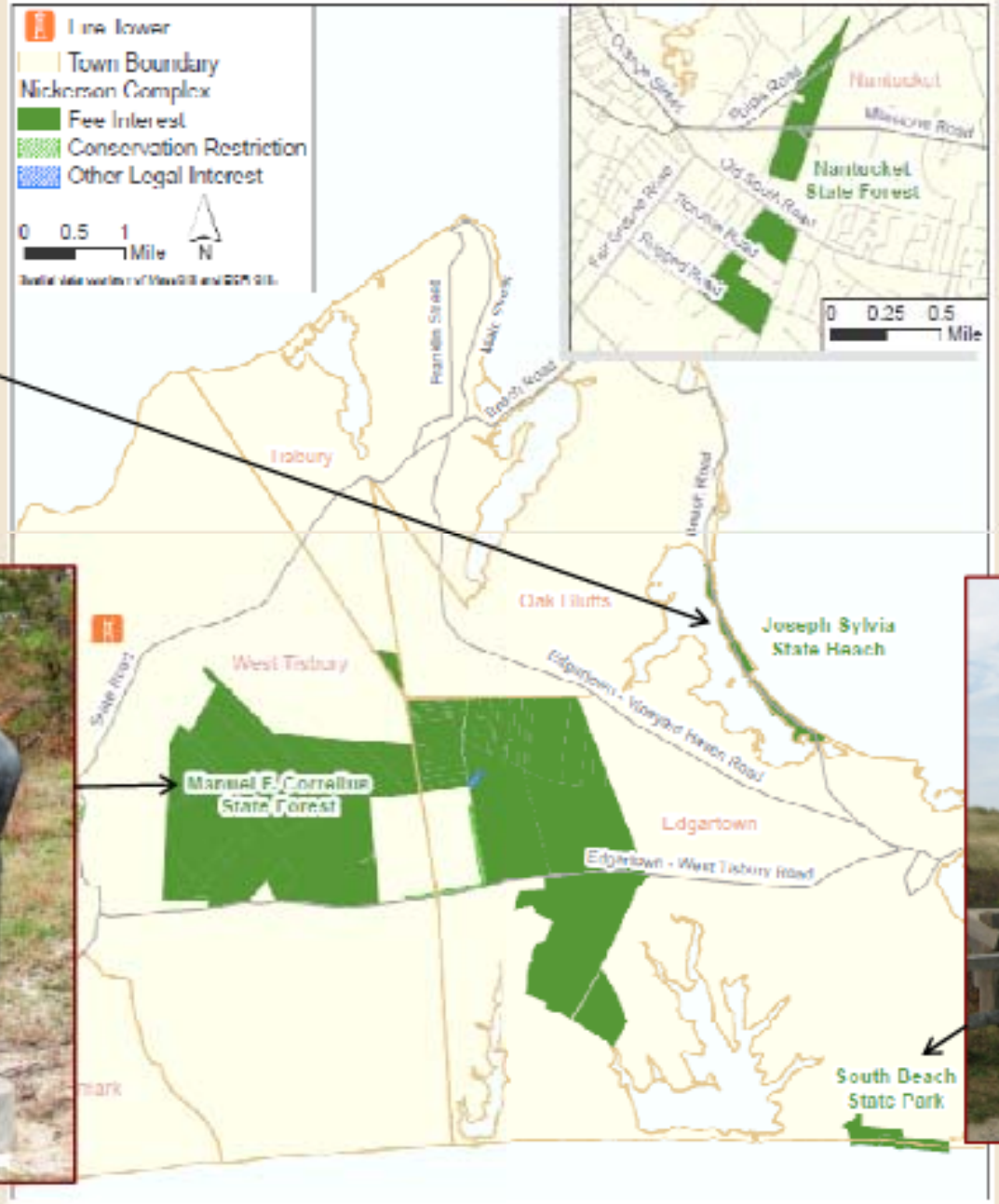

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