

**Island Plan: Target Areas**  
**Example of Possible Goals and Targets**

**NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

<p><b>Overall Goal</b></p>	<p><b>Ensure sufficient and adequately managed terrestrial natural communities to 1) restore and maintain viable populations of all the Vineyard’s native species and 2) to provide Green Services necessary to support the human population and its compatible recreational uses.</b></p>		
	<p><b>Target – 2010</b></p>	<p><b>Target – 2025</b></p>	<p><b>Target – 2050</b></p>
<p><b>Sandplain</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MVC creates or adopts a Minimum Viable Areas Map that reflects 1) acreage necessary to sustain all native species and their habitats, 2) Green Services, and 3) optimal places to protect, manage and restore these lands.</li> <li>• ____ additional acres protected for a total of ____.</li> <li>• 1,000 acres/year managed with prescribed fire</li> <li>• Begin native plant landscaping initiatives with towns, county and pilot neighborhoods</li> <li>• Testing underway of redevelopment and restoration strategies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MVC reviews benchmarks of progress and revises strategies to protect and restore habitat and to facilitate specific management practices.</li> <li>• ____ additional acres protected for a total of ____.</li> <li>• 2,000 acres/year managed with prescribed fire</li> <li>• Program to re-landscape to 50% native vegetation cover in key areas between conservation lands</li> <li>• Begin management of invasive and non-native species.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Viable-sized patches of sandplain habitats are restored, re-connected and managed, or nearly so.</li> <li>• ____ additional acres protected for a total of ____.</li> <li>• 3,000 acres/year managed with prescribed fire</li> <li>• Begin reintroduction of extirpated native species.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Moraine</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map Minimum Viable Areas (as above)</li> <li>• ____ additional acres protected for a total of ____.</li> <li>• Policies in place preventing the introduction of new invasive species and pests</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check benchmarks and revises strategies (as above)</li> <li>• ____ acres protected</li> <li>• Critical road barriers provided with wildlife underpasses</li> <li>• Reintroduction of extirpated native species begun</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Viably-sized patches of morainal</li> <li>• ____ acres protected</li> <li>• 2,000 acres managed for old-growth woodland</li> <li>• 1,000 acres managed for moorlands</li> </ul>
<p><b>Coastal</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies in place preventing shoreline revetment and stabilization on barrier beaches</li> <li>• Publicly acceptable program abating threat of invasive plants and non-native predators begun</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple campaigns underway to reduce impact of invasive plants and non-native predators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shoreline erosion and accretion occur at anticipated pace</li> <li>• Surviving native species managed towards viability</li> </ul>

*Note: This example was prepared for discussion purposes only and has not been endorsed by the Island Plan Steering Committee.  
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