

# DRESSEL SHOREFRONT PRESERVE SHELTER ISLAND, NEW YORK STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN

## Introduction

In 2014 the Town purchased 2.92 acres of open space on the first Ram Island Causeway. This includes a 0.81 acre parcel on the north, with beachfront on Gardiners Bay, and a 2.11 acre parcel on the south, with beachfront on Coecles Harbor. Both properties are undeveloped and have wetland vegetation except for a broad sandy beach on the northerly parcel. Both properties are partially flooded during storms and extreme high tides.

## Intentions

The northerly parcel abuts Section 9 property owned by the County of Suffolk on the west and property owned by Overlook Beach Property Homeowners Association on the east (which is restricted from development). The northerly parcel provides walking along the scenic beachfront with vistas of Orient Point and Plum Island.

The southerly parcel abuts preserved property owned by the County of Suffolk on the west and privately owned and developed property to the east. It is mostly marshland with a narrow pebbled shorefront.

Acquisition allows both parcels to be preserved from development and the problems associated with development in a frequently flooded area. The acquisition preserves the natural habitat along the causeway, which anchors the land that protects Coecles Harbor from the surf and tides on Gardiners Bay.

## Name

The property will be called "Dressel Shorefront Preserve" (formerly owned by Dressel) and will be so-called on all Town maps and descriptive material. The only entrance to the property shall be along the northerly beachfront, which is most accessible from Menhaden Lane.

## Improvements

There are no improvements on the properties.

## Management

The properties will be left in their natural state. As of the date of this management plan, the following is a brief description of the existing natural state: "The vegetation found here is quite typical of a maritime beach community. Eastern red cedar and shadbush are the dominant larger plants. Shrubs include bayberry and salt water edge shrub. Scattered across the site are beach grass, little bluestem, switch grass, seaside goldenrod and prickly pear cactus and occasional poison ivy vines. The area is relatively devoid of invasive plants but there are autumn olives growing on neighboring properties. There is also evidence of deer browse on a number of plants." No trails are planned other than the current walk along the beach of the northerly property. The beachfront may be used for conventional beachfront activities.

Because the properties are underwater so frequently, aquifer protection is not relevant.

### Public Access and Signage

Public access will be permitted for persons using Section 9 to travel along the northerly beachfront. The southerly parcel is marshland and not suitable for access.

The Town will erect the standard town/county community preservation fund signage for both properties along Ram Island Causeway.

### Measures to Protect Ecology

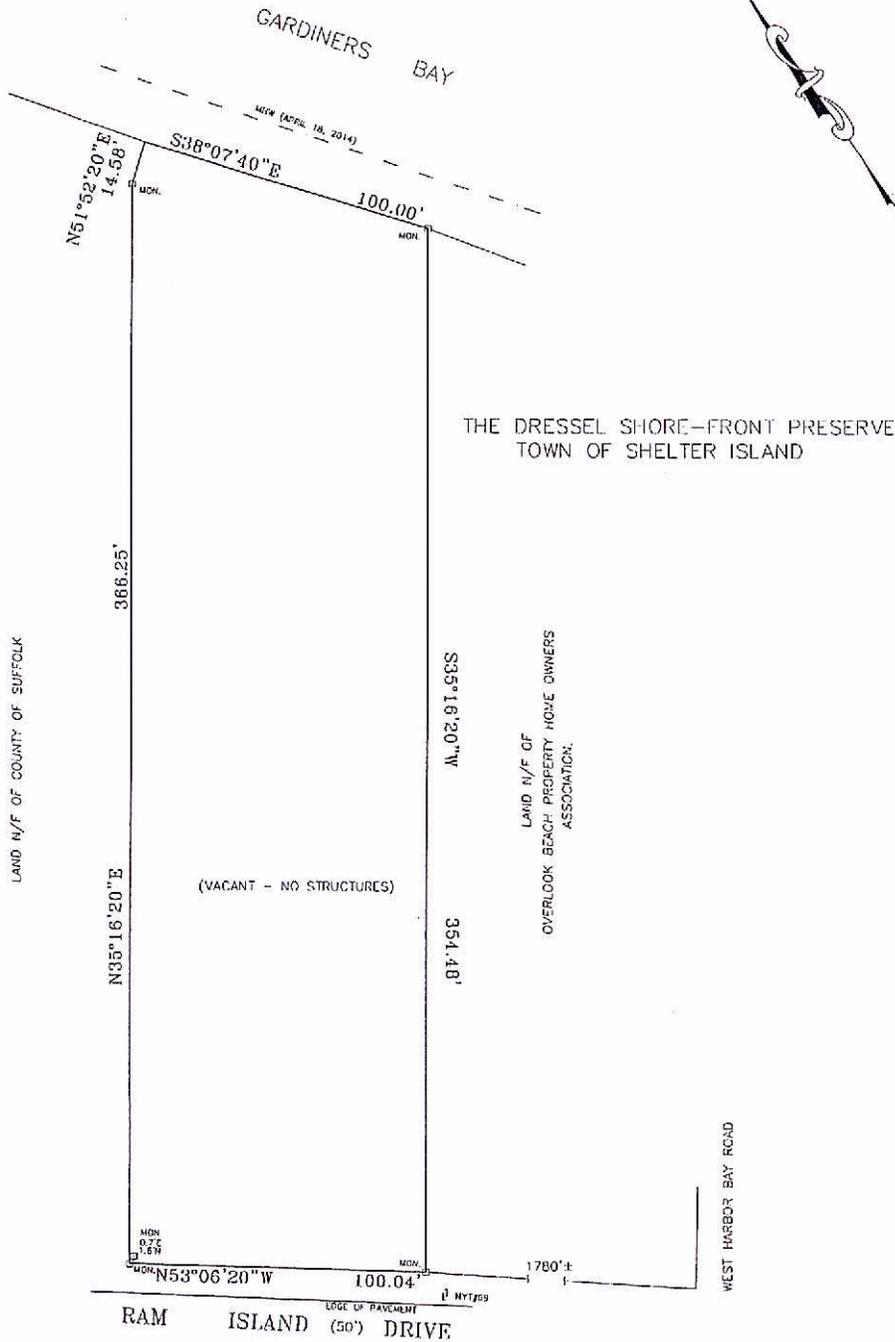
The Town will manage the property to protect the ecology of this property. Specifically:

- (i) Birds: no particular action will be taken except to keep undisturbed to encourage diversity.
- (ii) Animals: Nuisance hunting on the northerly property if necessary may be authorized by the Town Board, and shall be conducted in conformance with Town rules and regulations.
- (iii) Wetlands: The wetlands on both properties shall be left undisturbed.

The CPF Committee will prepare an annual report to the Town Board of expenditures from the Community Preservation Fund for stewardship of this property.

Adopted October 3, 2014

Surveys follow



AREA: 36,765.9 S.F. OR 0.84 ACRES

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TOWN OF: SHELTER ISLAND  
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

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