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To Whom It May Concern

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**Standards: Goal 18: Statewide Planning Standards, Beaches and Dunes**

**COMMENTS**

- 1) We support DOGAMI's (Department of Geology and Mineral Industries) 2024 updated mapping and hazard categories as suitable and its requirement for the appropriate Dune Area Development Permit with supporting geologic hazard for the grading and removal of vegetation.**
- 2) We support the issuing of permits that comply with identified hazard reports prepared by licensed geo-professionals in order to address probable erosion, flooding and windblown risks negatively effecting persons and property.**  
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- 3) We support that fore-dunes, inter-dunes and vegetated dunes be accurately identified and mapped and identified as unique and sensitive dune formations, vegetation and habitats not to be graded unless necessary due to consistent hazard mitigation.**
- 4) We support that overall grading should not occur below 4 feet above Base Flood Elevation because a minimum area is necessary for the stabilization and revegetation of plants. Furthermore the normal sandy area (east) of the fore-dune is necessary to maintain the beach-fore-dune system.**
- 5) We support state law. The hazards and costs associated with pre-existing structures are the responsibility of the owner, their insurance and their local jurisdiction.**
- 6) We support the DOGAMI 2024 "Beach Dune Classifications" mapping and see it simply as the USDA 1975 classifications being necessarily and appropriately updated.**