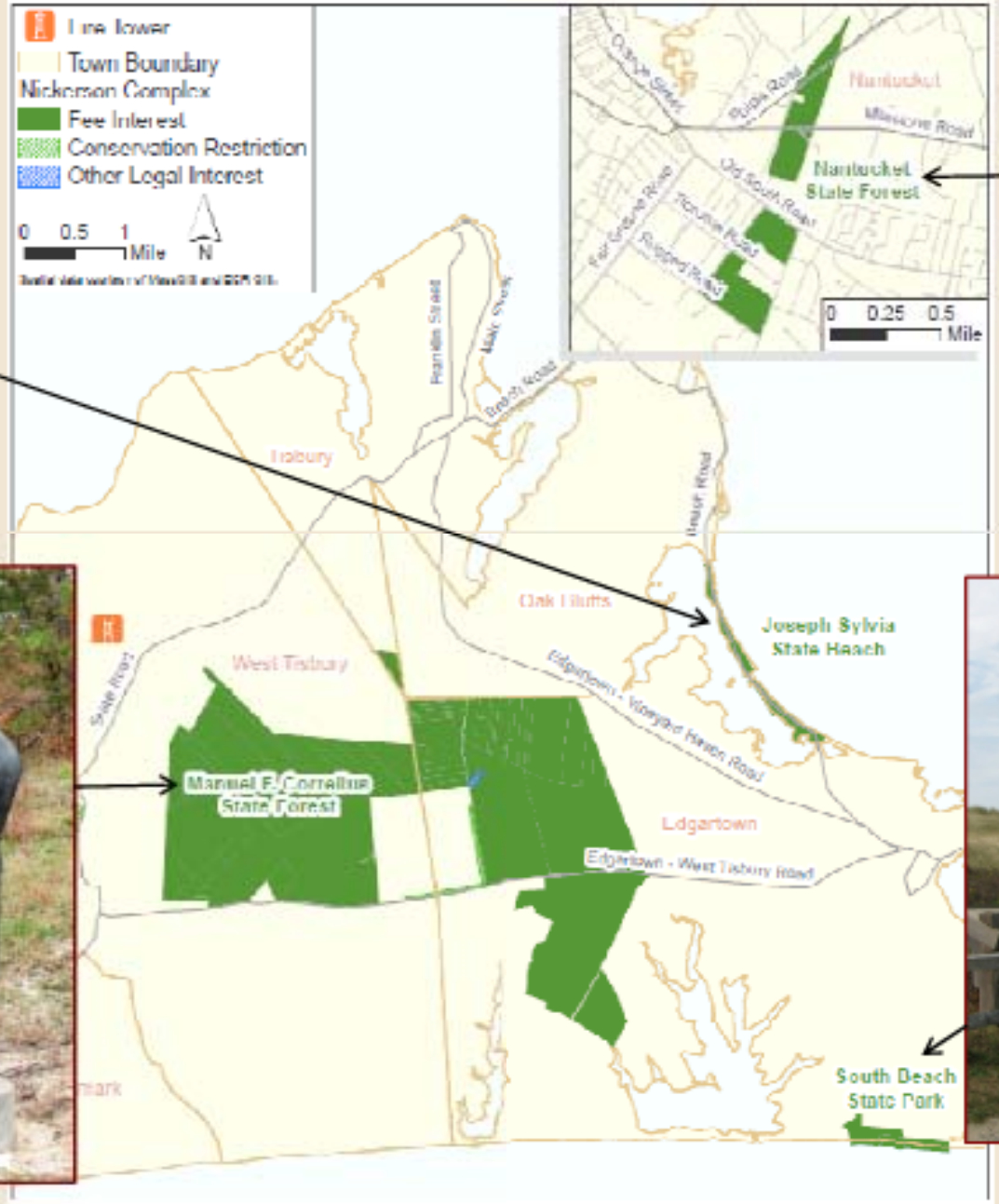
Joseph Sylvia State Beach

