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History of Post-Morrow

The Post-Morrow Foundation, Inc. is located in the Hamlet of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York. Its principal office is at 16 Bay Road, Brookhaven, NY 11719.

Conceived by Thomas and Elisabeth Post Morrow and established in 1969, the Foundation is dedicated to the preservation of the rural countryside character of the Hamlet and the surrounding areas. Through the acquisition of properties, either by gift or purchase, the Foundation seeks to establish a nature preserve and sanctuary for the benefit and enjoyment of the immediate community. The preservation of Beaver Dam Creek, where the Foundation owns over 100 acres, is a priority.

The Post and Morrow families have had a long tradition of philanthropy in the community. James H. Post purchased the land along Carmans River, now known as Squassux Landing, which was later donated to the Brookhaven Village Association for use as a marina. The land upon which the Brookhaven Free Library is situated was another gift. Elisabeth Post Morrow continued the tradition of her father by donating various gifts to community groups, mostly anonymously. It was the hope of the Morrows that this legacy be continued through the establishment of the Post-Morrow Foundation, Inc.

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Dorothy Hubert Jones 1918 - 2021

The Foundation was saddened by the death of Dorothy Jones this past year. She was a founding member of the Board of the Post-Morrow Foundation and a strong supporter of its mission to preserve the rural, cultural and environmental nature of Brookhaven Hamlet. She was a cousin of Elizabeth Post Morrow and granddaughter of James H Post.



“Dorothy Hubert Jones died on the 9th of January 2021 in the Long Island Community Hospital of complications from COVID-19. Dorothy Post Hubert was born in 1918 in Brooklyn, a daughter of Philip Arthur Hubert and Helen Marion Post. Her family spent summers in Brookhaven. She was a graduate of Packer Collegiate Institute and Vassar College. She met her future husband, Curtis K. Jones, when he was a student assistant at the First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn. They were married in 1941 and lived in Baldwin, NY. They served Presbyterian churches in Charleston, WV (1943-1949), New Kensington, PA (1949-1957), Brookville, PA (1957-1970) and Daretown, NJ (1970-1976).

Dr. Jones retired in 1976 and they settled in East Patchogue, NY where Dorothy accompanied him in interim pastorates at Old South Haven Presbyterian Church, and churches in Port Jefferson, Islip, Bay Shore, East Moriches and Remsenburg. Dorothy served as a trustee for the Post-Morrow Foundation and was a member of or volunteer for the Bellport-Brookhaven Historical Society, Fireplace Literary Club, Bellport Garden Club and other organizations.

She was preceded in death by her husband and is survived by three sons, Curtis A. Jones (Lucille Boone), David E. Jones and Richard H. Jones.

A memorial service was held at Old South Haven Presbyterian Church, Saturday the 6th of February.

Contributions in Dorothy’s memory may be made to Old South Haven Presbyterian Church or the Post-Morrow Foundation. (Courtesy of the Jones family.)

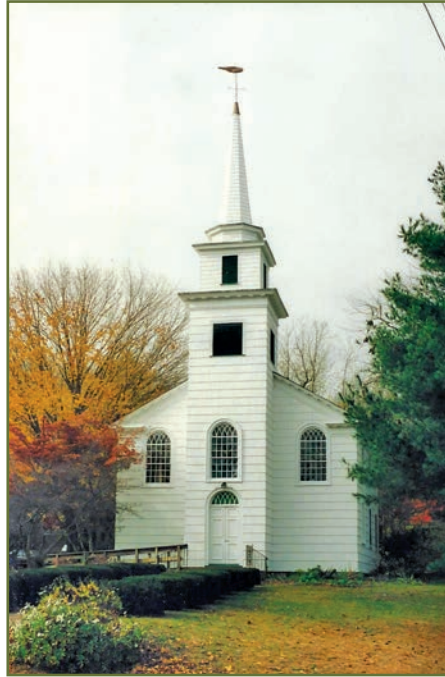
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Mission Statement of the Post-Morrow Foundation:

To preserve and conserve the rural, cultural and historical character of the hamlet of Brookhaven and surrounding areas in Suffolk County, New York.

