Coastal Habitats of the Middletown Bayshore A Natural Resource Inventory of the Bayshore Region

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## PURPOSE

This booklet was written under a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Environmental Services, with a matching grant from Middletown Township. Its purpose is two-fold: one, to provide a comprehensive inventory of the area to help identify and preserve regionally unique vegetation and wildlife habitats. The other purpose is to provide an easy to read and educational reference for libraries, students and township residents. It is the hope of the authors that this document can impart an appreciation of the diversity of the "other" bayshore inhabitants and the environment surrounding us.

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## HOW TO USE THIS ROOK

The information in this book is organized by habitat type, e.g., beach, dunes, and marshes. Each section describes the geology, environmental characteristics and the species of wildlife that live in that area. At the end of each section is a list of all known species of both plant and animal life as a comprehensive inventory for both official and student reference.

