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Subject: CT DEEP LRWD Comments on Mandatory Referral Coastal Site Plan review for replacement of seawall, Beach Park Point, Clinton
Attachments: Shoreline Flood and Erosion Control Structures Fact Sheet.pdf; Final_StateofthePractice_7 2017.pdf



Clinton Planning and Zoning Commission
c/o Eric Knapp, ZEO
54 East Main Street
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Re: CT DEEP LWRD Comments on Coastal Site Plan Review application for Seawall Replacement for Beach Park Point Clinton CT

Dear Commission Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced coastal site plan received by the Land and Water Resources Division (LWRD) on December 12, 2017. The proposal is to reconstruct the 60 plus year old seawall, located a minimum of approximately 80 feet above the Coastal Jurisdiction Line (CJL). The seawall will match the existing wall dimensions with no expansion. Stairway will be reconstructed as well.

The Land and Water Resources Division (LWRD, formerly the Office of Long Island Sound Programs) has reviewed the proposal for consistency with the goals and policies of the Connecticut Coastal Management Act and offers the following comments.

While the CCMA contains strict criteria which discourages new seawalls, revetments, groins and jetties, the maintenance of long-standing seawalls built prior to the CCMA are allowed (see flood and erosion control fact sheet attached). As such, our office finds the proposal generally consistent with CCMA criteria.

However, given seawalls have the potential to scour and erode the beach resource during storm events, we recommend the applicant voluntarily consider constructing a dune in front of the existing seawall as a living shoreline component. The dune need not cover the beach, only a smaller portion closer to the wall so as not to impact residents' use (see additional living shore information attached which details the buffer functions and ecological values).

These comments are offered in accordance with CGS 22a-109(d) and CGS Section 22a-90 thru 22a-112, inclusive and *do not necessarily reflect other planning and zoning considerations which may apply*. If you have any questions about this or any other coastal management matter, please feel free to contact me by phone at (860) 424-3623 or by email at Marcy.Balint@ct.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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