DOROTHY HUBERT JONES (CONTINUED FROM COVER)

The Church was beloved by Dorothy and she was a long-time member. It was moved to this site on the corner of South Country Road and Beaver Dam Road, which was formerly Post property, in 1961 due to construction of the Sunrise Highway extension. The original church cemetery remains along western edge of the Carmans River where the Church had been located. According to legend, Senator Daniel Webster who attended the church in 1827, slipped out of the service one Sunday and caught the 14-pound trout which is memorialized by the weathervane at the top of the church spire.



The Old South Haven Presbyterian Church and spire with the weathervane on top.

IN MEMORIAM

George N. Ruland, Jr.

May 27, 1948 - August 24, 2020

George Ruland, Jr. 72 yrs, passed peacefully on Aug 24th. Born in Patchogue, having spent time in Vermont, he spent most of his life in Brookhaven, NY. George fought a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. George was an outdoorsman and held a great appreciation for nature. He enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting, hiking, and spent many years on the beach and as a life guard. He held degrees from Central Connecticut State University and SUNY Stony Brook. He was an educator who advised Key Club and advocated for environmental responsibility, and taught High School sciences until he retired from his position at Bellport High School in 2004. He was a good-natured and kind person, who loved the company of others. He spent his later years battling Parkinson's Disease in private, enjoying the peace of nature and the support of his family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Donna, and their son Ryan; his sister Elisa Petty; brother-in-laws Lou Lehmann and Arthur Henderson; sister-in-law Diane Lehmann; his niece and nephews; Kirk, Kerrin, Kristen, Melissa, Dawn, Mark; and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, Dorothy & George Ruland, Sr., his aunt and uncle, Dorothy & Jack, and his brother-in-law, Peter Petty. *(Courtesy of the Ruland family.)*



We are grateful for the gift of the Ruland family to the Foundation.

LIVING SHORELINES

Over the last several years there has been erosion along the bank of Beaver Dam Creek adjacent to the boardwalk. In order to prevent further erosion, the Foundation has installed approximately 300 feet of coir logs along the edge of the creek. We plan to install some additional coir logs next year to complete the project.

A living shoreline is a protected, stabilized coastal edge made of natural materials such as plants, sand, or rock. Unlike a concrete seawall or other hard structure, which impede the growth of plants and animals, living shorelines grow over time.

Natural infrastructure solutions like living shorelines provide wildlife habitat, as well as natural resilience to communities near the waterfront. They are sometimes referred to as nature-based, green, or soft shorelines. They are an innovative and cost-effective technique for coastal management.

Living shorelines are both beautiful and practical. They add attractive, low-maintenance green space and focal points for people to gather. Their services to the environment, which also benefit people, include purifying water, buffering floods, reducing erosion, storing carbon, and attracting wildlife to habitat.

Evidence shows that during major storms, a living, natural shoreline performs better than a hardened shoreline. People (and animals) who enjoy fishing will appreciate how it supports fish and other creatures. (<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/insight/understanding-living-shorelines>)



Coir logs installed along the edge of Beaver Dam Creek next to the boardwalk for erosion control.

