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Katama Airfield
Burn Today
9/20/19

August 15, 2019

Dear Friend and Neighbor:

Once again it is time to remind the neighbors of Katama Airfield that sometime between now and the end of October we plan to conduct a prescribed burn on a portion of the Airfield. This is the first late summer/fall burn at Katama. One of the reasons to burn this time of year vs. the traditional spring burn in an attempt to suppress the woody vegetation that has thrived the past few years. The northern portion of the airfield is on the rotation to be burned this year. The area is shown on the map on the reverse side of this letter.

The burn will be supervised by a highly trained and experienced burn boss and crew supervised the Joel Carlson, principal of Northeast Forest and Fire Management. The Edgartown Fire Department works in close coordination with the burns crews and Mr. Carlson in order to provide backup if needed. The burn will be conducted in accordance with a burn prescription which dictates under what weather conditions including, but not limited to, humidity, wind speed and direction. Portions of Herring Creek Road may be temporarily blocked off the day of the burn if the smoke interferes with visibility and the safety of the burn crew who maybe staged in the road.

Please feel free to email or call for more information on the Katama Airfield Nature Preserve or the Conservancy's sandplain grasslands management preservation efforts.

Sincerely,

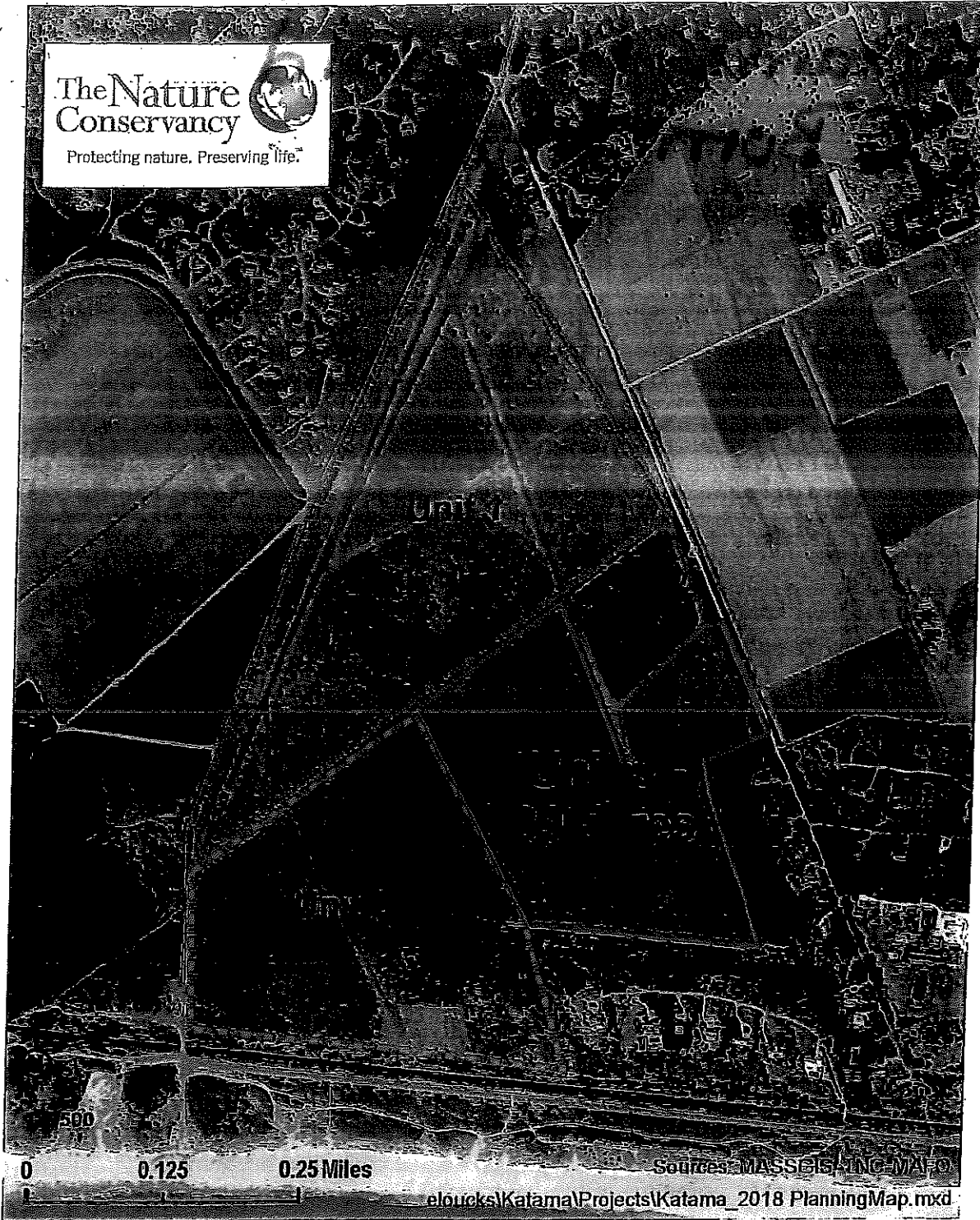
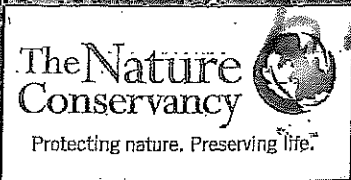
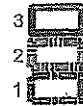
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Katama Plains Conservation Area

Burn 2019 – Unit 1

Fire Breaks



0 0.125 0.25 Miles

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