

## Anne Simon

For Her books *The Thin Edge* and *Neptune's Revenge* she was ~~was~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and comprehensive documentation</sup> ~~and~~ their powerful arguments, that survival on land and sea depend on functioning oceans <sup>brought her comparisons to</sup> ~~she was likened to~~ Rachel Carson <sup>in</sup> the Boston Globe and the New York Times. But, it was ~~No Island is an Island~~ where

<sup>on the Vineyard</sup> Anne Simon ~~both~~ thrust herself into political controversy Her volume *No Island is an Island* <sup>fanned the conflagration of conflict over the</sup> ~~captured the origins and energy of~~ Kennedy bill with its <sup>plain</sup> passionate plea for regional and federal solutions to rampant development and the destruction of nature

Anne Simon excelled in scholarship, literary accomplishment, and igniting passions. ~~But~~ Her Vineyard book was praised in reviews by Ted Kennedy and Governor Francis Sargent and ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup> ~~book~~ <sup>is release</sup> following a signing at the Red Cat bookstore the ~~etc~~ <sup>celebration</sup> was celebrated at a party, <sup>hosted by</sup> Stav Hart's house by a group including William Stryker, Jake Feiffer, Vance Packard, David McCullough, Henry Hough, <sup>her zealous support of the</sup> Carly Simon and ~~to~~ Anne's sister Barbara Tuchman. Yet, <sup>with</sup> ~~following her piece~~ <sup>remarks like</sup>

~~in the Boston Globe~~ Home rule is "a lot of crap" and a zealous <sup>"Islanders are too close to the clinking dollars of short-term growth</sup> ~~piece in the Globe~~ <sup>arguing that the nation, not a few thousand</sup> ~~to recognize the rumble of long-term disaster"~~ <sup>locals, should determine the fate of a nation</sup> ~~the Vineyard~~ her gardens were trampled and she was vilified in local and national media.

~~But, when it comes to her~~ *An Beyond* With the remove of time from the acrimony and battles over conservation ~~there~~ two emergent qualities of Anne Simon's <sup>No Island</sup> ~~work~~ shine brightly. ~~First~~ Though its focus is entirely the Vineyard, <sup>this</sup> ~~a~~ national treasure, ~~serve~~ as a microcosm for the country at large. What ails the Vineyard

will spread and inflict the nation as a whole. Actions and solutions forged here offer hope, <sup>and perhaps lessons</sup> for a broader determination and ability to grapple with larger environmental issues. And then there is her prescient ability to capture the intriguing diversity and rich qualities of the Vineyard itself. Though detractors ~~exist~~ and some reviewers criticized her for caring more about nature than her fellow man, yet, no writer has exceeded her ability to appreciate and convey the Island's natural and cultural variation and the attraction that this instills in so many different people. Her book sheds great light on the early days of conservation but her depiction of Island qualities resonates today.

Licensed Rachel Carson

She was ~~referred to~~ <sup>compared</sup> in the Boston Globe and New York Times due to her strongly researched ~~and~~ <sup>in her books The Thin Edge and Neptune's</sup> arguments ~~in her~~ that human <sup>Reddy</sup> destruction of the ~~sea~~ <sup>statements like "Islanders</sup> coast was undermining life ~~in~~ <sup>in the ocean</sup> and on land. ~~But, no writer has~~ <sup>And she was criticized for caring</sup> more about nature than her fellow residents and visitors on Martha's Vineyard. But no writer has approached Anne Simon's appreciation of the natural and human diversity and appeal of the island that she made her summer home for nearly fifty years.

as yet another elite outdoors

The book that captured Best known

microcosm - but national treasure

Red Cd

Praised by T Kennedy + Gov. Sargent; after book signing party was hosted by Stan Hall with William Strayton, Jules Feiffer, Vava Packard, David McCullough, HBH, Carly Simon and her sister Barbara Tuchman.

