

TISBURY LAGOON POND
&
HARBOR WALK

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Vineyard Haven, Tisbury or Holmes Hole has a long and salty history as a harbor of refuge, a boatbuilding and supply center and a town tied to the sea by waves and tide, wind, rope and moorings.

Yet our proud town has allowed the public areas of her waterfront to slip away over the centuries until we are left with very limited public access to Vineyard Sound and The Lagoon.

We have Tashmoo Cut, Lake Street Landing in Tashmoo, a few roads that dead end at the harbor such as Grove Street, Owen Little Way and Beach Street Extension—adjacent to the Black Dog. We have Owen Park and the boat launching and parking lot on the way to Oak Bluffs. All in all, of the many miles of water abutting our town, less than 1000 feet is available to the public.

The Harbor Walk and Lagoon Park will add 4,000 feet to this amount, thus greatly increasing our public access to the waterfront.



Site:

Between Packer's Fuel Tanks and Wind's Up and the Draw Bridge over the entrance to the Lagoon; both sides of the road—this is our site.

The road is presently flanked on the harbor side by a seawall and on the lagoon side by some scrub growth, the parking lot for the boat launching ramp and some stone rip rap leading to the bridge and the adjacent house.

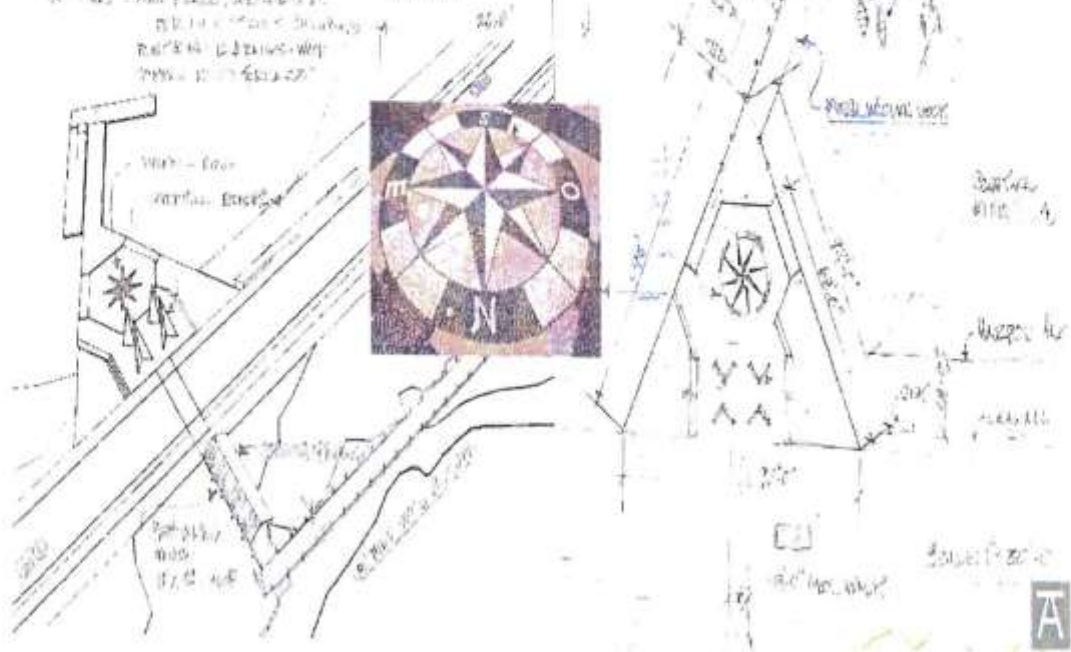




The Compass Rose Plaza is the entry to the Vineyard Haven end of Harbor Walk.

Visual focus and the start of the Harbor Walk, the Plaza has a large mosaic Compass Rose, symbolic soil sculptures with descriptive plaques about Holmes Hale and his maritime history, access to a Dinghy Dock and a crosswalk across the road to the beginning of the Lagoon Pond Walk.

CONCEPT FOR PLAZA
 VISUAL FOCUS - Mosaic Compass Rose
 SYMBOLIC SOIL SCULPTURES
 DESCRIPTIVE PLAQUES
 ACCESS TO DINGHY DOCK
 CROSSWALK ACROSS ROAD



4: Entry Plaza, Harbor Walk

Accessible Swimming is very difficult to provide in an open sea condition. Here we have designed a series of steps flanked by gentle ramps that lead down to the sand and allow all people easy access to the water without difficulty.

