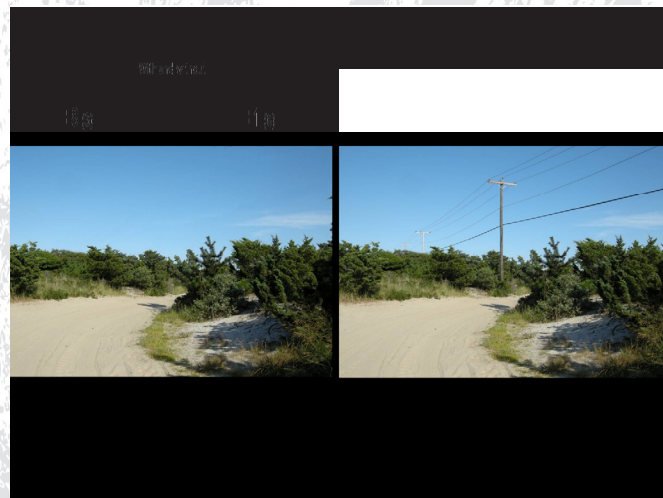


NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Fire Island relies on a balance between development and nature. Natural characteristics are the primary determinant of the Island's character. These images were shown to question, how appropriate is the image is now and in the future, for the Natural Environment on Fire Island?



Natural Environment

Sand Road through Federal Area, buried utility wires

+8 (3)



Sand road edged by natural vegetation.

Natural Environment

Sand Road through Federal Area, overhead utility wires

+1 (6)



This is the same image as the previous except that this image has the poles and overhead utility wires. The value changes from +8 to a +1. The presence of poles and wires reduces its value. This image still rates as positive because of the strong value given to the natural environment. Even thin overhead lines and poles diminishes the value.

Natural Environment

Sand dune restoration

+8 (3)



The following three images are the top-rated image in the natural environment category.

Natural Environment

Wildlife on the Island

+8 (3)



A view of wildlife on the Island.

Natural Environment

Beach and dunes in Federal Area

+8 (3)



A long view of the beach that encompasses the natural dunes with little sign of human habitation.

Natural Environment

Bayside with naturalized, private beach edge

+7 (3)



This is the first and highest rated image of the bay side.

Natural Environment

Sand dunes with vegetation and fencing

+7 (4)



A view of sand dunes with vegetation and fencing.

Natural Environment

Bayside with naturalized, private beach edge

+6 (4)



This is the second image of the bay side.

Natural Environment

Beach with development behind the dunes

+6 (4)



Beach with development behind the dunes.

Natural Environment

Bayside with developed, public beach edge

+4 (5)



Bayside public beach.

Natural Environment

Bayside with developed, private beach edge

+3 (6)



Private edge Bayside development.

Natural Environment

Beach with adjacent development

+1 (6)



Beach front development directly on the beach.

Natural Environment

Bulkhead on the bay

-1 (6)



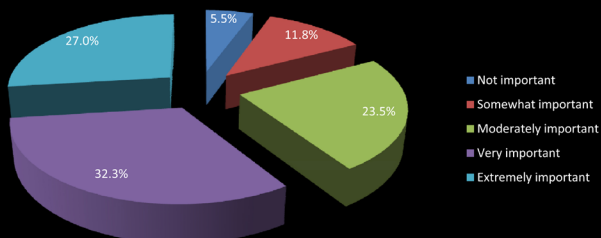
Bayside bulkhead with development behind.

Please rate the importance of the following qualities/resources to you. Please mark one response for this quality/resource.

40 Use of indigenous and/or "beach-friendly" vegetation in landscaping

1	Not important	5.4%	24
2	Somewhat important	11.6%	51
3	Moderately important	23.1%	102
4	Very important	31.7%	140
5	Extremely important	26.5%	117
		98.4%	434

Use of Indigenous/ Beach Friendly Vegetation



19 What is your impression of overhead utility wires throughout the Island?

1	They don't bother me, leave them as they are.	33.8%	187
2	They are less obvious when landscaping obscures the poles and lines	14.6%	81
3	I dislike them and think that they should be buried underground at least in certain locations	29.8%	165
4	I hate them and think they should be buried underground everywhere on the Island.	17.0%	94
5	Don't Know	2.7%	15
		97.8%	542

Impression of Overhead Utility Wires