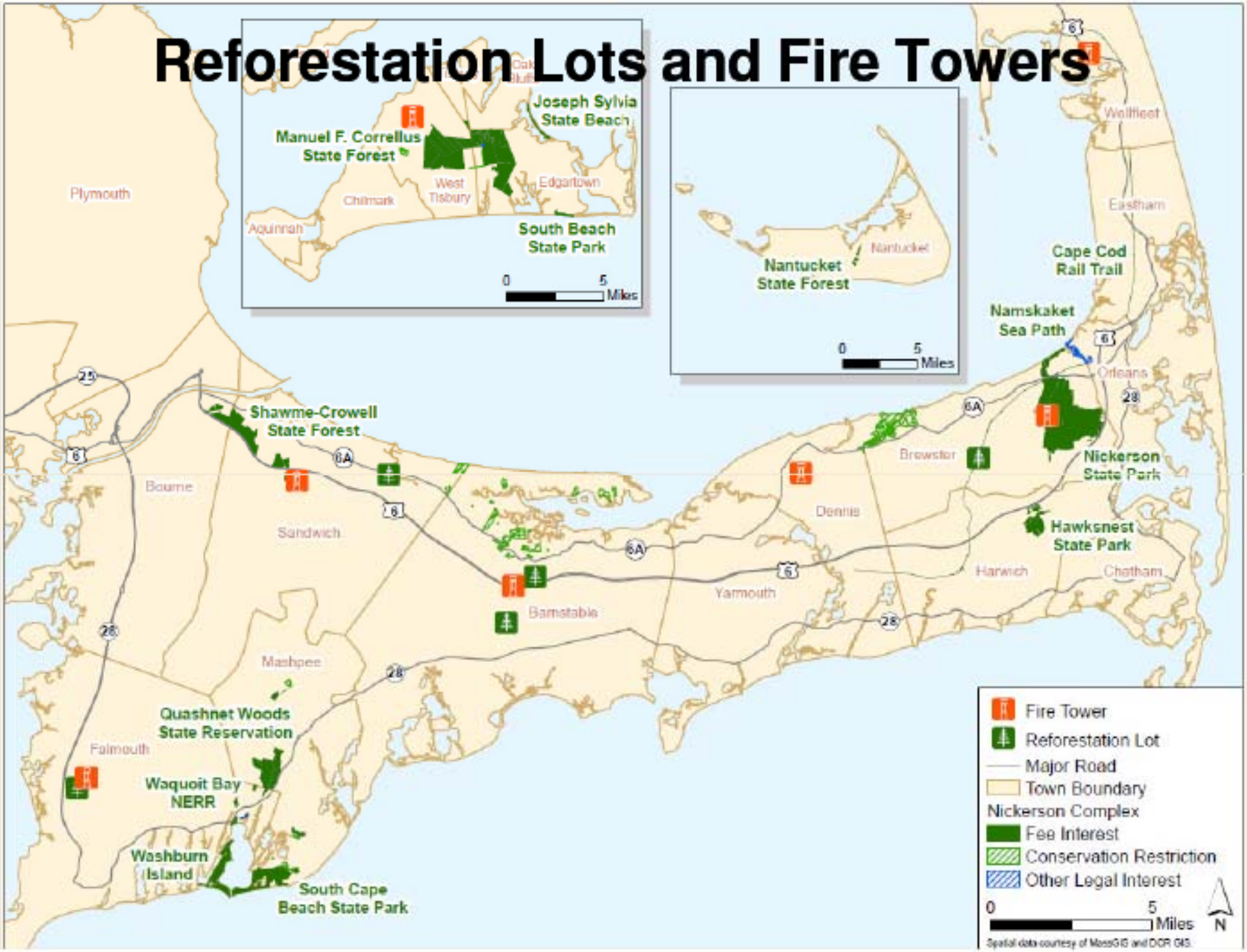


Disc Golf Course - Nantucket State Forest

Hough Hen Sculpture – Manuel Correllus State Forest