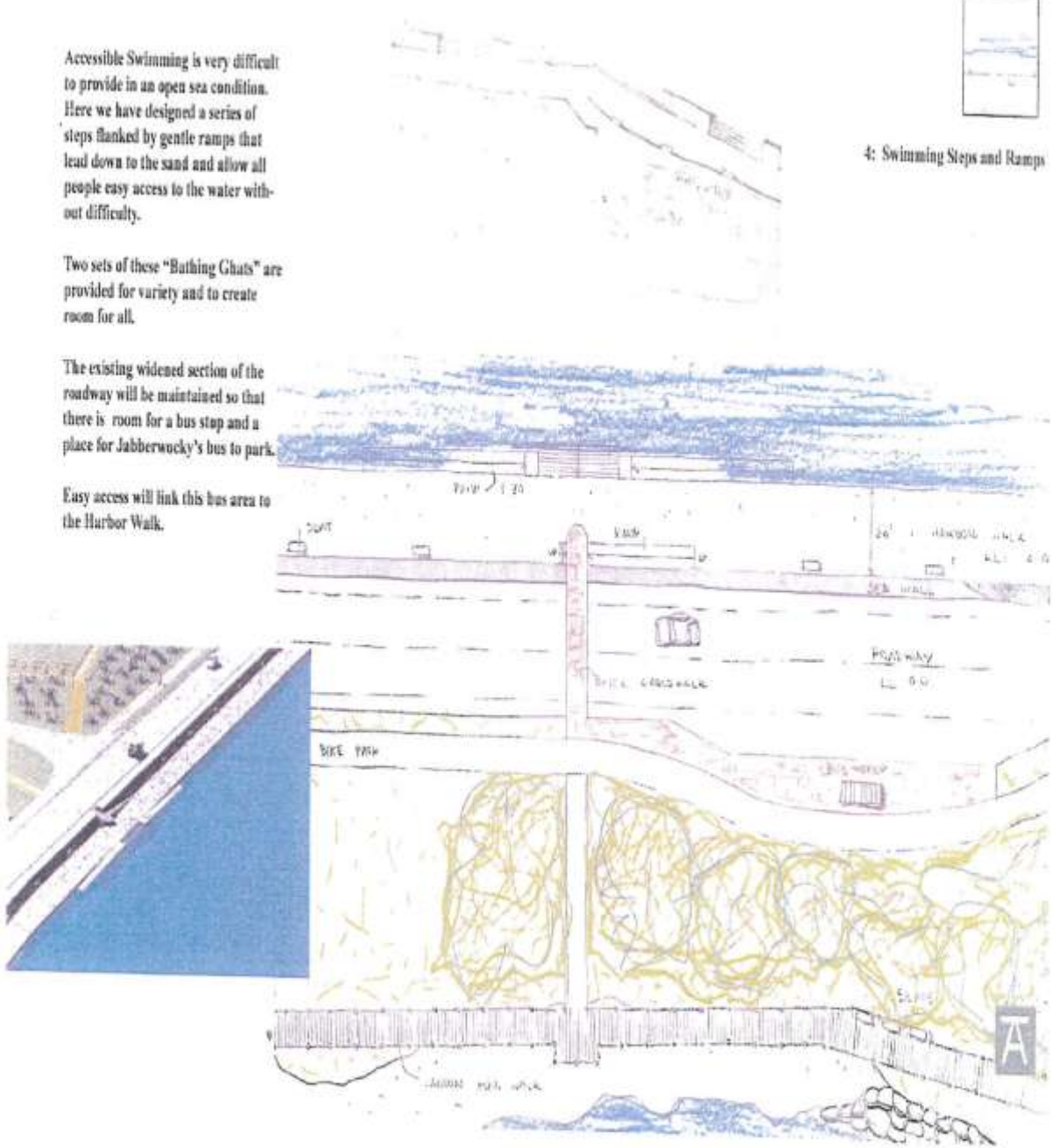
Two sets of these "Bathing Ghats" are provided for variety and to create room for all.

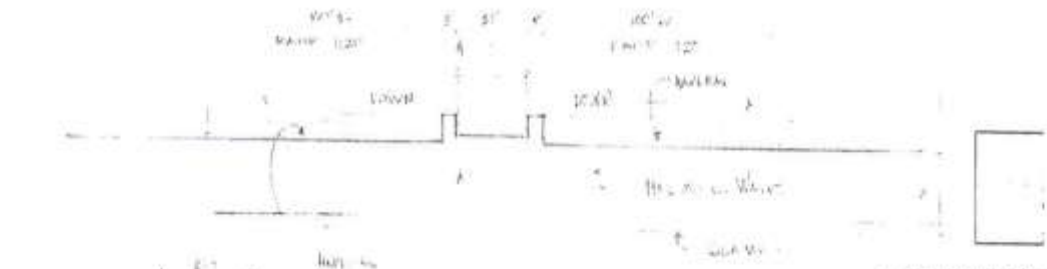
The existing widened section of the roadway will be maintained so that there is room for a bus stop and a place for Jabberwocky's bus to park.

Easy access will link this bus area to the Harbor Walk.



