

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Clements' Beach House Inventory Number: WO-584

Address: Assateague Island, Maryland City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: 21811

County: Worcester USGS Topographic Map: Whittington Point, MD

Owner: United States of America Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes

Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: Hunting Lodge & Retention Properties DOE Agency: National Park Service  
US Department of the Interior,

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	Eligible district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	District Name: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context <input type="checkbox"/>		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Historic Context Study of Waterfowl Hunting Camps and Related Properties within Assateague Island National Seashore, MD & VA. Eschelman, R.E. and P.A. Russell. 2004

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

**Physical Description of Structures:** A 1968 appraisal describes the Clements' Beach House as a "one and two story frame resort cottage, which was started in 1953 and has been under constant rebuilding, renovation and improvement to the present time." The 2,000 sq. ft. wood frame on pilings structure includes 10 rooms on three levels (garage on ground floor). The building's exterior is sheathed in cedar shingles and has an asphalt shingle roof. There are no outbuildings in the immediate vicinity of the beach house.

The property includes a boat house located approximately 0.3 mile west of the beach house on a small tidal gut. The boat house is an 18' x 24' two-story wood frame on pilings structure consisting of double boat slips on the first floor and living quarters on the second floor. The exterior is covered in aluminum siding and the roof is asphalt shingle. The structure is surrounded on three sides by a narrow wood boardwalk; remnants of a small dock are located north of the house. The structure was built in 1971.

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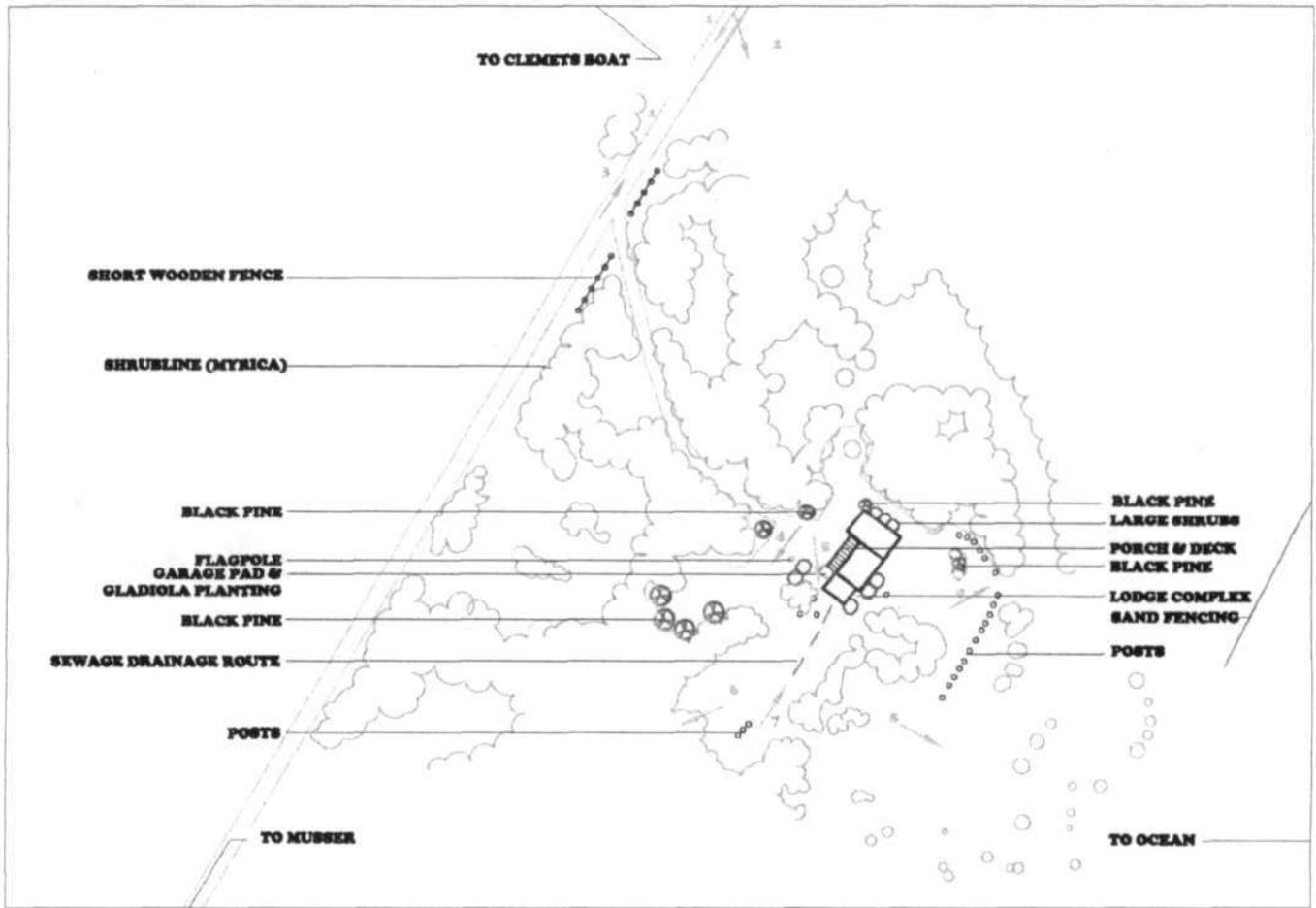
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Comments: _____	
<u>Jonathan Sayer</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>6/8/12</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>6/9/12</u> Date

