

Save The Dunes and Beaches Foundation, Inc.



To the Editor

Re: Beach Plan May be Back, SHP – West 2018-08-02

The coastal erosion work session scheduled for August 18, 2018 promises to be a constructive step forward in preserving Quogue's irreplaceable oceanfront beaches. We are grateful to the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees for organizing this event. The purpose of the work session is to introduce the concept of a Beach Erosion Control District (BECD), and explain how such a district would be created, financed and constructed.

The concept of a BECD stems from the recommendations of the Village's Coastal Advisory Committee in 2017. This committee agreed that the most extreme erosion is in Village's eastern portion. However, concerns were expressed about public funding of beach restoration. As a result, the proposed BECD is focused on the Village's eastern portion and would be a self-funded district paid solely by the property owners within the district.

The proposed BECD would extend approximately 6,240 feet from the easterly boundary of the Village to one house east of the Quogue Beach Club and would include the Quogue Village Beach. The project will place approximately 500,000 cubic yards of beach compatible sand, increasing the width of the beach 80 to 100 feet seaward.

The estimated cost is \$9.8 million and is to be entirely self-funded through a BECD created and administered by the Town of Southampton. However, the Village of Quogue (Mayor and Village Board) must agree to allow the district to be formed within Village boundaries. The 6,240 feet of oceanfront contains 51 separate parcels of land. A BECD can allocate the project costs by beachfront footage, assessed value, or a combination of the two.

A straw poll conducted this past winter of the 51 properties indicated strong support for a BECD. The work session at 3:30 on August 18th will be an opportunity to introduce the proposed BECD to the Village Board and receive feedback from those in attendance. The restoration and preservation of Quogue's oceanfront beaches is essential to the economic and environmental health of our community and we are proud to serve as stewards of that irreplaceable resource.

Sincerely

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