

Real Estate Services

# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Eastern Regional Office  
545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700  
Nashville, TN 37214

AUG 21 2015

Honorable Estele C. Borges  
President, City Council  
City of Taunton  
141 Oak Street  
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

Dear Ms. Borges:

The purpose of this letter is to provide a 30-day notification of a proposed action by the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to proclaim lands held in trust by the United States of America as a reservation for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (Tribe). The Tribe has filed a request with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to proclaim approximately 321 acres in Barnstable and Bristol Counties, Massachusetts, as the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Reservation.

These lands are currently pending a decision by the Secretary to accept title in the name of the United States to be held in trust for the use and benefit of the Tribe. If approved, the lands will be transferred into trust status for the Tribe upon acceptance of deeds by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs under delegated authority from the Secretary. Section 7 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984; 25 U.S.C. 467) provides that the Secretary may proclaim new Indian reservations or add lands to existing reservations. The Secretary requires that notice be given to apprise local government officials of Federal actions affecting lands within their jurisdictional borders.

This notification action is simply an administrative function which is required before the Tribe may take advantage of special Federal assistance programs for lands held in trust for Indian tribes. In addition, this action clarifies Tribal jurisdiction over the trust property. Please note that to be proclaimed an Indian reservation, it is requisite that the lands be held in trust. If a decision denying the acceptance of the Tribe's lands into trust is made by the Assistant Secretary, no reservation proclamation will be issued.

This is strictly a notification of an impending action requiring no action or comments on your part; however, should you have any comments resulting from this notice, please direct them to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, Tennessee 37214. Any comments received within 30 days of the date of receipt of this letter at the above address will be considered. Your comments will be made available to the applicant. You will be notified of the decision to approve or deny the request.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Randall Trickey, Regional Realty Officer, at (615) 564-6770.

Sincerely,

  
Acting Regional Director  
Eastern Region

Enclosures

**TABLE 1  
MASHPEE PARCELS PROPOSED TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST**

	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Current Use</b>	<b>Proposed Use</b>	<b>Acreage</b>
1	MWT	410 Meetinghouse Road	Old Indian Meetinghouse	Same	0.15
2	MWITC	17 Mizzenmast	Burial Ground/Cemetery	Same	0.361
3	MWT	414 Meetinghouse Road	Cemetery	Same	11.5
4	MWT	431 Main Street	Parsonage	Same	2.0
5	MWT	414 Main Street	Tribe Museum	Same	0.58
6	MWITC	483 Great Neck Road South	Tribal Government Center	Same	58.7
7	MWITC	41 Hollow Road	Vacant	Conservation	10.81
8	MOIMHA	Meetinghouse Road	Vacant	Tribal housing	46.82
9	MWITC	483 Great Neck Road South	Cultural/Recreational	Same	8.9
10	MWITC	56 Uncle Percy's Road	Vacant	Same	0.15
11	Maushop, LLC (MWT)	213 Sampsons Mill Road	Agricultural/Tribal Offices	Same	30.138
	<b>SITE TOTAL</b>				<b>170.109</b>

**TAUNTON PARCELS PROPOSED TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST**

	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Building Square Footage</b>	<b>Parcel Acreage</b>
1	One Stevens, LLC	50 O'Connell Way	97,134 *	9.15
2	Two Stevens, LLC	60 O'Connell Way	100,416 *	26.25
3	L&U, LLC	Lot 11 O'Connell Way	0	14.02
4	OCTS Realty Trust	O'Connell Way	0	7.89
5	OCTS Realty Trust	Stevens Street	0	0.078
6	Jamins, LLC	73 Stevens Street	9,253 *	1.50
7	71 Stevens Street, LLC	71 Stevens Street	31,500 **	6.88
8	Daniel G. DaRosa & Laurie B. DaRosa	O'Connell Way	0	2.11
9	Daniel G. DaRosa & Laurie B. DaRosa	61R Stevens Street	8,463 **	1.79
10	Taunton Development Corporation	O'Connell Way (Lot	0	2.73
11	Taunton Development Corporation	O'Connell Way (Lot 9B)	0	5.47
12	Taunton Development Corporation	O'Connell Way (Lot 13)	0	22.5
13a	Taunton Development Corporation	Middleborough Avenue Lot 14)	0	45
13b	Taunton Development Corporation	5 Stevens Street	0	1.29
14	Taunton Development Corporation	O'Connell Way Roadway	0	3.64
15	John M. Allen	65 Stevens Street	1,092 **	0.35
16	Kathleen Williams and Kenneth Williams	67 Stevens Street	1,218 **	0.68
17	Daniel G. DaRosa	61F Stevens Street	1,315 **	0.42
	<b>SITE TOTAL</b>			<b>151.748</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>321.857</b>