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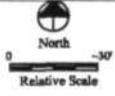
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## Existing Conditions Map - Clements' Beach House



SOURCES:  
1997 Aerial photography  
Field observation

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- SHORELINE
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- POST OR POLE
- BUILDING
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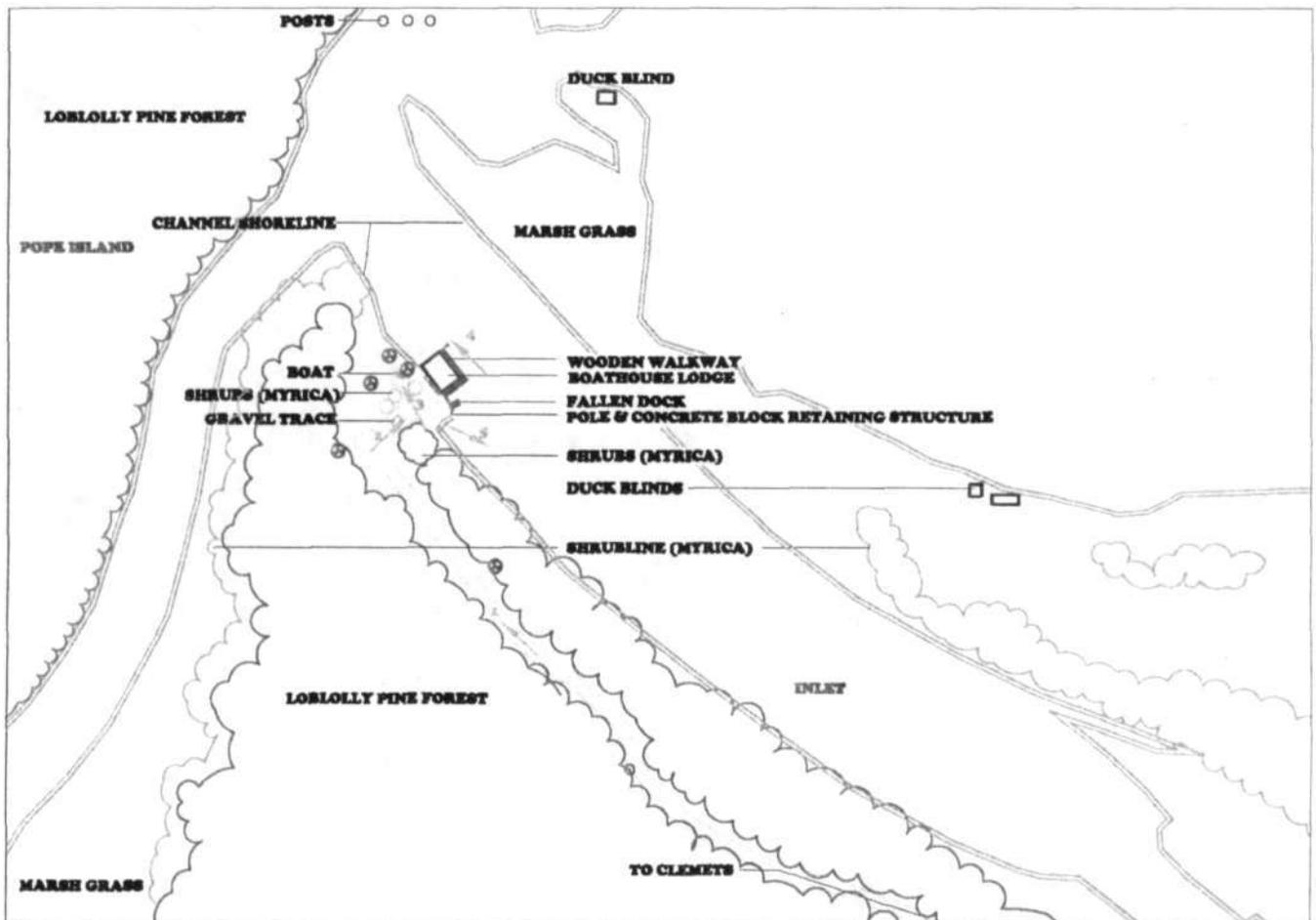


