

City of Margate
RESOLUTION #275-2021
SUPPORTING THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
NEW JERSEY BACK BAYS COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released the New Jersey Back Bays Coastal Storm Risk Management Study. The report outlines a 'Tentatively Selected Plan' framework, which includes three storm surge barriers, two cross-bay barriers, and the elevation of structures to reduce the risk of flood damages associated with storm surge. The Plan is subject to change and must be approved by higher authorities, including Congress, and has not been funded for implementation at the federal or state level; and

WHEREAS, the Army Corps, in partnership with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, conducted this feasibility study within the New Jersey Back Bay area. The objective of the study is to investigate problems and solutions to reduce damages from coastal storm-related flooding that affects population, critical infrastructure, property, and ecosystems. Engineering and economic analyses indicate the study area could experience \$1.8 billion in average annual flood damages if no action is taken; and

WHEREAS, the Army Corps has been meeting with the municipal leaders and have hosted public meetings to discuss the report; and

WHEREAS, the City of Margate City is a bayfront community that has been subject to flooding and storm surges; and

WHEREAS, while the City of Margate City had aggressively made flood mitigation improvements the City understands that this issue cannot be addressed without the involvement of the Army Corps and NJDEP; and

WHEREAS, the economic health of our region relies on flood and storm surge protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Margate City supports the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Jersey Back Bays Coastal Storm Risk Management Study Objectives and further supports the continuing study and recommendations for both short and long term goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution of general support does not include any endorsement or authorization of any financial obligations by the City of Margate City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Margate City requests that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers keep the City fully informed as the Plan moves forward, and that interim improvements be incorporated to protect our communities in the short term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the US Senator Menendez, US Senator Booker, Congressman Van Drew, Governor Murphy, Senator Polistina, Assemblyman Guardian, Assemblywomen Swift, County Executive Levinson, County Commissioner Chairwomen Kern, and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

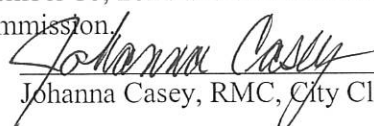
Roll Call

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Becker			X			
Amodeo	X		X			
Blumberg		X	X			

DATE: December 16, 2021

CERTIFICATION

I, Johanna Casey, Clerk of Margate City, Atlantic County, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the City of Margate City at a meeting of said Commission held on December 16, 2021 and said resolution was adopted by not less than a two-thirds vote of the members of the Commission.


Johanna Casey, RMC, City Clerk