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A CHARACTER VOCABULARY

The character of place is determined by positive and negative responses from a holistic set of visual and spatial features, sounds and smells.   These visual and spatial features, captured in a moment of time, were divided into 10 categories or subsets. Together they best compose the character of Fire Island. The values placed on each of these images provide the basic data to understand which images contribute and enhance the character and which detract from the character. By incorporating and maintain the features that are the highest rated, while limiting and controlling the features that received the negative values, the experience, value and uniqueness of Fire Island will be enhanced now and in the future.

Incorporating features shown in the positive images of a single category when combined with other positive images in multiple categories, an even richer and complementary character vocabulary is generated for this unique place.

The results of this character vocabulary when considered in the GMP and/or incorporated in a community plan can act as a guide. If a picture is worth a thousand words, these images provide a book of a recommendations and suggestions.

The best way to use the results of this character study is to:

1.   Have easy access to the images and values from all categories either in this report form or on the net

2. Use the character vocabulary for planning and zoning guidelines - it could be adopted formally or as a non-binding resolution

3. Use the character vocabulary when in the pre design or design ideas phase or when reviewing construction permits for new or exterior remodeling, fencing and skirting.

4.   Use when reviewing, designing or rebuilding public faciilities

5. Use it when considering new infrastructure or landscaping

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