**CLEMENTS BEACH HOUSE**  
Existing Conditions Map  
Hunting Lodge Properties Study- Assateague Island National Seashore  
National Park Service-Philadelphia Support Office  
August 2000

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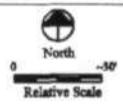
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## Existing Conditions Map - Clements' Boat House



SOURCES:  
1997 Aerial photography  
Field observation

- SHRUB/TREE LINE
- ⊙ EVERGREEN
- BUILDING
- SHORELINE
- POST OR POLE
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**CLEMENTS BOAT HOUSE**  
Existing Conditions Map  
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**Brief History**

**Clements' Beach House (1953; rebuilt 1968)**

Clements' Beach House was used as a recreational beach house; waterfowl hunting was rarely if ever conducted here; though some deer hunting was carried out. Bob Clements, "never hunted a lot but had friends that used to come down and hunt." There is only limited if any use of this structure as a waterfowl hunting camp.

The Clements' Beach House was built in 1953 by Wylie Maddox. He sold his one-story wood frame house built on treated wood pilings and 29.44 acre tract to Robert S. and Mary J. Clements in 1964. Bob Clements owned the Clements Insurance Company and later the Clements Yacht Insurance Company of Alexandria, Virginia. The house has undergone "constant rebuilding, renovation, [sic] and improvement." The structure was described in 1968 as a "newly rebuilt, renovated [sic] two story frame structure" on pilings. The property and structure was purchased by the US Government in 1973 with 25 year right to continue use of the house and deer hunting during legal hunting season. A breach in the artificial dune directly in front of the house was filled by the park in 1974. Some wave overwash of the primary dune was experienced in 1978. During a storm in 1980 unknown persons sought shelter in the house. State Police allowed the intruders to stay during the storm but the intruders caused damage to the house. During the 1985 Hurricane Gloria the seawall was damaged; the house was looted the same year.

The Clements' Boat House is a boat shelter for vessels used to access the Clements' Beach House property. Above the covered boat slip is an apartment. As far as can be ascertained, this property was never used as or part of a waterfowl hunting camp. There is no known use of this structure as a waterfowl hunting camp and therefore it is recommended that this resource be deleted from this listing.

The Clements' Boat House was built in February of 1971 on a 0.46 acre tract. The wood frame boat house and second story apartment, built over tidal waters, is located approximately 0.3 miles west from the beach house.

Excerpted from:

Eschelman, R.E. and P.A. Russell. 2004. Historic Context Study of Waterfowl Hunting Camps and Related Properties within Assateague Island National Seashore, Maryland and Virginia. National Park Service, Berlin, MD.

**Eligibility Recommendation**

The Clements' property was a private beach house where waterfowl hunting was rarely, if ever, conducted and therefore lacks association with the historic context of commercial and recreational hunting on Assateague Island. The property has no known relationship with significant persons. While the Beach House was considered attractive in its day with an impressive view of the ocean, both it and the bay side boat house lack any notable architectural design or construction qualities. Because of their rather ordinary design, construction, and use of materials, the structures have no potential to yield important information about human history. For these reasons, the Clements' property is considered to be without historical significance and therefore **ineligible** for the National Register of Historic Places.