\* Lease documents

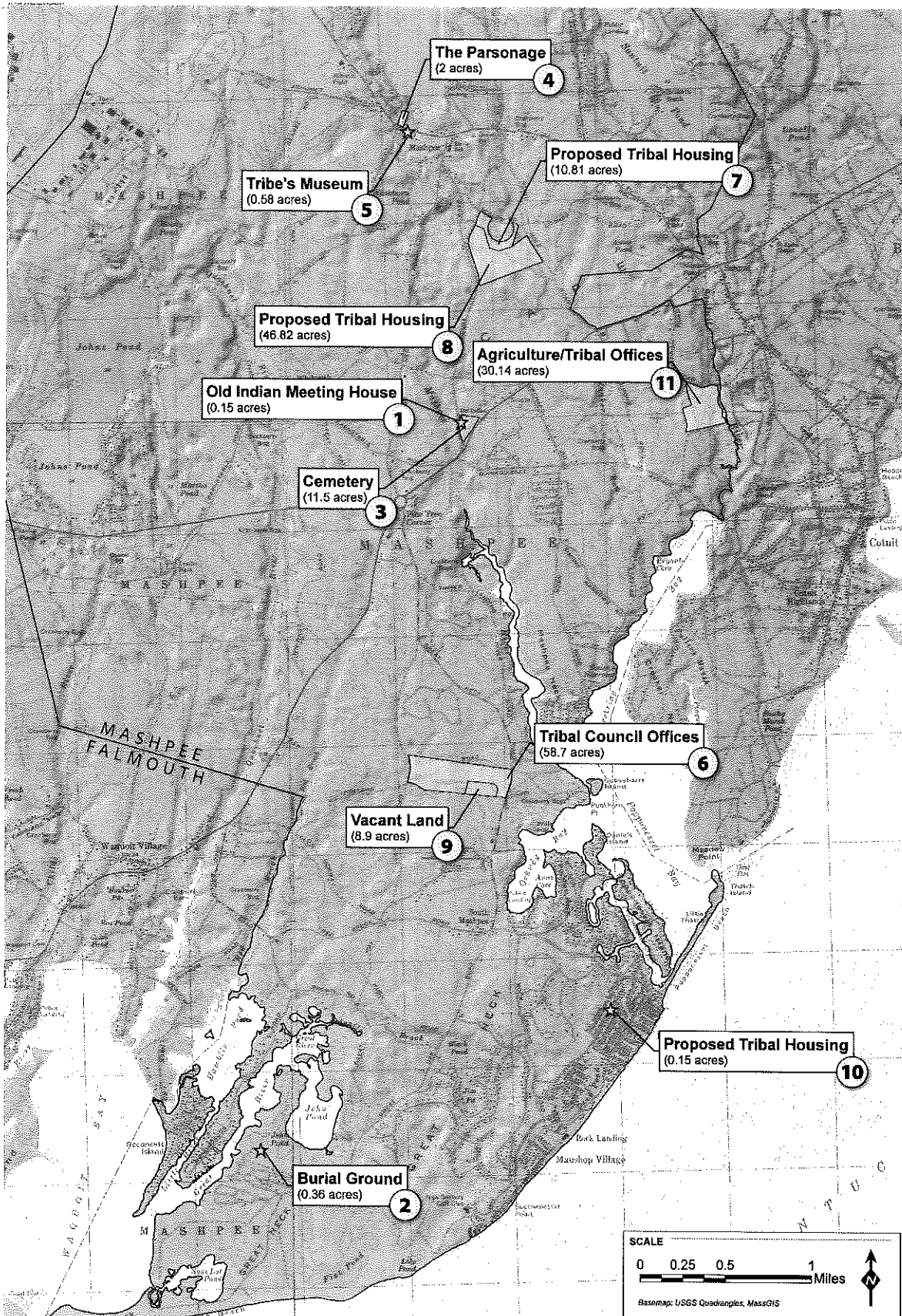
\*\* Assessor's records

Total approximately 250,391 square feet.



# Town of Mashpee

## Fee-to-Trust Parcels



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe: Fee-to-Trust  
in Mashpee and Taunton, Massachusetts

Project First Light

