

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-126  
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MONMOUTH COUNTY RARITAN/SANDY HOOK BAY  
COASTAL RESILIENCE PLANNING STUDY

WHEREAS, the County of Monmouth, Naval Weapons Station Earle, and the communities within the Military Influence Area worked together to prepare a Joint Land Use Study that was completed in December 2017; and

WHEREAS, this Joint Land Use Study was the first of its kind nationally to include coastal resilience as a major component; and

WHEREAS, the study resulted in 9 resilience recommendations including 1) Coordinate efforts for naturalized beach erosion/shoreline protection projects protecting both Navy and community waterfronts, 2) Develop a Marsh & Dune Restoration Plan, in coordination with partners to determine public facilities that could be suitable locations; and 3) Investigate potential joint stormwater management improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monmouth received a grant from the Federal Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment to continue their work with NWS Earle and the Bayshore communities to develop a coastal resilience plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Division of Planning, as the lead county agency for this study, invited the coastal communities, various county, state and federal agencies, academic institutions and non-governmental organizations to serve on a Technical Advisory Committee to review and select 10-12 potential public sites for resilience projects for which concept plans would be drafted; and

WHEREAS, among the 11 sites selected, two sites are within the Township of Aberdeen; and

WHEREAS, the project team met with municipal representatives to review the concept plan and give additional insight and input into the plan development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Aberdeen recognizes the need to continue to increase resilience to sea level rise and coastal storms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body supports the concept plans drafted through the Monmouth County Raritan/Sandy Hook Bay Coastal Resilience Planning Study for the site(s) within its municipal boundaries.