

October 7, 2025

BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH

RESOLUTION 2025-312

APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE NJDEP NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ROUND TWO FOR THE LIVING SHORELINES

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s coastal ecosystems, including natural resources such as salt marshes and tidal estuaries, are critical for mitigating climate change impacts and improving resilience; and

WHEREAS, the soils and plants in these estuarine and marine systems serve as significant sources of carbon storage, referred to throughout as “blue carbon”; and

WHEREAS, these ecosystems and the services they provide help protect the Bradley Beach communities from storms and flooding;and

WHEREAS, the NJ DEP is funding projects that restore and protect coastal ecosystems, such as living shorelines, revegetation, and elevation augmentation, as a priority action in the State’s carbon sequestration strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Living Shores project will directly support the State’s objectives under the NJ Climate Change Resilience Strategy and the Global Warming Response Act; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Energy and Sustainability Analytics Center (CESAC) at Montclair State University provides Solutions for Municipal Energy and Sustainability (SMES); and

WHEREAS, CESAC plans to support Bradley Beach’s grant application including grant writing, securing funding, and grant implementation including grant-related reporting, community engagement, and the coordination of projects across towns, as needed; and

WHEREAS, there will be no compensation for CESAC for proposal development as CESAC will be built in as the technical and academic partner in the RFP response proposal, including activities like project implementation support, required reporting, and project’s success evaluation support; and

WHEREAS, CESAC would provide Bradley Beach with an opportunity to secure the NJDEP Natural Climate Solutions Round 2 grants for the living shorelines; and

WHEREAS, there are no upfront costs for this Natural Climate Round 2 grant proposal development for Bradley Beach.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bradley Beach would like to engage CESAC's services to assist Bradley Beach in securing the NJDEP Natural Climate Solutions Round 2 grants for the living shorelines.

Mayor Gubitosi made a motion to withdraw this resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Greenblatt.

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DeNoble	X			
Ms. Greenblatt	X			
Mr. Nowicki	X			
Mr. Weber	X			
Mayor Gubitosi	X			