

**DCR'S HERITAGE LANDSCAPE INVENTORY PROGRAM
CAPE COD COMMISSION RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY**

LOCAL IDENTIFICATION MEETING

What are Heritage Landscapes?

- Areas that contain both natural and cultural resources.
- Places that reflect human interaction with the environment.
- Resources that help to define the character of your community.

In short, heritage landscapes are those features of your community that have unique qualities and are considered to be a special place.

Goals of the Local Identification Meeting

The purpose of the Local Identification Meeting is to gather a group of knowledgeable and interested residents and municipal employees together to create a list of priority heritage landscapes in your community. The goals of this meeting are to:

- Recognize the historical and geographical factors that shaped your community
- Brainstorm about potential heritage landscapes in your community
- Create a master list of heritage landscapes in the process
- Discuss significance, community value and potential or real threats to these landscapes
- Agree on a list of 5-10 priority landscapes to be surveyed
- Discuss the consultants' fieldwork plans
- Identify individuals knowledgeable about priority landscapes for input

Questions to keep in mind:

- What are the physical qualities and historical associations that make this landscape special?
- What are the potential threats to this landscape?
- What is this landscape's value to your community?

Prioritizing Heritage Landscapes

You are going to be asked to prioritize the heritage landscapes that have been identified during this meeting to determine what landscapes the consulting team will visit during the fieldwork. You will be doing this through a voting process – when determining which landscapes you believe are most in need of attention, please keep the following selection criteria in mind.

Selection Criteria

- Is the landscape threatened by:
 - lack of knowledge?
 - ownership & stewardship?
 - planning & development?
 - environmental changes?
 - neglect?
 - lack of long-term protective mechanism?
- Is there public interest in the site, and support for its protection?
- Are there any physical or thematic connections that link two or more landscapes together?
- Is the community's diversity of landscape types represented?