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RE: Draft 208 Plan Update
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This brief comment relates to the open space aspects of the Draft Section 208 Cape Cod Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan Update. It is important that this section be consistent as to the acreage in protected open space at Joint Base Cape Cod (formerly Massachusetts Military Reservation), and therefore to the total open space acreage on Cape Cod. JBCC is referred to under Open Space Protection, p. 6-9, but not on p. 6-15.

The 22 of us appointed by the state in 1997 to create a Master Plan for the then MMR recognized the imperative to protect the base as open space in the face of multiple threats to develop it for myriad/mixed uses. The resultant legislation, in Chapter 47, 2002, codified our recommendations for the upper 15,000 acres of the base known as Camp Edwards, including its permanent protection as open space (the Upper Cape Regional Water Supply Cooperative is an inherent component of this protection, and military uses were permitted but governed by strict environmental performance standards).

A document from Governor Jane Swift's office in 2002 reinforces the open space protection of Camp Edwards' 15,000 acres: "A final plus of the CWG's work is that if or when the military no longer needs Camp Edwards, it will be protected as open space in perpetuity."

Respectfully offered,

Mimi McConnell
Chair, Community Working Group, 1997-2002