



East Hampton Forms Coastal Resiliency Committee

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East Hampton won a [\\$250,000 state grant](#) this past winter to develop a Coastal Assessment and Resiliency Plan, in the hopes of preparing the town to brace for rising seas and erratic weather expected as the Earth's climate changes. Earlier this month, the town created a Coastal Resiliency Project Advisory Committee to guide that plan.

East Hampton Natural Resources Director Kim Shaw said "this committee will help us with the scientific analysis needed to support effective coastal management and deliver this CARP plan over the next 24 months. This will be a comprehensive planning approach and involve extensive public workshops to gain critical inputs on development of the coastal resiliency plan."

The committee members will include Land Management Department Director Scott Wilson, Planning Director Marguerite Wolffsohn, Peconic Estuary Program Director Alison Branco, Department of State representative Stephanie Wojtowicz, East Hampton Town Trustee Diane McNally, a Suffolk County Legislative Representative, Rameshwar Das, and Concerned Citizens of Montauk President Jeremy Samuelson.

Kim Shaw and Councilman Peter Van Scoyoc will serve as ex officio members.

"Public input will come later in the process," said Mr. Van Scoyoc as the committee members were appointed at the town board's June 18 meeting. "This committee will work on scope of work and preparing an RFP for coastal engineering."

"Training of the Natural Resources and Planning Departments and the engagement of a coastal engineering firm will lead to the development of a long-range coastal plan," he added in an announcement to the media last week. "This work will be in keeping with the Town's Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan and will strengthen the resiliency of East Hampton. The needs of current and future generations will be addressed through broad-based public involvement, in order to develop and implement a community plan. It will also allow us to partner with the Army Corps of Engineers as they shape their much-anticipated Fire Island to Montauk Point proposal, which is slated for release this summer".

Complete details of the planning process including timelines, project objectives and milestones will be available on the [town's website](#).