Books spoke of global issues - the <sup>ultimate</sup> dependence of life on the ocean and on land <sup>Survival on land + sea depends on functions ocean</sup> to on what happens along our coasts

Even her illuminating and confrontational volume on <sup>MV</sup> the sea used the fight raised by the K bill ~~to~~ concerning rapacious development on the island to focus on a general evil.

"dilemma of 14 on this small island of MV <sup>documentation</sup> ~~in~~... the outside problem of the nation.

Books assembled an amazing assortment of information, perspective and guidance but <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ rooted in a passionate love for nature as nature. On MV this love of nature extended to the scientific, historic and aesthetic qualities of the island and the way of life it supported. "Uncompromising love for one of the most beautiful places in the world"

Home rule - "a lot of crap"



Anne Simon

Anatole Broyard

The Thin Edge 1978

rev. NYT "tidal wave of a book"

Ocean not immune to man - if we put our mind to it we may  
 destroy anything man's struggle - long + short view  
 erosion - dune's soft answer to storms; role of marshes, wetlands,  
 beaches - hard structure exacerbate

Rachel Carson wrong ocean - metaphor of illimitability

amazing assortment of facts, ideas, advice; legal aspects of ~~the~~ preservation  
 to biology of ocean + wetlands.

Behind it all beauty; nature; alone; background music

No Island is an Island Ted Kennedy 1973 NYT

Compelling + urgent lesson. Quality of life dependent on land use  
 irreversible destruction of unique + quiet beauty

CCNS preserved some of wild beauty of HDT but not designed to cope w/ sprawl  
 clear + strong control measures needed - beyond local + state

IT bill partnership Fed-state-local all focused in island-wide Commission

Book - describes reactions to bill; distrust change; strong local control

Russell Train - "unthinking obeisance to home rule"

formula F-S-L will preserve beauties of moors, marshes, dunes, ponds

AS - "dilemma of land use on this small island of MV in turn suggests,  
 in miniscule, the oversized problem of the nation

Obit - NYT 82 Manhattan + Christmark

Working on book - changing nature of MV - how to save it. July MV Mag  
 also Neptune's Revenge: The Ocean of Tomorrow.

Smith College. Columbia Univ School Social Work

Writer - The Nation, Good Housekeeping, Mcalls

Stepchild in the Family: A View of Children in Remarriage. 1964

she was stepchild + stepparent 3 marriages

Walter Werner Weds Mrs. Simon NYT 5.27.1974

Daughter of Mauricia <sup>Prof. Columbia Law School</sup> Wertheim. Barker + philanthropist

and Mrs Alma Morgenthau - granddaughter of Henry M. <sup>Turkey</sup> Ambassador to

Neptune's Revenge - People. McKaughan

Destroying the ocean threatens our survival.

Sister of historian Barbara Tuchman

Neptune's Revenge NYT - Curtis. 1984

Opposes the Bass Derby - endangered species

Home overlooks Central Park West

AS BG MV Temper Tantrum

Praises IT Bill - new innovative form of land planning. 1st <sup>or turn</sup> opp to protect islands scientific, historic, aesthetic quality - shall a few thousand rule or <sup>one place</sup>

One housing starts a day

No island-wide goal, ability. Fierce independence in towns. No regional plan. No thinking of

K asked for comments - islanders respond w/ invective

BG MV Party for AS book - No Island

HBH - K bill - "It's the last chance we have"

Stryon, Feiffer, Vana Packard at Stan Hart party. Hart - retired NY Lawyer -

runs Red Cat bookstores o All property owners - crusade for K bill

HBH, Carly Simon, B Tuchman, D McCulloch, Gerry Kelly - editor of Grapevine

Peter Simon,



Book signing at Red Cat in Tisbury followed by party at Hart's house in Edg.

BG Book may burn islanders

Gardens trashed after BG article

National treasure - now 2 house starts/day - All across America

Disturbed by compromise - pros vs cons.

Book - love letter to MV nature not people, little warmth for its people  
stubborn, backwards, greedy. Not up to people of MV

"a lot of crap" home rule loss

Whitman Review Thin Edge

Comparable in patient documentation to Silent Spring

argues that survival on land and sea depend on a functioning ocean.

Overdevelopment - estuaries to great refineries, power plants; dumpings; offshore drilling; human excrement; toxic chemicals; waste oil

"Restoration to optimum natural function" A blockbuster

Globe Obit

"The Rachel Carson of the East Coast"

MV - "national treasure with such geographical and geological variety that it has great scientific, archaeological and historical interest as well as natural resources of enchanting beauty -- wild ponds, twisted oak woods, long curving beaches below clay cliffs" from BB '71.

"Tamed or developed, the vineyards hundred square miles will make no significant dent in the first or second horn market. Protected, it is a remarkable asset to a society struggling to be civilized."

Simon 1971 B Globe

Man-land balance is erupting. About to sink under the weight of progress. Unless proposals: first nightclub, trailer camp, beachfront condominiums, subdivisions of old farms into quarteracres lots

Virulent American phenomenon - but national treasure

~~As~~ There is no definitive local or regional plan in effect here.

"The people business - the summer tourist trade plus a growing retirement fashion - is creating an explosive paradox." The people come for character that they are destroying.

Purchase expert studies to forget or ignore. - CCUS, I Trust

Comprehensive plan gives MV 2 yrs to limit people, acquire 70s, restrict expansion. Regional authority or IT

Enviro cover by 1975.

Commission unanimously rejected the plan, fired the firm, decided to start over w/ resident planner "Islanders are too close to the clinking dollars of short-term growth to recognize the rumble of long-term disaster"

MV could be a pousseffe.

Sargent Review of No Island Boston Globe

uncompromising love for one of the most beautiful places in the world preserve land + character - she scopes the land but focuses on land boom intense participant, writes with immediacy

demands regional as parcel by parcel debt work

Property rights secondary to land - Indian concept; land - momentary property

MV - microcosm of larger phenomenon. Cape, Berkshire, Franklin Co

K-Bill "has forced the island's people to face up to the difficult decisions of shaping the island's future."

Complementary state effort. But disagrees with AS on one pt - ultimate decision must lie with MV citizens. Govt forum + tools; residents - decisions + commitments to preserve.



Anne W. Simon. 1973. No Island is an Island. The Ordeal of  
Martha's Vineyard. Doubleday, Garden City NY

mini-cata of outsized problem is nation

p 4 refers to M+E study - doomsday at 1976 - when US celebrates

Great quote on variety

National Coverage - Frank Sinatra's yacht in V harbor, James  
Taylor + his musical cohorts, Prez K + wife water skiing, Chipp  
HBSS star-studded memoir - Escape in Aug to MV Town's Louth

"The power to stop destruction of the island can best come  
from a consensus, some sort of all-island plan"

... or ~~the~~ stronger still a regional plan for all islands

Quote p. 9 - "But the character of the Vineyard

"Everyone has his own Vineyard. Whether divided all must fall,  
or can unite, remains to be seen"

Francis Sargent handled Menemah Neck controversy well - build road  
but leave scenery undisturbed "limit-access road"

SMF - CTN from Emma, Robert, John Daggett. CTN name from 1718

200 ac. \$165K - fraction of value. HBH + GH don't 60 ac.

adjoining 50-ac Alexander Reed Bird Refuge

17 weeks - \$195K

Describes other success - Felix Neck, Waquoit, Menemah 1971:

"There is a continuing dribble of individual gifts of land"



zac Dodge Hole - donated by Alvin Strack

Prof Haar "Why don't the rich summer people buy the damn island?"

Private land protection = red herring; distraction from basic dilemma

VOLF ultimate red-herringsmanship

Loam "At least you'll still be able to drive along island roads as though nothing has happened"

Hedgerows + Garden Club fight over billboards

VH-E Rd - 1960s first federal highway on MV

Quote p 81 "The V's six towns

1960s - move toward all island planning "Although the plan failed, the effort did not."

reigning sentiment = local control islanders prefer town govt to terrors of unknown authority

Dean Swift - county commissioner 1962; spent 5 yrs Ordavis.