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**Bibliography**

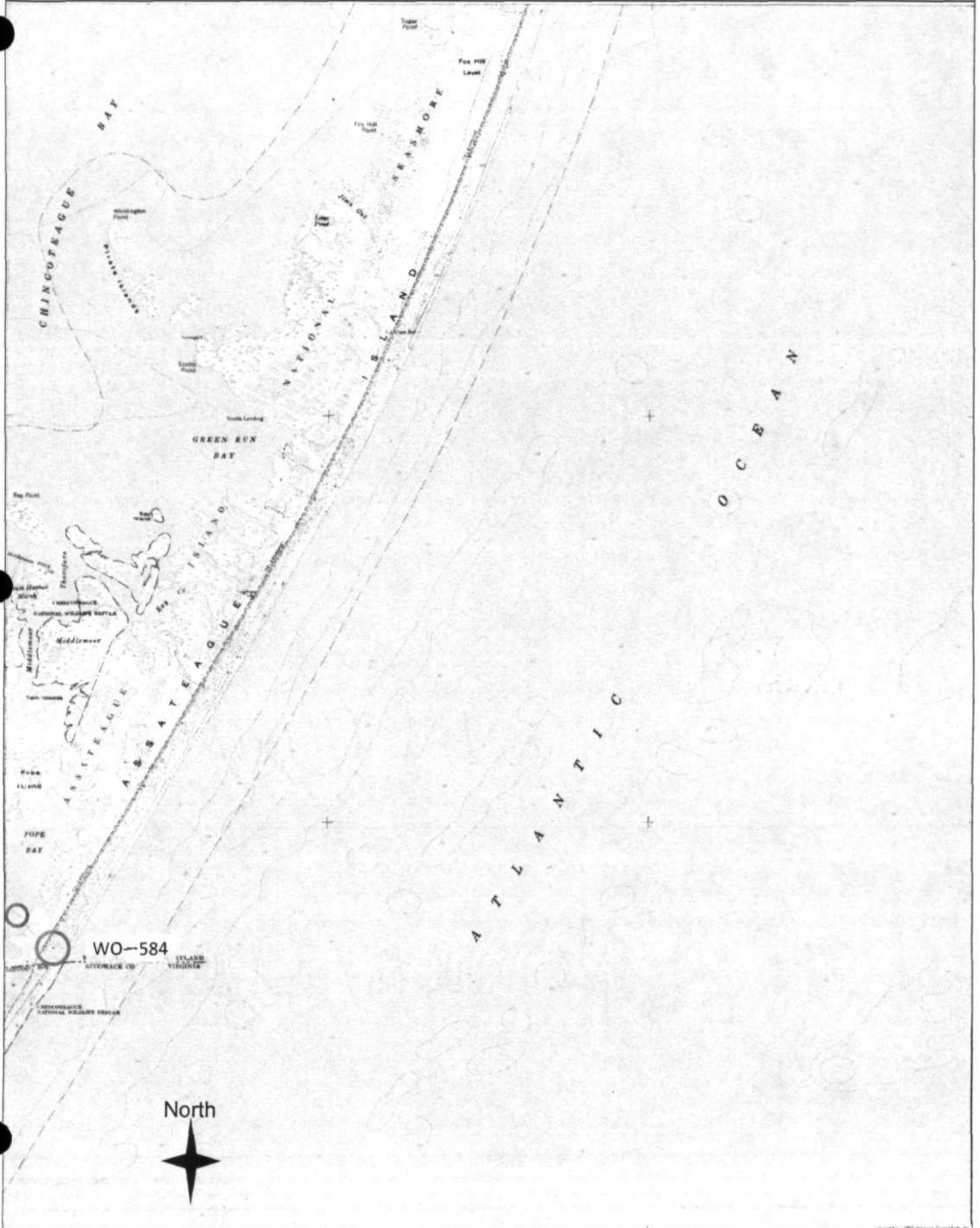
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WO-584 Clements' Beach House  
Assateague Island, Worcester County, Maryland

USGS Topographic Quadrangle - Whittington Point



WO-584      Clements' Beach House and Boat House

Photograph Log

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WO-0584_2007-6-18_02.tif	North and west sides of Beach House
WO-0584_2007-6-18_03.tif	North and east sides of Beach House
WO-0584_2007-6-18_04.tif	East side of Beach House
WO-0584_2007-6-18_05.tif	East and south sides of Beach House
WO-0584_2007-6-18_06.tif	View of boat house from the southwest
WO-0584_2007-6-18_07.tif	Southeast side of boat house with boardwalk
WO-0584_2007-6-18_08.tif	Northwest side of boat house with boat entrance

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And Boat house

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View of Clements' Beach house and main  
entrance from the west

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and Boat House

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North and West sides of Beach House

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North and East sides of Beach House

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East side of Beach House

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East and South sides of Beach House

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View of Boat House From the south west

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WD-584 Clements' Beach House  
and Boat House

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Worcester County, MD

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Southeast side of Boat House with boardwalk

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WD-584 Clements' Beach House  
AND Boat House

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Northwest side of Boat House with Boat  
Entrance

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