South Beach State Park

Reforestation Lots and Fire Towers



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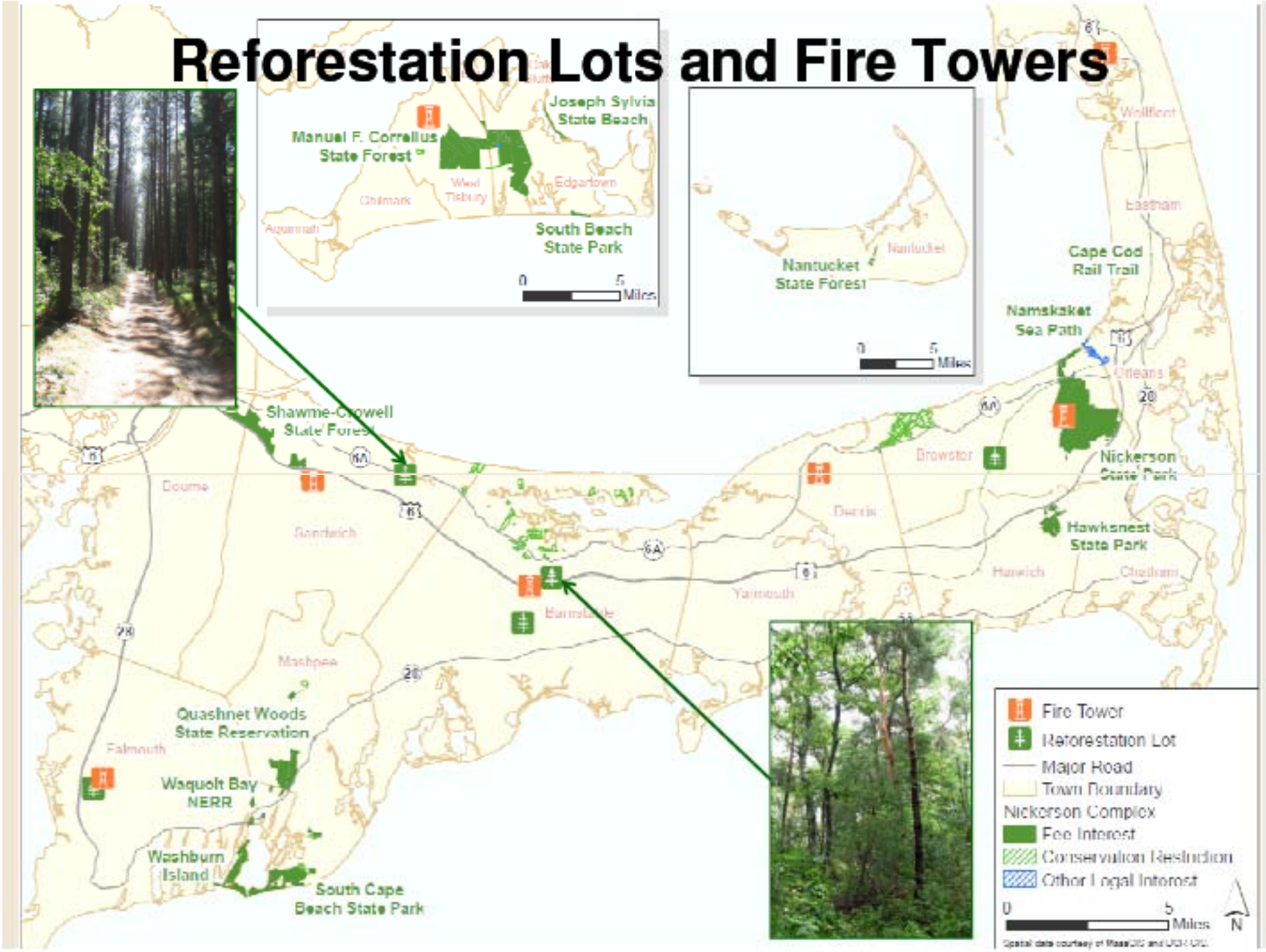

