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Cooperative effort between the Delaware Bayshore Initiative and Slaughter Beach:

Proposed Kiosk and Interpretive Signs for Slaughter Beach, DE

Purpose: To provide an aesthetically-pleasing kiosk that is accessible to everyone, including folks with physical disabilities in a highly visible public location; and to provide one or more interpretive panels that depict and interpret local natural resources, culture, history and associated programs for the Town of Slaughter Beach and the Bayshore region.

Proposed Location: The area proposed for the kiosk is located immediately between the bathhouse and the pavilion at the Slaughter Beach Fire Hall.

Proposed Project: One two-sided kiosk with space for four (4) interpretive panels.

1. KIOSK:

- The proposed location area measures ca. 17 ft. x 16 ft.
- The proposed kiosk design measures ca. 10 ft. long x 7 ft. wide.
- Kiosk is constructed from pressure-treated lumber and includes a peaked roof.
- Efforts will be made to match asphalt shingles to those of the bathhouse and pavilion.
 - With consideration of providing access for folks with physical disabilities, this kiosk design is best suited to fill the space at the proposed location. ○ This also includes consideration to accessing the sand-wash station and entry to and from the pavilion.
 - DFW recommends angling the kiosk within the space so that more open area is created.
- See attached sketch.
- Pavers or some other hardened surface will be necessary to provide an accessible approach to the kiosk.
- Options for the kiosk include a lockable case with a tack board for providing regularly changing information or panels.

2. INTERPRETIVE PANELS:

- Interpretive information to focus on:
 - Shorebirds
 - Horseshoe Crabs
 - Diamondback Terrapins

- Habitat timeline
- Wetlands – “Nature’s Nursery”
 - Flooding
 - Pollution Control
 - Etc.
- Land preservation – 98% of land within Slaughter Beach is conserved property supporting habitat.
 - Prime Hook NWR
 - Milford Neck State Wildlife Area
 - Marvel Tract Salt Marsh – Delaware Nature Society/Education Aspect
- Mispillion Harbor Reserve
- Delaware Bayshore Initiative.
- Tell the story of why these places are important to protect.
 - Focus will be to complete the front-facing side of the kiosk as a priority.
 - Deadline of early May.
 - In time for NWF Backyard Habitat announcement
 - Shorebird/visitor season