4: Swimming Steps and Ramps



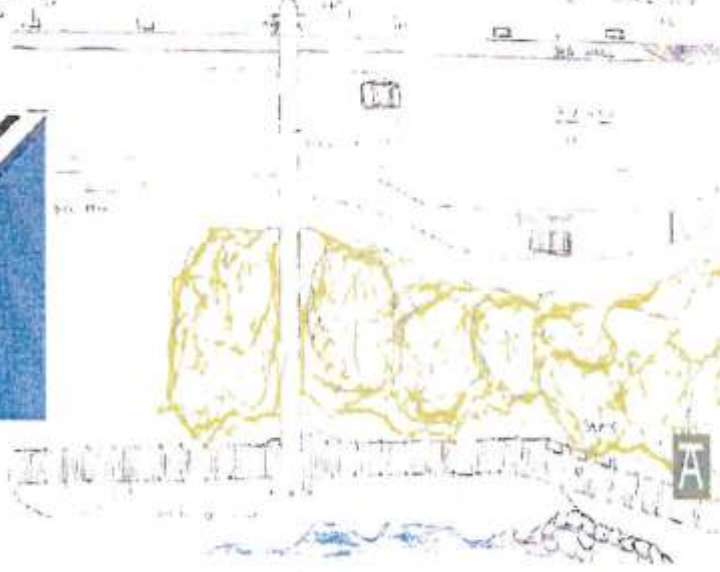


1. Swimming Steps and Ramp



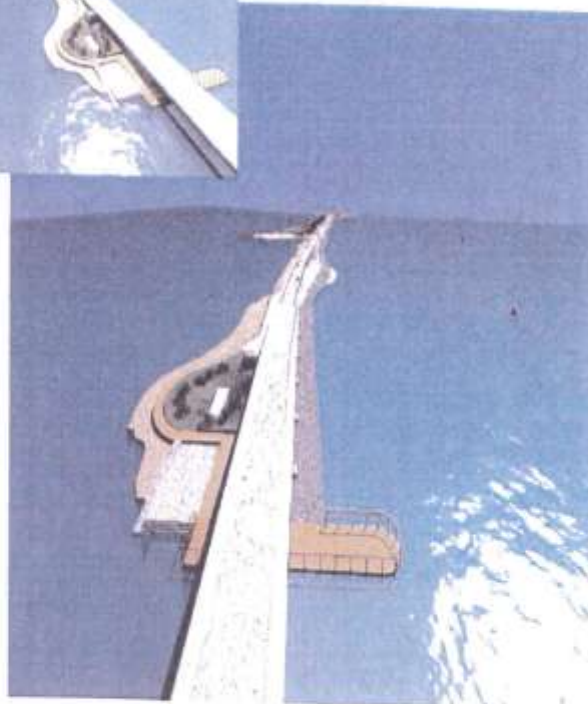
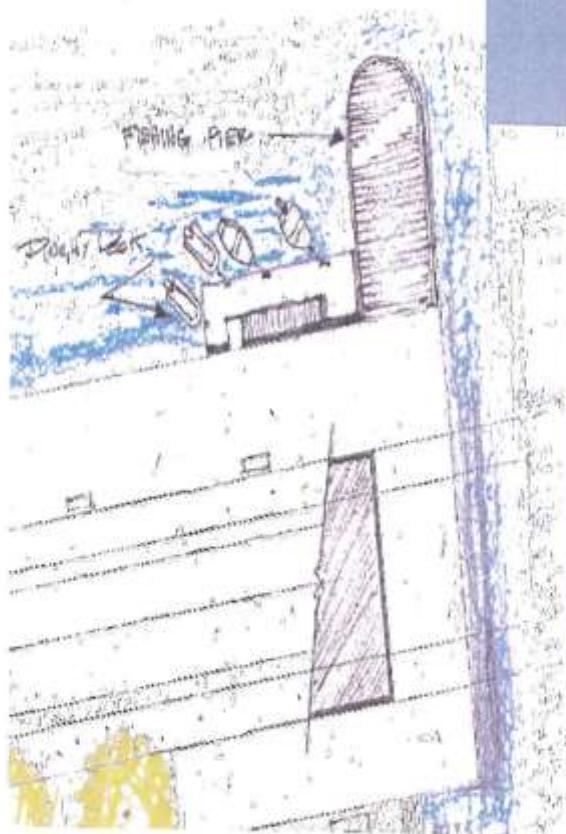
Two sets of these "Bathing Chair" are provided for visitors and to create room for all.

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6: Fishing Pier



The Fishing Pier Juts out into The Harbor where the current swirls around the abutment at the bridge and flows into The Lagoon on a rising tide and out on the Ebb.

The fish, restless in the currents are waiting to be caught.

The Pier is constructed on pilings and is made of wood.

A floating dinghy dock can be placed here, allowing for good landing in North winds, and access to the Bridge Park for families living on their boats.