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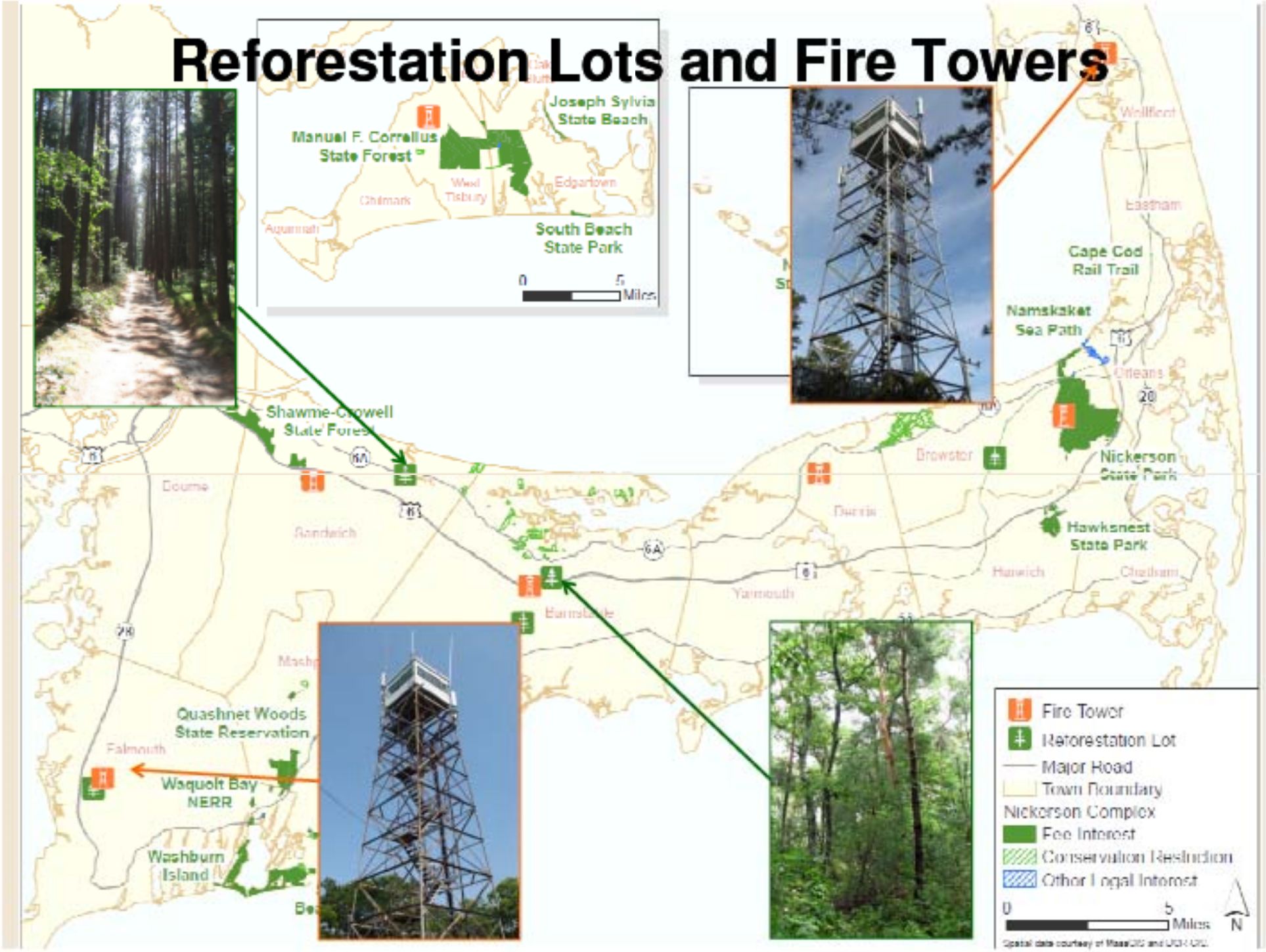

RMP Contents

South Cape Beach – Waquoit Bay NERR

Interpretive Program – Nickerson State Park Amphitheater

- Existing Conditions
  - Natural Resources
  - Cultural Resources
  - Recreation Resources
  - Infrastructure
- Management Resources & Practices
  - Operations & Facilities Management
  - Interpretive Services & Environmental Education
- *Recommendations*
  - *Land Stewardship Zoning*
  - *Specific, high-priority management recommendations*

Tentative Schedule

Date	Action
December 5, 2013	1st Public meeting
December 7, 2013	Open House – Martha's Vineyard
December 7 – January 10	Public input period
January – April 2014	Plan preparation and internal review
Spring 2014	Revision of internal draft RMP
"	2nd Public meeting & release of draft RMP
"	30-day public comment period
"	Revision of draft RMP
Summer 2014	Revised RMP submitted to Stewardship Council and posted to web
"	Stewardship Council vote
"	Final draft of RMP posted to web

Public Comment

Coastal Plain Pondshore – Nickerson State Park

Salt Marsh – South Beach Cape State Park

- RMP format or process
- Natural Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Recreation Resources
- Interpretive Services
- Operations & Facility Management
- Information to contribute
- Other

Public Comment

General Guidelines

- Please state:
  - Name
  - Affiliation (if any), and
  - Name of property on which you are commenting

- To assist us, please make comments in the context of what resources or issues DCR should address during the Resource Management Planning process.

Additional Information

For more information:

Web: http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/rmppast.htm

Send your comments and suggestions to:

E-mail: dcr.updates@state.ma.us
Please put "Nickerson Complex RMP" in the subject line

U.S. Mail: Department of Conservation and Recreation
Office of Public Outreach
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Boston, MA 02114

Note: Public comments submitted to DCR will be posted in their entirety on the DCR website.

Thank You for Participating