

THE MANTOLOKING BEACH PROTECTION

REPORTER

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Mayor George C. Nebel:

"WE ARE ENCOURAGED!"

The majority of Mantoloking residents responding to our questionnaires support beach protection.

The members of the Beach Protection Committee and I thank each of you who attended one of the Beach Protection information sessions for investing the time to learn more about an issue that is vital to the safety of our community. Your views are important to us. We value all the feedback we have received. If you have not returned a questionnaire or spoken with a staff member from the Borough please call the Borough office at 732-899-6600.

We encourage those of you who were unable to attend any of the meetings to learn more about this critical issue and to share your opinions with us.

In addition to the four newsletters that we have mailed to all Mantoloking home owners, which are accessible on the Borough web site, the following resources are available to you and can be picked up at Borough Hall.

- **A DVD of the presentation given at the meetings.**
- **The PowerPoint slides used in the presentation.** (These also are available on the Borough web site.)
- **A large foldout chart of the new beach-dune system after nourishment.** (This is also available on the Borough web site.)
- **The questions asked at the meetings and the answers supplied by our team members.** (These also are included in this mailing and are available on the website.)

We urge you to review this information and to consider the following points we have been emphasizing throughout these presentations:

- 1 The only thing that truly can change the **character of the Borough** is one big storm. It is a needless risk that can be avoided.
- 2 The **current dunes** have enough sand to withstand a 20/25 year storm event, similar to the storm that we experienced in December of 1992, but not enough to protect us from larger storms.

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Mantoloking residents who attended the community information meetings saw this illustration of how beach nourishment will extend the dune 70 feet eastward and increase the recreational beach from 53 feet to 145 feet. A large foldout chart with a great deal of information on the current and planned beach profile is available at Borough Hall.

EXTENDED RECREATIONAL BEACH

Courtesy Hatch Mott MacDonald

ENHANCED DUNE

CURRENT SUMMER BEACH



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"WE ARE ENCOURAGED!" (From the front)

- 3 The height of the **beach berm** is 3 to 4 foot too low; it must be at least 8 feet above the mid tide level to protect the dune against waves from major storms.
- 4 The **total amount of sand** in the dune, beach, and near shore is only 25% of what we need for minimum protection. At least three times as much is needed to protect us from larger predicted storms.
- 5 If Mantoloking does not proceed with the beach niourishment project, our future **homeowners insurance** may be impacted.
- 6 Current "**beach rights**" are commonly misunderstood; the public now uses the available dry sand most of the time with normal high tides even in the summer routinely wash right to the dune toe. Private dunes with new dune fencing will extend an additional 100 feet eastward providing increased privacy for beach front owners.

A privately funded project would have to meet almost all the same **regulatory conditions** as State and Federal projects. Receiving federal and state funds adds no additional restrictions.

- 7 Soon we will not be able to even bulldoze after the many minor storms which will ultimately result in the dune toe being under house foundations. Over half of ocean front homes would have to be moved west to 60 or more feet from the 1992 scarp line if they suffer substantial damage from a major storm.
- 8 The Beach Protection Committee is still negotiating with the DEP on **easement, bathroom, and parking** issues. We will keep you informed of the current status as it develops.

The Beach Protection Committee looks forward to continuing to work with you to insure the security of our homes and community. There is tremendous positive support in our community to continue with the Beach Replenishment effort.

If you haven't done so already

Please Give Us Your Feedback By Checking All That Apply and Returning To:

Mayor George C. Nebel
Borough Hall
Mantoloking, NJ 08738

- I agree that Mantoloking needs additional storm protection and urge the Beach Protection Committee to continue its efforts.
- I need more information about the need and plans for additional storm protection and request a member of the Committee to call me.
- I am a beachfront homeowner. I want additional storm protection for Mantoloking and am willing to sign an easement agreement to help my neighbors qualify for it.

Your name: _____

Your street address: _____

Your email address: _____

Your telephone number: _____