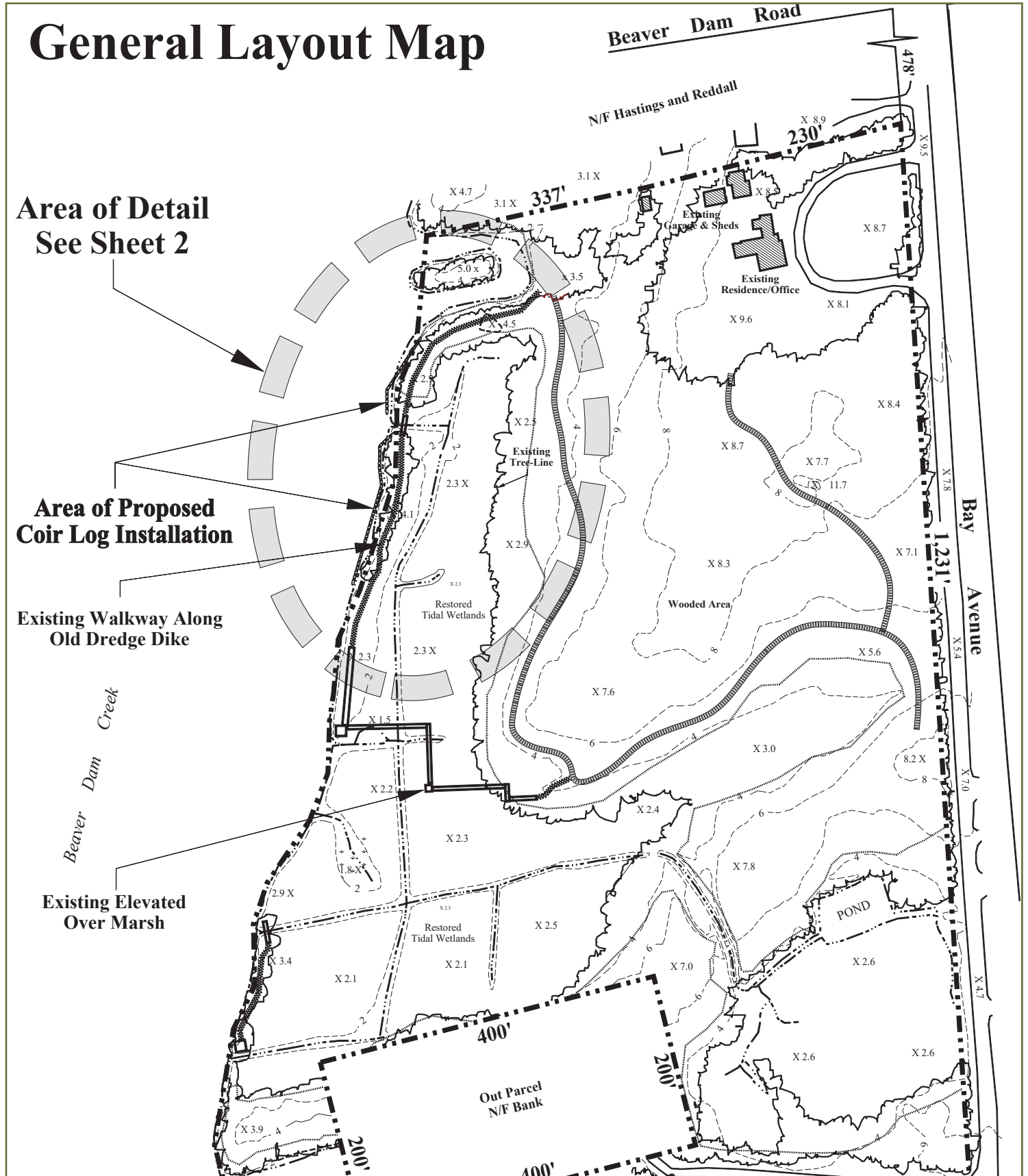


Coir Logs are excellent Best Management Practice (BMP) devices for the minimization of accelerated erosion and the resulting sedimentation. They are made from coir fiber and bound by coir twine that has a high tensile strength and an installed functional longevity of two to five years. Coir logs are made with 100% natural organic fiber and are free of synthetic netting or chemical additives. Coir logs absorb 150-200% water by weight without experiencing physical property alterations and are ideal for water-associated streambanks, lakeshore and coastal restoration and protection projects. Totally biodegradable, they convert into mulch that improves the organic composition of the soil. Riparian zone herbaceous plants can easily be “plugged” into the coir fiber and the log provides a secure growing medium thus enabling the plants to become established.

We are particularly grateful to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wertheim Refuge for their donation of coir logs and the assistance of Willi Terra and Walt Martens from the Service for help with this project. We appreciate the guidance of Chris Pickerell of Cornell Cooperative Extension as well. Special thanks go to the Anderson/Rauch family for their support of the Foundation to maintain the boardwalk in memory of their late son Isaac Anderson Rauch.

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General Layout Map



Map of the coir log installation along the boardwalk.



Coir logs from the Wertheim Refuge being delivered to the site.



We are grateful for the volunteers who helped plant the Spartina into the coir log installation. Volunteers (Deb Love, Jane Tierney) and facilities manager, Jim Hazard and Scott Budny, planting Spartina into the coir logs. Volunteers not pictured; Julie Villacara, Steve Dougherty



Coir logs tied together and staked into the creek edge.



John Dinaro who helped install the coir logs with his boat.



600 plugs of *Spartina alterniflora* were planted into the coir logs and backfill.

(S. alterniflora is noted for its capacity to act as an environmental engineer. It grows out into the water at the seaward edge of a salt marsh, and accumulates sediment and enables other habitat-engineering species, such as mussels, to settle. This accumulation of sediment and other substrate-building species gradually builds up the level of the land at the seaward edge, and other, higher-marsh species move onto the new land. As the marsh accretes, *S. alterniflora* moves still further out to form a new edge. *S. alterniflora* grows in tallest forms at the outermost edge of a given marsh, displaying shorter morphologies up onto the landward side of the *Spartina* belt.

S. alterniflora is native to the Atlantic coast of the Americas from Newfoundland, Canada, south to northern Argentina, where it forms a dominant part of brackish coastal saltmarshes. (Wikipedia)

News Release



BAGOZZI IS NEW LONG ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPLEX PROJECT LEADER

July 27, 2021 – Annji Bagozzi is the new project leader of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex (NWRC). Bagozzi has worked for 12 years for the USFWS National Wildlife Refuge System, at refuges in Florida, Nevada and Maryland.

Prior to that, she worked for Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation, Volusia County Mosquito Control, and the Student Conservation Association at Fire Island National Seashore. She has served as the Chesapeake Marshlands NWRC deputy project leader since 2017, and succeeds Michelle Potter, who transferred to Service headquarters in January 2021.

The Long Island NWRC manages seven national wildlife refuges, two subunits and one wildlife management area on Long Island. These ten units protect many of the Long Island habitat types which are critical to migratory birds, endangered species, and other wildlife. Long Island’s location provides important nesting, wintering and migratory stop-over areas for hundreds of bird species. Each refuge in the complex is unique and provides a necessary component to wildlife survival.

“I am excited to work with the Long Island NWRC staff and partners,” Bagozzi said. “I believe that we have an incredible opportunity to grow future conservation leaders and provide vital protection for rare species in the Northeast.”



Bagozzi said she hopes to strengthen and build on the success of existing partnerships while developing and fostering new relationships on Long Island.

“The selection of Annji Bagozzi as the Refuge Manager for the Long Island Complex is a perfect fit for the refuge and the community because of her experience of working in big cities as well as remote communities,” said Regional Supervisor Anne Sittauer. “Annji has a passion for connecting people with nature.”

Bagozzi will reside in Sound Beach with her husband and two children.

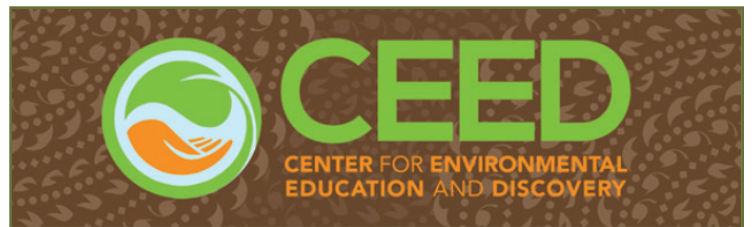
We welcome Annji Bagozzi as our new Refuge Manager for the Long Island Complex and look forward to working with her in the future.

We would also like to acknowledge Michelle Potter who has relocated and served the Long Island Refuge Complex with distinction for the past 12 years. She has moved to Falls Church, Virginia to become Chief, Branch of Wildlife Resources at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) She was always most helpful to the Foundation over the many years of her tenure as Refuge Manager.

CEED SUMMER CAMP



This year the Foundation hosted the CEED summer camp called “Summer nature experience”. For three weeks children of various ages enjoyed the outdoors and learned many things about nature and the world around us. Here are some photos of the summer program; *Photos courtesy of CEED.*



POST-MORROW OFFERING PHONE TOUR OF PROPERTY

Long Island Advance -

Posted Friday, April 24, 2020,

By Linda Leuzzi (edited for space)

“On Saturday, the snowy egret was there. Its beautiful white plum- age puffed out a bit as the visitor approached the small pond along the South Loop trail; then it flew away. That wasn’t the only nature wonder along the walk. Trees, coaxed tall by a higher power, exuded a golden hue, like a cathedral, when the sun hit. The sight was a calming reminder of nature and its healing powers.



Post-Morrow Foundation vice president Tom Williams heads over to the Ken Budny Boardwalk, off the South Loop trail at the Post-Morrow headquarters. The Post-Morrow Foundation maintains four nature preserve/sanctuary trails in Brookhaven hamlet.

“You’ll pass pitch pines, oaks, cedars, red maples,” explained Post-Morrow Foundation vice president Tom Williams. The trail leads to the Ken Budny Boardwalk that overlooks Beaver Dam Creek, where a couple of benches encourage meditation or low-key conversation. The entire walk is about a mile. (Budny, a beloved local and facilities manager at Post-Morrow, died in March 2015; the boardwalk was named after him several months later. His son, Scott, works there as stewardship assistant.)

Nature and loving tending exude from the homestead and grounds of the Post-Morrow Foundation on Bay Road off Beaver Dam Road, but it’s not the only trail location that this nonprofit organization has produced for those who want to see meadows, trees and birds. Dogs are welcome on leashes, but please, pick up after your pet on these respected grounds. And keep that social distance.

Burnett Lane and Edgar Avenue Preserves, as well as the Long Meadow/H.O.G. Farm, are other trails off Beaver Dam Road. A small green hiking sign on these roads signifies the trail entries.

Grab a trail pamphlet at the Post-Morrow homestead mailbox. “There are 33 stations on the Brookhaven Hamlet Cell Phone Tour,” said Williams. Call 631-866-7049, and you’ll get the skinny. Push Nos. 1 and 2 and you’ll hear Williams’ voice narrating about the Post-Morrows’ history and Mrs. Morrow’s home, the big white house on the Post-Morrow property.

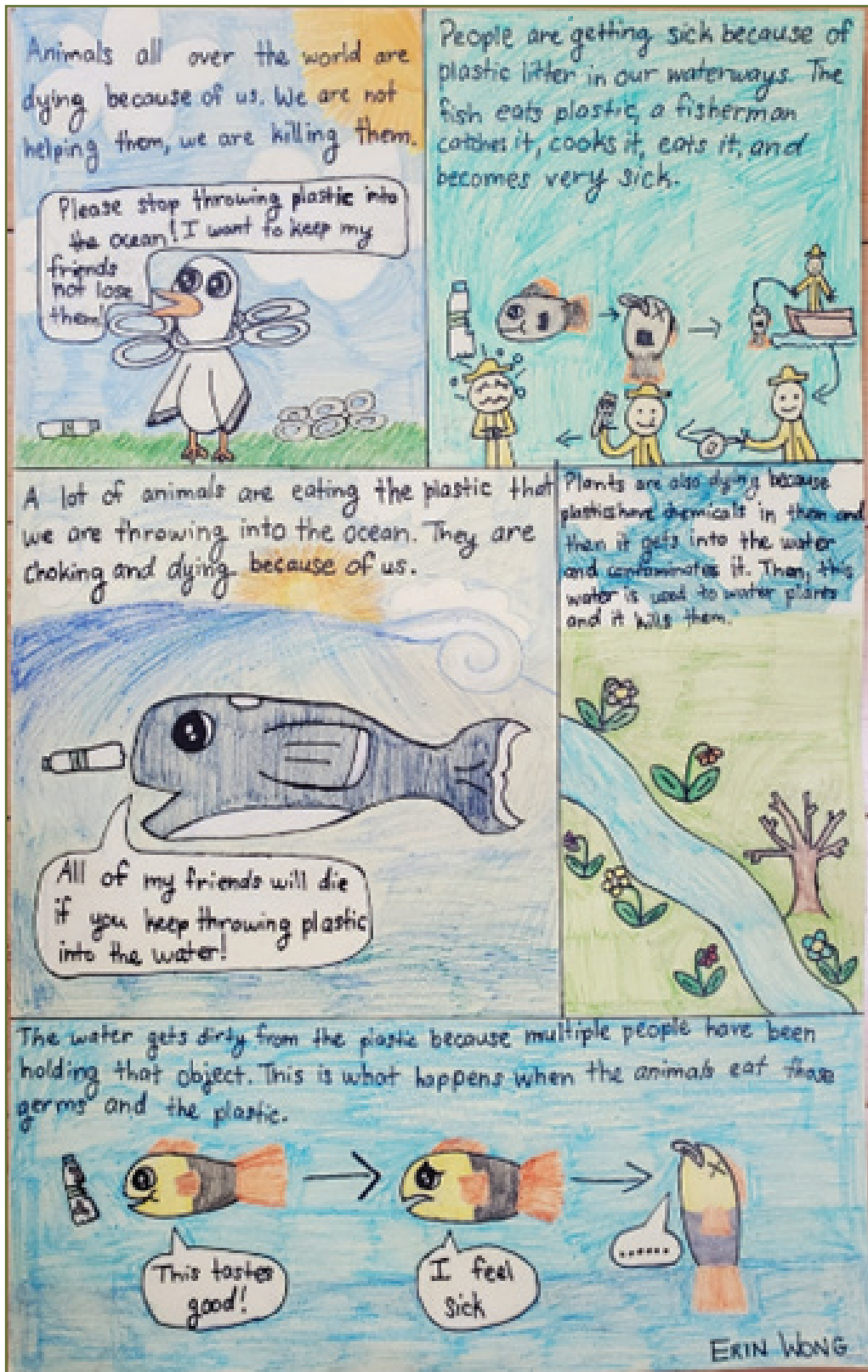
“The trails are all about a mile,” Williams said. “Edgar Avenue has a trail where half is meadow, half woodland, and we’ve kept it that way to support as much diversity and wildlife as we can.” The topography is also true at Burnett Lane and Long Meadow. “We mow the fields once a year to clear the brush from taking over so some of it can remain natural meadow; we also use a brush hog,” Williams added.

As for birds, bring your binoculars and a bird book. There are herons, ducks, bald eagles and osprey along the Beaver Dam Creek, where the boardwalk winds. Other sightings on the trails include red-winged blackbirds, a kingfisher, owls and glossy ibis. “Blue birds have been seen at Long Meadow,” Williams added.

Post-Morrow in Brookhaven hamlet recognized its 50th anniversary (in 2019) with a lively celebration. The New Students played their fun, rollicking music and the menu offered clam chowder, pork sliders, chili and more, with beer, wine and sparkling water. Funds help with the maintenance of their properties. Its mission, conceived by Thomas and Elisabeth Post-Morrow, is to acquire property, either by gift or purchase, and establish nature preserves and sanctuaries in Brookhaven hamlet and surrounding areas. The foundation owns over 100 acres on Beaver Dam Creek, a priority, and has lent a hand in several nearby significant land preservation deals, including the nearby Center for Environmental Education and Discovery on South Country Road.

As for trail reactions, “some people do comment,” Williams said. “We’ve been getting some nice feedback.”

A WINNING POSTER FROM A CONTEST
THE SOUTH SHORE ESTUARY RESERVE
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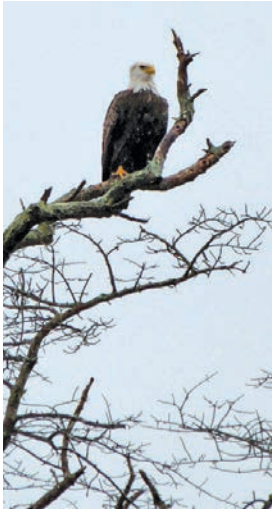
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The Post-Morrow Foundation did not hold a fundraiser this year and so this is our only appeal during 2020. We are very appreciative of your support.

A gift of any amount is most welcome and will assist us in our stewardship of lands and resources in the Brookhaven community.

We have included an envelope for your convenience or you can go to our website, www.postmorrow.org and contribute via the “donate now” pay-pal button.



We are grateful to the many individuals who have contributed to the efforts of the Foundation to preserve the unique beauty of our community. Gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible.

Ways to help the Foundation include;

Matching gifts If your employer has a matching gifts program, your gift to the Foundation can be doubled or tripled. Please check with your employee benefits office.

Memorial gifts A gift in memory of a loved one or friend is a special tribute to someone who loves the area. We would be happy to notify the family of your charitable gift.

Gifts of land and/or historic material

We welcome gifts that reflect the heritage of our community.

Bequests If you would like to extend your support of the work of the Foundation to preserve our heritage you may include in your will a bequest of cash, securities or property to the Foundation. If you would like to discuss a potential bequest please call Bruce Wallace, President at 631-286-0686.

Fall at the Hamlet Organic Garden