# *INFORMING THE FUTURE OF FIRE ISLAND PINES*

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE

## TASK FORCE CHARTER

**Project name:** **Environmental Stewardship Task Force**

| **PURPOSE OF THE TASK FORCE** |
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| To develop recommendations and a proposed action plan to strengthen environmental stewardship within the Fire Island Pines community. |
| **BACKGROUND** |
| As part of the Fire Island National Seashore, the Fire Island Pines community feels a special obligation to be good stewards of the environment. While recognizing that FIPPOA cannot mandate certain actions or behaviors, it does have the ability to promote standards of environmental stewardship, share best practices, and support community efforts to strengthen environmental stewardship. |
| **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<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:

- Developing Standards of Environmental Stewardship
- Exploring the potential for solar energy in the community
- Strengthening our recycling program
- Promoting composting

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

- Mitigating the direct impacts of climate change (to be addressed by a separate group)
- 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.