

John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit NJ-02, Seidler Beach, New Jersey Summary of Final Recommended Changes

Type of Unit: System Unit

Location of Unit: Middlesex County,
New Jersey

Congressional District: 6

Date of Final Recommended Map:
October 7, 2016

Number of Maps: Unit NJ-02 is depicted
on one map.

Base Map Imagery Source and Date: U.S.
Department of Agriculture, National
Agriculture Imagery Program, 2015

Establishment of Unit: The Coastal
Barrier Improvement Act (Pub. L.
101-591 enacted on November 16,
1990) originally established Unit NJ-
02.

Public Comments: The U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service (Service) held a
45-day public comment period on the
draft map dated May 16, 2016, from
July 7 through August 22, 2016. There
are no comments specific to Unit NJ-
02. For a summary of the comments
received on other units and the
Service's responses, see the document
entitled *Summary of Public Comments
Received on Draft Maps for John H.
Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources
System Units NJ-02/NJ-02P, NJ-03P,
NJ-04, NJ-15P and NJ-16P, and U.S.
Fish and Wildlife Service Responses
and Recommendations*, which is
available on the Service's website at:
www.fws.gov/cbra.

**Changes between Proposed and Final
Recommended Boundaries:** There are
no changes between the proposed
boundary of Unit NJ-02 depicted on
the draft map dated May 16, 2016,
and the final recommended boundary
of the unit depicted on the map dated
October 7, 2016.

Final Recommended Changes to

Unit: The final recommended map
dated October 7, 2016, modifies the

boundary of Unit NJ-02 to reclassify
an area along Seidler Beach, owned
by the Township of Old Bridge as
part of Old Bridge Waterfront Park,
to recommended new Otherwise
Protected Area (OPA) Unit NJ-02P.
The Service's assessment indicates
that this area owned by the Township
is appropriate for reclassification
because it was held for conservation
and/or recreation purposes at the time
the area was added to the Coastal
Barrier Resources System (CBRS) in
1990.

The boundary of the unit is also
modified to add to the CBRS additional
areas owned by the Township and a
privately owned beach. The Service's
assessment indicates that these areas
are appropriate for addition to the
CBRS because they meet the Coastal
Barrier Resources Act criteria for an
undeveloped coastal barrier (16 U.S.C.
3503(g)(1)).

There are portions of land owned by
the Township that are recommended
to remain within the unit because
they were acquired for conservation
and/or recreation purposes after
they were included within Unit NJ-
02, and therefore do not qualify for
reclassification to an OPA. Additional
minor portions of land owned by
the Township are recommended for
inclusion within Unit NJ-02 where
it is impractical from a mapping
perspective to delineate them
separately as an OPA.

The Service's final recommended map
depicts changes to the CBRS that will
only take effect if the updated map is
adopted through legislation enacted by
Congress.

Seidler Beach Unit NJ-02, New Jersey

Acreeage, Shoreline, and Structures:

	<i>Total Acres</i>	<i>Fastland Acres*</i>	<i>Associated Aquatic Habitat Acres**</i>	<i>Shoreline Miles</i>	<i>Structures***</i>
Existing Unit	77	27	50	0.4	
Added to the CBRS	8	5	3		0
Removed from the CBRS	0	0	0		0
Reclassified Area	(15)	(8)	(7)		
Final Recommended Unit	70	24	46	0.2	
Net Change	(7)	(3)	(4)	(0.2)	0

*Land above mean high tide.

**Associated aquatic habitat includes wetlands, marshes, estuaries, inlets, and open water landward of the coastal barrier, but does not include open water seaward of the shoreline. This information is derived from an interpretation of 2015 aerial imagery in consultation with National Wetlands Inventory data and other data sources as necessary.

***Approximate structure count derived from 2015 aerial imagery. Structures without walls and a roof (e.g., picnic shelters) and structures with fewer than 200 square feet are not included in this structure count because they do not meet the definition of a "structure" in 16 U.S.C. 3503(g)(2).

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