

MVAS Cold Storage and Processing Facility

MVAS, in partnership with Tick Free Martha's Vineyard (TFMV), will present a high-level vision for a multi-purpose Cold Storage and Processing Facility to be located on MVAS property at 35 Panhandle Road, West Tisbury. We are pleased to have the opportunity to update the Select Board on where the project stands, to answer questions, and to gather your feedback at this early stage.

This facility addresses a growing public health concern on Martha's Vineyard tied to the Island's deer population and fills a critical gap in the Island's deer processing capacity. It will give local farmers, hunters, and residents a reliable outlet for cold storage and processing. It will also increase access to locally sourced protein for the Island, including through MassWildlife's Hunters Share the Harvest program, which enables donations of high-quality venison to Island Grown Initiative's food pantry and directly to the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah).