

## Ortley Beach Voters & Taxpayers Association P.O. Box 223, Lavallette, NJ 08735 *Website: OrtleyBeach.org*

April 13, 2019

Toms River Town Council c/o The Honorable George Wittman 33 Washington Street Toms River, New Jersey 08753

Dear Council Members,

I strongly support the purchase of the former Surf Club property on Ocean Avenue in Ortley Beach and am writing to urge the township and the town council to do everything possible to achieve that acquisition.

I believe it is vital that Toms River acquire the property on Ocean Avenue in Ortley Beach as a means to:

- Create, expand and preserve vitally needed open space.
- Enhance recreational opportunities for all people who live, work and visit Toms River.
- Protect property values and avoid unnecessary spending in the event of a major storm.
- Exercise stewardship of our natural resources and advance other environmental goals.

Most importantly, I see this acquisition as a once in a lifetime opportunity to extend the public beach and enhance the quality of life for residents, visitors, and workers in the Toms River area.

I implore the township to be proactive and take any necessary step to achieve this worthy civic goal.

Sincerely,

Officer Directors Anthony Colucci, President Paul Jeffrey, Vice President Mary Ann Giordano, Secretary Kathy Barisciano, Treasurer At Large Directors Joseph Cantalupo Cathy Crisafulli Joan Strathern Toni Tomarazzo Mike Wymbs