Green Creek Tidal Estuary Sustainability Project

The Cape May County Planning Department has received a Grant from the Department of Interior, National Fish and Wildlife Federation under their program entitled Building Ecological Solutions to Coastal Community Hazards. Our partnership includes: the National Wildlife Federation, Sustainable Jersey, NJ Sea Grant/Stevens Institute of Technology, Partnership for Delaware Estuary, the Haskins Shellfish Laboratory, the Cape May County Mosquito Department, the Township of Middle, Cape May National Wildlife Refuge, and of course you, our residents, businesses, visitors and everyone interested in the long term health and sustainability of the Green Creek Tidal Estuary.

The area of study is the Green Creek watershed, extending along the Delaware Bay from Norbury’s Landing Road (CR 642) to the Haskins Shellfish Laboratory and inland along the Route 47 corridor. The purpose of this grant study is to collect information and to develop solutions to preserve and protect this area from future damage due to coastal storms, including beach erosion and deterioration of the fragile internal ecosystem. We hope to utilize the results of this design study to put forward identified solutions into the permitting and design development stage, where we hope to find additional funding for implementing the best set of measures to insure a healthy future for this watershed.

We invite you to participate as well by sharing your knowledge, ideas and concerns with us. Please take a few moments to read and consider the questionnaire for the Primary and Secondary Goals of the Green Creek Tidal...
Estuary Sustainability Project. The primary goals are what we consider essential parts of the plan to meet the purpose of the project; the secondary goals are important for a basis to compare the solutions that meet the primary goals but might not be the best solution possible.

Our working group has identified four primary goals to consider in identifying the best possible solution for this study. Feel free to suggest other goals by adding them to the end of the questionnaire. Space has been provided under each of the proposed primary and secondary goals if you wish to provide any comments, questions or concerns. Please share this questionnaire with others you think may be interested in the project. Anyone interested in commenting can contact us by email or letter and request an electronic or paper copy of the goal questionnaire by request.

USEFUL LINKS:

http://www.nfwf.org/ National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
http://www.fws.gov/ US Fish and Wildlife Service
http://capemaycountynj.gov/432/Planning-Department CMC Planning
http://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/ NJDEP Fish and Wildlife
PRIMARY GOALS
The alternative measures to be considered, alone or in combination, must satisfy the primary goals enumerated below;

1. Creating a robust sustainable shoreline and bay front dune system to protect the tidal estuary and its associated resources and investments
Comments;__________________________________________________________
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2. Protecting and enhance the habitat value and water quality of the tidal estuary
Comments;__________________________________________________________
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3. To create a representative and cooperative group of citizens, stakeholders and elected officials to develop and maintain short and long term measures to achieve project goals.
Comments;__________________________________________________________
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4. To create a multiparty agreement with key stakeholders for the long term operation and maintenance of the measures required for project sustainability
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SECONDARY GOALS
Secondary goals are desirable outcomes from the measures to be evaluated. Please rank these goals by circling the number that best represents your opinion of the importance of each goal 1, least important to 5 most important. If you wish to share the reasons for the selection write a comment in the line below. Other goals or comments for consideration can be attached to the end of the form.
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To enhance and protect the Haskin Shellfish Laboratory

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To enhance and protect shell fishing and aquaculture

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To enhance and protect access to the beachfront

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To enhance and protect freshwater habitat on the fringe of the estuary

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To minimize the cost and resources required to maintain the measures required for the project goals

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To improve public safety and fire protection into the sustainability measures

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To improve public access for educational and ecotourism benefits of the project

To provide a model of study evaluation and action for solving similar problems in adjoining bayfront areas.

To identify and implement subprojects and pilot projects which could be implemented quickly with the resources currently available i.e. low cost or no cost measures that could be completed by Fish and Wildlife, Mosquito Department, Municipal or volunteer action.

To improve or reduce the need for mosquito control

Your Goals and other comments.

Please provide your name, address, phone, email information and why you are interested in participating in the project (property owner, etc.) so we can keep you informed of the projects progress.

Your Contact Information:
Name: ___________________________________ Email: _____________________
Address: _______________________________ Phone: ______________________
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Reference to Green Creek Study

TO: