

From the Beach Committee

~Kate Penn, Beach Chair

Shoreline Study: Report to be presented at March General Meeting

Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. (ESA) has completed the first phase of their contract, recording activity along the shoreline and off shore, as well as collecting historical data, and observations from residents in the community. ESA will present their report at our March General Meeting, Thursday, March 11, 7 pm, at The Key School Multi-Purpose Building. This report will provide information about the current conditions along our shoreline, which will help us select the best system for protecting the beach and park areas.

The next step in the process will be for ESA to provide three possible shoreline designs, including the status quo. The Beach Committee members will work with ESA to present these designs, along with the estimated costs and pros and cons of each, to the community for discussion.

Spring Work Days: Saturday, March 27 and Saturday, April 24

All members of the community, of all ages, are welcome to come out on the Beach Work Days. As I am writing this message we are buried under two feet of snow, so I expect there will be lots of clean up after the thaw - and subsequent flooding. Join us on Saturday, March 27, from 10 am to noon, to spruce up the park for the Easter Egg Hunt. We will clear the path, remove debris and branches, and finish painting the small pavilion (if temperatures permit).

We will have a second work day on Saturday, April 24, from 9 am to 11 am, to plant the rain gardens, prune trees, and clear the drainage trenches.

Coffee, hot cocoa, water, and donuts are provided at all the work days. Please bring work gloves, garden tools (rakes, shovels, spades), if you have them.

Volunteers Needed!

Are you interested in helping keep the beach beautiful? The Beach Committee is comprised of volunteers who work year 'round to keep the beach in shape. We need volunteers both to work on specific projects and to help with emergency clean ups/repairs. If you are interested in either, please email Kate Penn at beach@hillsmereshores.net, or call 443-482-9870.

Some projects we need help with this year include: coordinating repairs/replacement of playground equipment; managing bench sponsorship program; obtaining bids for electricity and water at large pavilion; and many others!

Do you have ideas for how we can make the beach even better? Please let us know.