

**BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK
RESOLUTION 2020-01**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATIVE VEGETATION PLANTING PROJECT FOCUSED ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF SEASIDE PARK'S OCEAN FRONT DUNE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Seaside Park of Ocean County has a long tradition of promoting environmental awareness and of supporting various environmental initiatives, including but not limited to joint municipal and volunteer projects to enhance and protect our valuable oceanfront dune system; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of joint town-sponsored dune planting events is to use ecologically sound tactics to protect coastal towns from future storms, as the dune systems mature, that the plants themselves and their extensive root systems trap and hold sand to create a natural barrier against the effects of future storms and flooding events; and

WHEREAS, during the years after Super Storm Sandy, dune grass plantings occurred, through the actions of the Borough of Seaside Park's Department of Public Works, various volunteer organizations, and private citizens, all of which efforts were then augmented by the Army Corps of Engineers' Dune Planting Project, which primarily was limited to the planting of dune grass itself, rather than other varieties of native plants; and

WHEREAS, various scientific studies, the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium Dune Manual and concerned citizens, such as Robert Hopkins, have all pointed out and supported a dune maintenance and replenishment plan focused not on the short term convenience of planting just one species, but rather, on a long term ecologically correct and sound approach of planting a rich variety of diverse native plantings, especially on the western side of the dune system, which would include but not be limited to bayberry plants, Rugosa roses, Montauk daisies, beach plum, Virginia roses, all supplemented by wild vegetation and even Goldenrod; and

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WHEREAS, the scope of the native vegetation planting initiative includes the planting of the western side of the dune area, as well as certain portions of Borough property adjoining the boardwalk, which is all located on both the north and south side of the Borough of Seaside Park, which plantings will supplement the already existing dune grass and other vegetation, in order to protect and strengthen the overall natural dune system and the coastline itself, within the Borough of Seaside Park; and

WHEREAS, the native vegetation planting initiative will entail an initial investment, labor, and the purchase of the native plants themselves, through the Borough of Seaside Park, which will then assist in promoting and advertising for donations, through the already existing Seaside Park Beautification Committee, which in turn will assist further reimbursement efforts, as well as further purchases of the native plants themselves, through ongoing time periods in the 2020 calendar year, and for an ongoing period of time thereafter, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough of Seaside Park and the governing body of the Borough of Seaside Park to improve the municipality's dune system, as contemplated by the native vegetation planting initiative, for the health, welfare, and safety of the residents of the Borough of Seaside Park; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Seaside Park is a body politic and corporate in law pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-1 et seq.;

WHEREAS, it has been clearly demonstrated that well established and protected sand dunes, together with properly maintained beach and dune areas, along with functional structures

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in critical areas, are effective protection against high tides and flooding, and against property damage by the ocean, under storm conditions, and provide desirable protection of the coastal areas adjacent thereto, and the Borough of Seaside Park and its residents have an interest in the arc continued protection and preservation thereof, and in the restoration of these areas, in the event of damage or destruction; and

WHEREAS, the developed coastal area of New Jersey, including developed barrier islands and adjacent shorefront areas represent, in their developed state, a unique and invaluable social, economic, recreational, and aesthetic resource; and

WHEREAS, given the present degree of commercial and residential development in these areas, and given the measurable and intangible benefits that accrue to the residents of the Borough of Seaside Park and the public at large, from the beach, boating, fishing, and vacation facilities, that this diversely developed coastal area offers, and given the present extensive knowledge of the protective and restorative nature of beach nourishment and other selected coastal engineering programs, the Borough of Seaside Park desires to preserve, protect, and enhance these coastal regions in their developed state, as it is appropriate, essential, feasible, and in the public interest; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Seaside Park, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough of Seaside Park shall immediately plan, budget for, and implement, a native vegetation planting project, focused on the western side of the existing Seaside Park ocean dune system, for the acquisition of, and planting of a variety of native plants, including but

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not limited to bayberry plants, Rugosa roses, Montauk daisies, beach plum, Virginia roses, all to be supplemented, by wild vegetation, and even Goldenrod, through appropriate and periodic planting events, to begin as early as the Spring of 2020; and Included in the ongoing native vegetation planting project herein approved, shall be the promotion of volunteer efforts, by various environmental groups and private citizens whose efforts will be promoted, enhanced, and supplemented by work conducted through the Borough of Seaside Park's Public Works Department; and The Borough of Seaside Park shall also make appropriate advertising and notification for donors and volunteers, who may wish to assist with the purchase of plants, and to fund said donations of the Seaside Park Beautification Committee, whose contact information will be made available as well, which group shall also assist and facilitate this native vegetation planting project, not only through the 2020 calendar year, but through subsequent years thereafter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT certified copies of the within Resolution shall be forwarded to the following:

The Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Seaside Park Sandra Rice, CFO and Administrator of the Borough of Seaside Park Sandra Martin, Deputy Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Seaside Park The Borough of Seaside Park's Beautification Committee Any and all other concerned citizens and volunteers for the project, including but not limited to Robert Hopkins, and any and all other Seaside Park volunteers.

RECORD OF VOTE	GAIL COLEMAN	FRANK (FRITZ) MCHUGH	FAITH LIGUORI	RAY AMABILE	MATTHEW DEMICHELE	WILLIAM KRAFT	MAYOR PETERSON
MOTION	SECOND	FIRST					
YES	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT							

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I, Sandra F. Martin, RMC, CMR, Deputy Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Seaside Park,
DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Seaside Park
Borough Council at a meeting held on the 2nd day of January 2020.

BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK, IN
THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra F. Martin", is written over a horizontal line.

SANDRA F. MARTIN, RMC, CMR
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK