

John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit NJ-16P, Matawan Point, New Jersey Summary of Proposed Changes

Type of Unit: Proposed new Otherwise Protected Area (OPA)

Location of Unit: Monmouth County, New Jersey

Congressional District: 6

Date of Draft Map: May 16, 2016

Number of Maps: Unit NJ-16P 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 area proposed for inclusion within new OPA Unit NJ-16P is not currently within the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS).

Proposed new Unit NJ-16P meets the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) criteria for an undeveloped coastal barrier (16 U.S.C. 3503(g) (1)), and the majority of the unit is consistent with the CBRA definition of an OPA, which is an area “established under Federal, State, or local law, or held by a qualified organization, primarily for wildlife refuge, sanctuary, recreational, or natural resource conservation purposes” (Section 12 of

the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act; Pub. L. 101-591).

Proposed Unit: The comprehensively revised draft map dated May 16, 2016, creates new OPA Unit NJ-16P. Included within this new unit are an undeveloped spit known as Matawan Point and its associated aquatic habitat, which are held for conservation and/or recreation purposes by the Township of Aberdeen. An area of privately owned wetlands and a portion of Matawan Creek are included within the proposed new OPA where it is impractical to delineate them separately as a System Unit.

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	0	0	0	0.0	
Added to the CBRS	123	20	103		0
Removed from the CBRS	0	0	0		0
Reclassified Area	0	0	0		
Proposed Unit	123	20	103	0.5	
Net Change	123	20	103	0.5	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).

