

From the Beach Committee

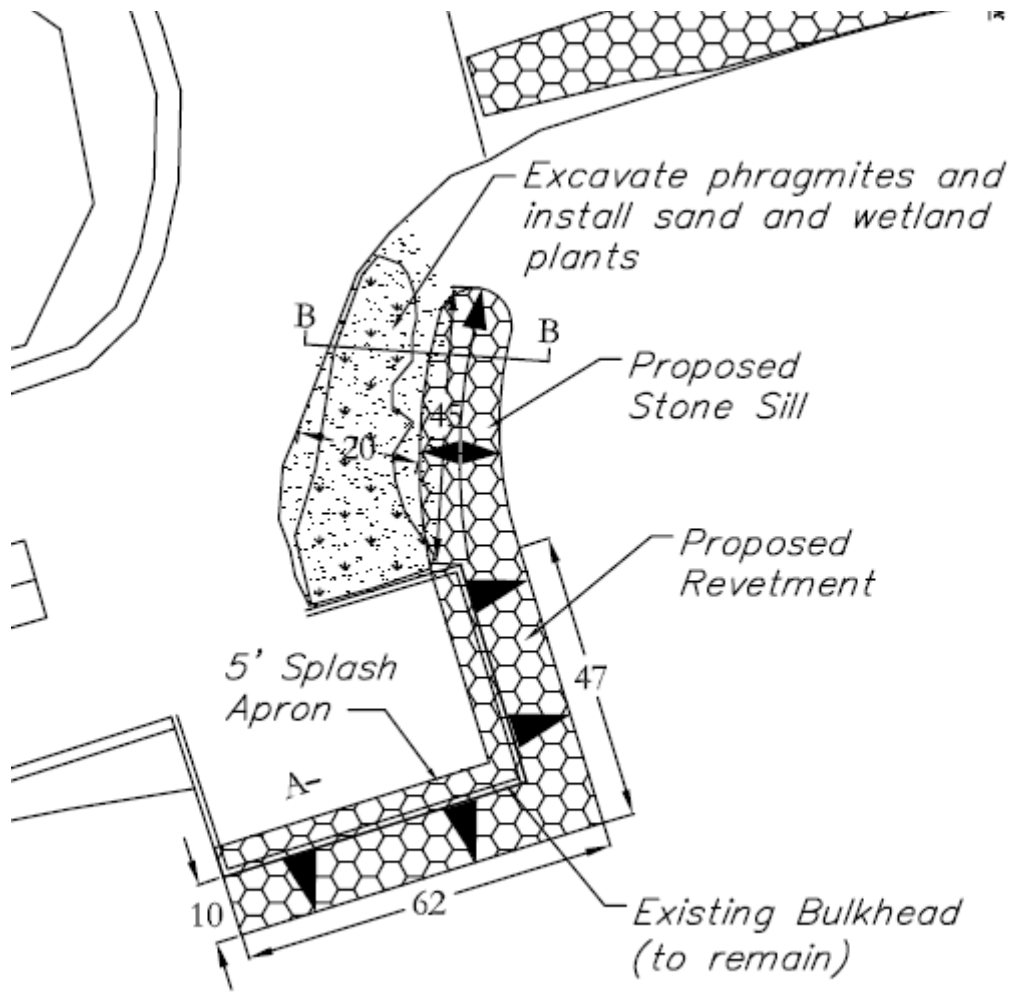
~Kate Penn, Beach Chair

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the Beach Clean-up on May 3. We had a beautiful morning to rake debris from the beach, weed and mulch the rain garden, and clear the path.

Please be sure to come out and participate in the 6th Annual South River Sojourn and Wade-In, sponsored by DNR and the South River Federation, and hosted at our beach on Saturday, May 31. The event starts from our beach with a kayak tour to Harness Creek and back, followed by a Bernie Fowler-style Wade-In and picnic. For more information, and to RSVP, go to www.southernriverfederation.net/Sojourn.php.

Last month, we reported that the board approved a contract with Shoreline Design to install a stone revetment over the deteriorated bulkhead on the east end of the beach. Shoreline Design submitted the permit application for review by the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE). We were asked to revise the design to preserve the marsh area behind the point. The revised design provides a low, off-shore, stone sill to protect the marsh. MDE also requested we replace the Phragmites with a native grass, *Spartina Alterniflora*. The total cost of this additional work is \$16,800. A sketch of the design is included on the next page. To view the whole permit application, please go to the HSIA web site. Permits are still pending on this project, and work will begin as soon as approvals are obtained.

The Beach Committee continues to discuss design options for the remaining sections of shoreline. We have several proposals on the table and are reviewing the benefits and impacts of each system. We have compiled a glossary of terms, that will help the rest of the community better understand as we discuss the more technical aspects of shoreline preservation. This glossary is published on pages 10 and 11 of this issue of *the Sea Breeze* and will be posted on the web site. Please continue to post comments and questions on the web site forum, because your feedback is a great help to the committee.



Permit Drawing: Stone Revetment Project
 Shoreline Design, LLC