

Landscaping for a **Healthy Environment!**



JERSEY-FRIENDLY YARDS CASE STUDY #4

Nejecho Beach Club 65 Nejecho Drive Brick, NJ 08723



Goal:

Protect the community beach area from wind blown sand erosion, and beautify the grounds and landscape.

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This project was conducted in collaboration with the Barnegat Bay Partnership.



Actions:

The Jersey Friendly Yards website, www.jerseyyards.org, was used to select high drought-tolerant native grasses, shrubs and perennials that prefer sandy acidic soil. Native plants were installed adjacent to the chain-link fence that runs along the perimeter of the community beach.



The Jersey-Friendly Yards project brought our neighborhood together again after Hurricane Sandy. -Marie Sylvester

Site Assessment:

Nejecho Beach property measures 960 square feet of community space available to residents for recreation and enjoyment along Metedeconk River. The property does not contain an irrigation system, is not fertilized nor maintained by a professional landscaper. A chain -link fence lines the perimeter of the property. Existing Yucca plants grow along the fence, and existing vegetation in the beach area appear healthy. The target planting area along the fence receives full sun throughout the day; the acidic, sandy soil contains some organic matter and provides good drainage.

Project Leaders:

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PLANT LIST

GRASSES:

Bitter Panic Grass (Panicum amarum)

SHRUBS:

Beach Plum (Prunus maritima) **Groundsel Bush** (Baccharis halimifolia) Northern Bayberry (Morella pensylvanica)

PERENNIALS:

Sedum (Hylotelephium telephium) **Blazing Star** (Liatris spicata) Foxglove Beardtongue (Penstemon digitalis) **New England Aster** (Symphyotrichium novae-angliae)