



Spring, 2018

Dear Neighbor,

While the thermometer might not be as warm as we'd like, summer is right around the corner. The light has changed, the days are getting longer and hopefully we'll be able to stick our toes in the sand real soon.

This winter has seen a few changes at the beach. There are several homes at the east end of Quogue that are either for sale or recently sold. We have already reached out to our new neighbors to help them understand the need to protect our barrier beach and sign on in support of beach nourishment.

If you've visited the beach recently, you may have noticed that once again, the east end of our 2.6 mile stretch of beach is suffering. A break in the offshore sand bar has resulted in a deep slashing cut right around the Village Beach. Were it not for the soft protection of geo-cubes, property damage would have been much greater. If beach nourishment had occurred (which is simply pumping compatible off-shore sand onto the beach), the beach would undoubtedly be in a much healthier state.

We at The Save the Dunes and Beaches Foundation, Inc. ("SDBF") are continuing our efforts to link our beach to the chain of communities on Long Island's South Shore that receive beach nourishment. The Village of Quogue is not eligible for government funding, so our only option is for ocean front owners to pay for the cost of nourishment. To that end, the SDBF is looking for the (continued) support of homeowners from 140 Dune Road to 244 Dune Road (51 properties) to help form a self-taxing district to pay for the nourishment project. To date, 30 of the 51 property owners (almost 60%) have indicated their support for beach restoration through a non-binding straw poll. Thank you to those of you who have already sent in your support forms.

We have enclosed support forms for those who have yet to offer their opinion and support of the project and request that you complete the attached support form and return it to me. It is extremely important to demonstrate to the public officials that homeowners are in support of our efforts. More information is available on our website www.quoguebeaches.org

Over the last decade, beaches of Quogue, (especially the eastern end) have experienced ongoing and irrevocable erosion that has reduced considerably the height and width of the beach and lowered the reservoir of sand in the dune. You may have noticed erosion on your own property. Restoring our beach will not only enhance nature's beauty and protect our property but will surely keep and/or increase the value of our properties.

Please contact me at your convenience, if you have any questions, or would like to speak with us. You can also visit our website www.quoguebeaches.org for a wealth of information about SDBF's ongoing effort to preserve Quogue's beautiful beaches.

Most sincerely,

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