Duke's Co Planning + Economic Development Commission

1st act - hire M+E 2 yrs 6 prelim reports + final summary rep

Vineyard's Pentagon Papers

End of M+E and 1971 hired Alexander Fittinghoff; from CA

Spring 1972 1 house start/day 500 houses 1972 vs 1960s 644

Gossip over non release of report

"Don't the Commissioners have confidence enough in the people who elected them to trust these same people to judge the report?"

Grapovine letter from citizen

AS obtained copy - <sup>comment</sup> Logue - extremely thorough. Way out ahead of the clients (Dean Swift + DCPEC)

Suppressed key suggestion for public org w/ power + finance to protect enviro + create economic opp.

Would supplant its creator the DCPEC

Anne Hale - husband VH boatyard, MS Landscape Architectur Harvard

She became DCPEC director at inception

her story of M+E

Study is 3-cornered: DCPEC, M+E, MA Dept Comm, Affairs

Money from HUD required commission of 3 county commissioners, one selectman each town, 6 representative voters.

DCPEC met monthly w/ H. Calvin Cooke M+E - CC could talk to islanders

Nobody read reports as coming out - 5 - compendium of facts - LV, physical features, popn, trans, housing, natural resource

6th - CC ~~to~~ accepts the projections of 50,000 by 1990 - proposes greenbelt, new town etc. Few questions - as pro-growth Commission

General public didn't focus on popn projections. 1st person to talk to Hale about it = AS

Then M+E assigned James Woglom to write summary report + CC revised

More incisive + inflammatory - called a threatened island just that.

6 of 131 pp - called for organization to replace DCPEC. June 1971  
unanimously rejected.



Woglom alienated people. AH - bombshell, divisive

M+E + JW upset - M+E not fully paid. Asked to hold summer

DCPEC worried about losing HUD \$30K implementation; asked for more copies of 6 reports than rewritten summary; looked for resident planner to work up working paper

AS ↓ August <sup>front page</sup> editorial VG - John Oakes, NYT editorial page editor - a founder of VCS. pointed to summary - quoted report, promoted protection, questioned hiding it. claimed it was suppressed.

Duke County named by Provincial Assembly NY. Kings (Brooklyn), Queens (LI) + Dukes - ACK, MV, EJ, Nee Man's Land; few years charter of Wm + Mary moved to MA; 1695 - ACK separate Co.

Major Matthew Mayhew resisted move to MA - challenged by Simon Athearn

Transfer of power to a larger unit (Commission or Feds) seen as divisive  
Planning for future - too far ahead of people

AS - wrote about issue in NYT - appealed to Kennedy, Brooke, Keith  
explosive response - VCS president wrote to VG against federal action

Shirley Frisch asked for release of summary

Grapevine published summary in Nov. <sup>Dean</sup> Swift announced it would be published w/o implementation so DCPEC could get onto business

People questioned DCPEC - accepting pop'n projection, new town - Growth Good but suppress regional governs body

Mary began waiting feds - Kennedy <sup>bill</sup> - asked for \$1.5m study - quoted NYT article. Study bill supplanted by K bill

"As it turns out, the secret county plan by its very existence may save the island from itself after all."



Lucy Vincent Lucinda Mosher Vincent Dred March 1970, 87

60 ac along beach + Wequobsque childless widow

Chilmark Librarian 30 yrs

Roger Baldwin, Leona Baumgartner + others urged her to conserve

Leslie Flavours - LV executor + VP MVNeth Bank

LV - leave to nephew + cousins but wanted town to have some

Selectman wanted to buy but keep for residents

Blacksmith Valley Association - 1950s for 20 families

Horace B B Robinson - Blacksmith Valley S Rd - bought land

+ divided for summer houses. Wanted to do that for LV land + sell

rest to town

VOLF just organized - modified version of Rural Land Fdn - Lincoln

but not quite ready to handle it. By 1972 VOLF became "a

land-development, planning, fee charging service to put buyers,

sellers and plans together with Anne Hale as exec secretary

Limited development idea stuck - Louis Freyders - 41 house + farmhouses

Ralph Meyer, Devony Wicener, Leona Baumgartner, Peter Hornbeck

GSD <sup>at suggestion of</sup> ~~to advise with~~ Kevin Lynch

Bob McNamara + Ralph Meyer + Richard Hodgson (ITT) + David Ginzburg  
DC Attors

Town - lease beach - ~~at~~ so limited to residents

Chilmark Community Fund would receive as gift from McNamara +

purchasers; rest to town for \$1 w/ 99 yr lease renewable

McN et al bought 40 ac + 1900 feet beach gave rest to town.

Chilmark Town Association (for name)



Seven Gates 1921 W Webb - communal living -  
corporation 36 buildng sites of  $\approx 5$  ac with none seen, the  
others 2 ponds + beach communal 24 owned

Discusses late 1800s boom - left people in bankruptcy, stock for  
RR in sheriff's hands and paper lots

Today 208 house lots WT VG "Design for the Future Reflects  
Spirit of the Past"

Today's boom will not disintegrate 19<sup>th</sup> C - summer boom just started

Methodist camp meet began - W Chop with John Adams - week of meetings  
near Lighthouse 1827

Edg Methodists - led by Jeremiah Pease grove of oaks "largest in NE"  
acc to HSB Aug 1835 1<sup>st</sup> meet 9 tents 1000 people

1972 Chappy - had 1 acre zoning but mid 1800s plan allowed Ben  
Boldt to buy 43  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  lots + market them

1950s Alvin Stock + Moses Love Farm in Hart Haven (largest dairy farm  
on island), Katama Farm (largest field), GH adjoining Hornblower,  
Island County Club (only 18 hole course) + dozens others - 2200 by '72

Waterview Farm - half open space, 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi water front Island Properties  
viliified though motto "Preservation of an environment, an approach to  
conservation and proper land use"

Stock plans "Investment in non-development"

Ed Vincent night club - ultimately pursued not to  
Charley Feeny - family camp ground + trailers, ultimately No

Aug '71 long secret development plans emerged. Published in VG + Grapevine

Promoted zoning - Gardw Club had pushed this in 50s

Edg zoning bylaw 1969

1972 - "enough developments, <sup>if all are built + occupied</sup> to completely change MV"

→ Zoning = self fulfilling prejudging MV future; build sewer + they will com

Julia Sturges + Eleanor Pearlson

M+E 23,000 new yr round residents b, 1990

James Reston - pro-zoning column - going to get people

AS - everyone bought into inevitability of growth. ↑ SSA, talk of sewers, zoning; huge tourist bases

Woodruff - need to compromise; need business community

VCS - not dynamic

Holdouts - Concerned Citizens for MV - 1970 airport issue started them; Gerald Kelly - Grapevine editor; James Alley expand airport for jets

Emerging land ethic. Resource for public good - public includes the environment. Man needs to be part of environment

Planning - move from zoning to regional control + LV fitting larger plan

Examples: Cumberland Island, GA; Boulder, VT (Act 250); Bolinas

letter to William Drayton 1786

George Washington "Nothing, in my opinion, would contribute more to the welfare of these states than the proper management of our lands. And nothing... seems less undervalued." <sup>in this state particularly,</sup>



Autumn '75 - New phase for MV

Kennedy - MV 3 options; <sup>to study</sup> CCNS extension; or first National Island Trust; or combination ~ 10 yrs since CCNS

National Park scared MV - hordes of people;

Mary Wakeman wrote to TK - must be ignorant of efforts to protect

TK - then having big impact on 5 fronts: Chair of Health + of Refugees

K Dun Gifford - worked for real estate firm Cabot, Cabot + Forbes

TK wanted to pick up DOI's Island Trust preliminary studies

→ 6 wks after study bill he brought it back up in Senate + filed memo from Charles Haar <sup>Harvard</sup> (nation's expert in land-use controls) + 3 students. Fdn of K proposal in memo

ACK - more homogeneous + uniting thought if self impenetrable entire place a Historic District. Hoops + all; excluded after 1st condo. Charles Foster Sec of Env. encouraged plan for island, did so and defined sensitive areas. Read + acted on by Roy Larson (VP Time + Pres. Nat Cons Fdn), Walter Beinecke (Green Stamp heir), Arthur Deane (NY Atty)

No Man Is An Island button - with green stamp background Anti-B buttons. Beinecke bought by properties waterfront, David Coffin House

NPS director George Hartzog not enthusiastic about MV, nor was Nixon or Sec. Interior Morton

Bill - single most important event on MV since Goswold set foot 370 yrs ago comes as VG "Lavy seal real estate transactions ↑" and bill for bridging MV, ACK + mainland - last chance to rescue MV

Governing commission

Land divided into use categories

Beaches forever wild

Freeze new construction from date of bill introduction

Land acq - easements, direct fee, threat of eminent

Eviction + pollution control

Asked for \$20m land acq + \$5m development

MV claimed not consulted - but study bill, Harrod report also desire not to be viewed as for personal gain

~~NYT~~ editorial Supported by Roger Baldwin, Paul Warneke

Bill - April

Vineyarders to Amend + Support the Bill - John Alley - first pres of

Concerned Citizens, brother a founder → V to Amend Bill

May - VG editorial The K Bill Must be Enacted

Alvin Strock - strong supporter of Bill, also MV National Bar

Pres Wm Honey

DCPEC developed its own plan w/ its M+E replacement planner Alexander

Fittinghoff. DCPEC wanted function whatever happened

Republicans in DC opposed - another Chappaquiddick blunder. BUT

this brought support from DC environs

Shall the Island become Anyplace USA?



done  
5/22

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Anne Simon 1973 No Island is an Island

Maps

Overleaf Map of Island

Glacial Legacy

Development under way June 1972

Nantucket Sound Islands Trust

Flood tide - First proposed trailer park, night club, condos, on beach, more advertising; pond pollution, 1/4-acre developments

National coverage 60s - Frank Sinatra's yacht in Vt, James Taylor, Jack Kennedy taking Jackie water-skiing, Choppy tragedy.

1971 IBIH - Town + County "Escape in August to MV"

"The power to stop destruction of the island can best come from a consensus, some sort of all-island plan..."

1839 Heath hen extirpated everywhere except MV

MA closed season 1831 Mar - Sept, again 1844, 1860

1907 reservation

West Basin; Friends of the Island became VCS

1965 - Road proposed across <sup>for fishing boat access</sup>; Friends fought it

Richard Pough, Thos Hart Benton, John Oakes NY Times  
Gov. Sargent - compromise. Build but no disturbance to birds, swamph. Limited access road. = State road.  
(would stop private landowners reaching land)

1966 - Built. Houses proposed. Uncertain outcome

SMF - Betsy worried about pond. Used \$7500 HBIT royalty check for \$7500

Cedar Tree Neck - name 1718; VG leadership for contributions.

1959 Cape Pogon Wildlife Preserve

1960 Wasque

1966 Menemsha Hills

Felix Neck 200 ac.

Bob Woodruff "Since giving land has been completely haphazard, its diversity is amazing"

OLF - Edward Logue, planning wizard for NY state

"At least you'll still be able to drive along island roads as though nothing happened"

Buy large parcels, protect roadsides, and hide development behind them

Garden Club 10 Edg ladies 1924. "The Island is Our Garden"

1925 - anti billboard campaign, just pressure + agreement

1950s Moshup Trail Road - oldest known way on island

1960s Ferry Road (1700) - between Great Harbor and HH. 1851 - County Road. First federal

highway - 2ndary US road so 66 feet wide w/10-ft shoulders, 12 ft from tree.



