

# **TOWN OF PALM BEACH**

Information for Town Council Meeting on: December 13, 2022

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TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: Preservation of Dune Plantings Along Mid-Town Seawall

DATE: November 21, 2022

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Town staff recommends that Town Council authorize the acceptance of the donation of materials and labor from the Preservation Foundation to help preserve and restore the existing native coastal ecosystem within the dune along the Mid-Town seawall.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Town of Palm Beach is nearing completion of the regulatory approval process for replacement of the seawall along Mid-Town's municipal beach. Construction of the new wall is expected to start in 2023. During construction, the existing vegetated dune between Royal Palm Way and Gulfstream Road will be impacted during the construction of the seawall.

The Preservation Foundation, with assistance from The Institute for Regional Conservation, has prepared a scope of work to mark native plants and collect seedlings to help repopulate the new dune in front of the new seawall after construction with the same high biodiversity plant species that exist today. Attached is a letter from The Institute that provides additional detail of the "rescue" process. Town staff recommends accepting this donation and will work in collaboration with the Preservation Foundation.

## **FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

All funding for this effort will be through the Preservation Foundation; therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the Town.

Attachment

cc: Patricia Strayer, P.E., Town Engineer  
Robert Weber, Coastal Program Manager  
Susan Lerner, The Preservation Foundation