

**The Nantucket Land & Water Council Recommends that you:  
VOTE YES ON ARTICLE 45**

This article will prohibit pools and hot tubs, now known as “Residential Outdoor Water Features” in our Zoning Bylaw, from the Moorlands Management District. The MMD is a special district that was created four decades ago to protect the scenic and ecological integrity of the moorlands throughout the Smooth Hummocks and Head of the Plains Area (see map below).

The Sandplain Grasslands and Coastal Heathlands that make up much of the MMD are globally rare habitats as described by the Nantucket Conservation Foundation’s website: Grasslands and Heathlands (<https://www.nantucketconservation.org/properties/habitat-types/grasslands/> ).

A majority of the MMD is permanently protected open space owned and managed by the Nantucket Land Bank and the Nantucket Conservation Foundation. There are 20 residential properties located within the MMD. Pools are currently allowed only by Special Permit in the MMD, and currently only 4 have ever been permitted. Many new applications have come forward for the construction of pools in this sensitive area over the past 5 years, a majority of which have not been favorably received by the Planning Board (the Special Permit Granting Authority), including through outright denial. Pools are simply inconsistent with the underlying purpose of the MMD and this amendment would eliminate the ability to receive a Special Permit for pools in this area.

The Planning Board has supported this article.

