



QUIVETT MARSH VISTA

4.24 acres

Conservation Restriction

Before the Brewster Conservation Trust (BCT) arranged its purchase as open space in 2009, a dilapidated motel sat vacant on this property for more than 15 years after it was shuttered in 1992. The Skyline Motel was built in 1953 by Victor and Marjorie Bjorgren who lived there and ran it for 40 years. Its claim to fame was hosting the 1960 honeymoon of William Bulger, future State Senate president, and his wife Mary.

When the Bjorgrens died, their friend and neighbor Addison Pratt took over ownership of the property. He demolished the Motel, which had blocked the view of Quivett Creek Marsh from Route 6A, and divided the property into two marshfront house lots. BCT offered to arrange a conservation bargain purchase for \$675,000, which Mr. Pratt accepted. BCT proceeded to secure Town approval of \$100,000 towards the purchase and won a \$350,500 State LAND grant. The net cost to BCT was \$224,500, for which we conducted private fundraising. The Dennis Conservation Trust provided BCT with a \$15,000 donation, owing to the importance of the property to the Quivett Marsh, an ecosystem shared between Dennis and Brewster. The Ruth N. and Mary Louise Eddy Foundation, the Fields Pond Foundation, the Cape Cod Five Charitable Foundation, the Charles H. Thomsen Land Fund and The Brewster Foundation all contributed, along with hundreds of BCT members and townspeople.

The property is owned by the Town of Brewster, managed by the Town Conservation Commission, subject to a perpetual conservation restriction held by BCT. Town Meeting devoted an adjoining half-acre of marsh to the Commission, bringing the total area to 4.24 acres, which abuts more than 70 acres of salt marsh bought by the Town in the early 1970s.

A large public parking area provides the entrance to a short but delightful trail loop leading down to the edge of the marsh. BCT provided a picnic table overlooking the marsh. BCT and the Commission cooperate in removal of invasive plant species from the property. The Vista includes a view to Crowes Pasture Conservation Area on the Dennis side, as well as an active osprey platform in the marsh and distant views of Cape Cod Bay. The large tupelo trees turn a wonderful burgundy color in the fall.

For a short video trip around the trail, click [here](#).