# *INFORMING THE FUTURE OF FIRE ISLAND PINES*

FiPPOA

The Pines Foundation

## TASK FORCE ON MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE PINES

## TASK FORCE CHARTER

**Project name:** **Task Force on Mitigating the Impact of Climate Change on the Pines**

| **PURPOSE OF THE TASK FORCE** |
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| To develop recommendations and a proposed action plan to mitigate the long-term impact of climate change on the Fire Island Pines community. |
| **BACKGROUND** |
| As a water-bound community, rising sea levels pose an existential threat to FIP. The impact of climate change on the Pines includes beach erosion, flooding, and rising ground water. While recognizing that climate change is a global threat that is beyond the control and influence of FIP, there are actionable opportunities to mitigate the impact of climate change on our community. |
| **PROPOSED TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES** |
| 1. Review relevant sections of the Fire Island Pines Long-term Planning Reports to understand the community's perspective on this issue<br>2. Gather and consider other available information that will help to inform the Task Force's work, for example, studies already completed by FINS and/or FIA.<br>3. From among the multiple opportunities for action, select a specific focus for the Task Force's work and develop a clear definition of the problem the Task Force seeks to solve.<br>4. Explore potential solutions for addressing the problem identified, taking a long-term perspective to this work. Consider the cost, resources required and feasibility of the proposed solutions as part of the planning discussions.<br>5. From among the multiple potential solutions, identify your preferred approach to solving the problem.<br>6. Develop an Action Plan outlining specific recommendations and activities the FIP community should take to address these issues, including the estimated resource requirements of implementing this effort. |

## IN SCOPE / OUT OF SCOPE

The FIPPOA Board has identified the following potential topics as being "in scope" for the Task Force's work:

- Countering beach erosion and enhancing beach replenishment
- Reducing Bayside Flooding
- Improving drainage off the Boulevard
- Addressing the impact of rising ground water

The Board has identified the following potential topics as being "out of scope":

- Environmental stewardship (e.g., solar, recycling) as these topics will be addressed by a separate Task Force
- Becoming a "net zero" community
- Conducting a large scale community environmental impact assessment

## TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

The Task Force will be comprised of up to 5 or 6 members inclusive of both the FIPPOA board and community at-large. The FIPPOA President will appoint task force membership based on interest, relevant skill set and commitment to the community.

## COMMUNICATION AND REPORTING

The Task Force will act in an advisory capacity and will provide updates on its activities to the FIPPOA Board of Directors.