

Letters to the Editor for May 5, 2022

Must Prepare
Montauk
May 2, 2022

Dear David,

Concerned Citizens of Montauk has been a proponent of a long-term coastal resiliency plan for Montauk for nearly a decade, and last week a draft version of the plan, called the Coastal Assessment and Resiliency Plan, or CARP, was released. C.C.O.M. has advocated for this plan, helped secure funding to develop the plan, worked hand-in-hand with consultants and stakeholders to craft the plan, and now, as a co-chair of the town's CARP committee, looks forward to implementing the plan. Dare I say our work is now just beginning?

The entire East Hampton community should read the CARP. It's available on the town's website and easy to find in the search bar. Make yourself aware of the threats of short and long-term sea level rise, coastal inundation, and erosion.

We are a coastal community that built houses, critical infrastructure, and entire communities in areas that will sustain significant damage in less than 50 years. However, there are things that we can start doing to lessen the damage. None of them are easy, and, yes, the process will be challenging.

Humans have been adapting for centuries, adapting to new and different technologies, adapting to global pandemics, and now to climate change. We must act now, united, to save the community we all love. Mother Nature is on her way, and we must prepare for her visit.

Respectfully,

LAURA TOOMAN

President