Reigns sentiment - local control

1962 Dean Smith surrogate. Established Dukes  
County Planning and Economic Development Commission

1969 First meeting. Swift as chair

Hired Metcalf + Eddy for comprehensive study + plan  
kept internal with its terminal cancer re former  
DCPEDC - terminated with Metcalf + Eddy

1972 <sup>spring</sup> one housing start per day. 500 houses built

1960s 644 houses built total

Anne Itok became DCPEDC Exec. Director at outset

M+E report assumed Dukes County pop'n as 50,000  
by 1970

John Oakes, NYTimes editor wrote VG front page article  
calling attention to M+E report + argued for protection of  
MV as whole. Showed how M+E report could lead to  
that. Called it suppressed

Grapevine printed report

Kennedy, Bill S. 2605 quoted NYTimes article by Anne Simon  
who appealed for federal help

Lucinda Mosher Vincent died 1970, VCS and others

VOLF Anne Hale Exec Secretary.

"land developmt, planning, fee-charging, servia to put buyers, sellers, and plans together with Anne Hale as exec sec." #

Shaler - Frederick Moore (lives in his house) - Willoughby Webb in 1921 persuaded 6 families to join in "an experiment in communal living - sort of an idealistic Utopian idea". Corporation laid out 36 building sites of  $> 5$  acres so that no one site would be in view of another. Rest of land communal, owned by corporation

Boom 1860-70s

1971 - 208 WT houses VG "Design for the Future Reflects Spirit of Past". Similar lots, stakes as OB in 1870s

1970 250 Chilmark acres in lots (? Abel's Hill or <sup>Old</sup> Farm?)

Modern boom will not disintegrate

First Camp meeting August 1835

1972 Benj Boldt Lexington bought 43 tiny 19<sup>th</sup>C lots of Chapp put on market as plan from 1870s preceded 1-ac 20m



1950s Alvin Strout + Moses Strout bought Love Farm  
 (Hart Haven), Katama Farm, spectacular Gas Head  
 land abutting Hornblower, Island Country Club  
 Total 1972 - 2200 ac. "Island Properties, Inc"

First project - Waterview Farm over Senge. Half open  
 space with 2 1/2 mi waterfront free of houses

Feeney Campground + trailer park, <sup>proposal</sup> Tisbury 1972

Gardw Club ran zoning facts column + polled voters in  
 1959, found zoning high

Edg 1969 (choppy earlier, also W Chop)

WT 1971

Chil 1971

Mid 1972 17 developments underway in Edg

1972 James Reston editorial "We are going to have more  
 people and more business regardless of what anybody  
 says. No editorials in the Gazette, no matter how eloquent,  
 are going to stop that trend"

Everyone given in to The Trend. Even VCS

Holdout - Concerned Citizens of MV, <sup>Founded by</sup> includes Grapevine  
~~founder~~ editor - Gerald Kelly; <sup>James Alley also</sup> John Alles

1972 sets to MV - cut down 20 ac. state forest  
 to accommodate

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Kennedy - 3 possibilities - exclusion of CCNS, 1st of  
DOJ's National Island Trusts, or some combination

K. Dun Gifford - former TK legislative aide, hired to do  
study

S. 3485

April 1972 TK bill - a combined Island Trust, CCNS,  
Gary Hart ideas on Sleeping Bear Dunes, and other  
lands

Single most important event in MV since Gosnold set foot  
on island "one last chance for the rescue of MV"  
includes freeze on new construction

