



# Town of Brookhaven Long Island

**Jane Bonner**

Councilwoman, 2nd District

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NOAA Grant Review Board  
c/o Mr. David A. Johnson, Executive Director  
6 Audrey Street  
Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the grant proposal by the Coastal Steward for NOAA Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Project Grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This is an important program that I am proud to strongly support.

For the past 19 years, the Coastal Steward has organized beach cleanups, with great success here in Brookhaven. In fact, the Coastal Steward's efforts have resulted in over 180 tons of debris being documented and removed from our beaches – significantly improving the habitat of Piping Plovers, Horseshoe crabs and other local marine life.

With this grant in hand, the Coastal Steward would be able to perform this important work on a full-time basis, removing an estimated 200 tons of debris annually from beaches across the entire state of New York.

The Coastal Steward provides the kind of service that benefits the coastal environment, our residents, local governments, and the economy. Funding this program through this grant would be an investment in our environment and community that would provide benefits for decades to come.

Thank you for considering this important program. If I can be of further assistance, or if you need to speak to me regarding this important program, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

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