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Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge fully supports the Town of Slaughter Beach's habitat initiative. As we discussed, the area of the Refuge in the Town limits (approximately 200 acres) is comprised of tidal marsh, scrub/shrub and coastal dune habitats that provide refuge for waterfowl along with feeding, resting, and loafing areas for waterfowl, wading birds and a plethora of passerine song birds. The Refuge currently occupies 10,100 acres of a combination of habitats including dunes, salt marsh, upland forest and open water. As you are well aware, Hurricane Sandy and numerous nor'easters have devastated approximately 3500 acres of marsh habitat on the Refuge. The high quality habitats that exist within the Slaughter Beach town limits is very important to the long survival and recovery of species that depend on these habitats.

The Refuge staff thanks you and the Town Council for your continuing support of the Refuge and its mission. The habitat initiative will be a great compliment to the community and the Refuge.

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