Wild beaches - hostility target

many assumed mobs would come

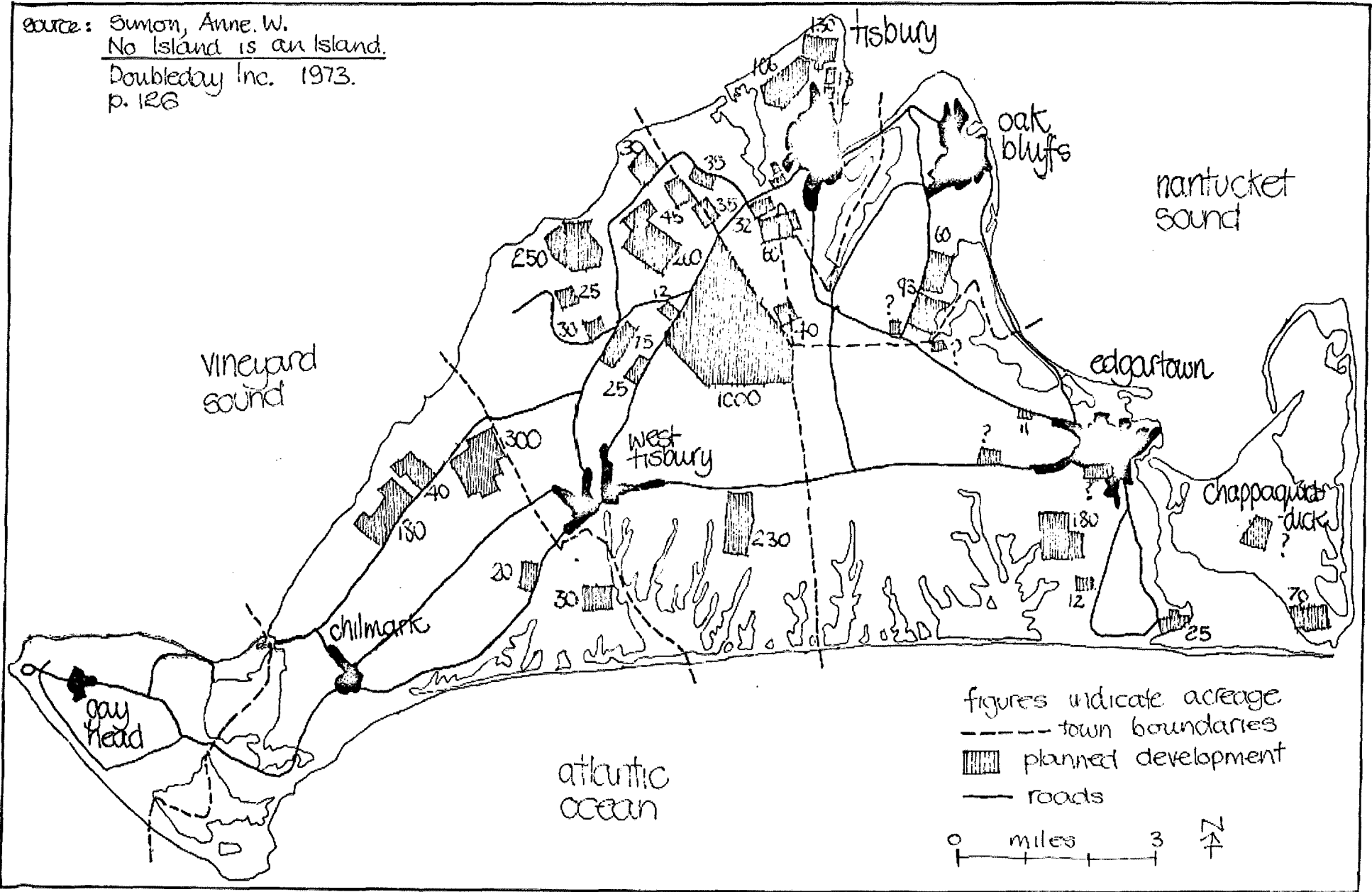
Many supporters to amend bill

Regional land plan



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source: Swinnon, Anne. W.  
No Island is an Island.  
Doubleday Inc. 1973.  
p. 126



APPENDIX 1(b) : DEVELOPMENTS UNDER WAY ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD, JUNE 1972