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Memorandum

To: BHB Corridor Management Committee
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Subject: Bayshore Heritage Byway Sites and Attractions

This memo is accompanied by a list of Bayshore sites and attractions, as well as a map showing the location of these sites. The sites listed were taken from the state designation application, the NPS Coastal Heritage Trail, NJ Audubon's Birding and Wildlife Trail sites and input from Corridor Management Committee (CMC) members.

Each site has been linked to one of the five Coastal Heritage Trail themes. The Bayshore Heritage Byway plan is using these themes as a starting point for interpretive and heritage tourism strategies.

1. **Maritime History** (blue)
The resources of the ocean, bays, adjacent rivers, and tributaries supported the fishing trades, which in turn sustained boat building and related industries. Navigable waterways and protected harbors encouraged inter-city commerce. Lighthouses were built to warn mariners of hazards to their ships and prevent loss of crew and cargo. Defense of port cities ensured that maritime trade would continue.
2. **Historic Settlements** (orange)
New Jersey had much to offer new settlers and entrepreneurs: bountiful supplies of fish and marine resources, timber, ample water from a vast aquifer, agricultural land, and lots of sand – the key ingredient in making glass. Small villages grew into prosperous communities that provided products to the growing United States.
3. **Relaxation and Inspiration** (purple)
New Jersey enjoys a proud heritage as a place for those seeking a get-away – for fun in the sun, spiritual inspiration, or annual hunting and fishing trips with friends and family.
4. **Wildlife Migration** (green)
The New Jersey coast is an essential stop in the global migration of many birds, marine animals, and insects. Dolphins, whales, seals, fish, hawks, eagles, warblers, and butterflies are just a few of the animals that utilize New Jersey's coastal habitats.
5. **Coastal Habitats** (green)
New Jersey's barrier islands, coastal wetlands, estuaries, bays and rivers provide habitats, nurseries, and refuges for a rich variety of plant and animal life. New Jersey's 245,000 acres of salt marshes are a critical link in the coastal food chain.

*(above descriptions taken from the New Jersey Scenic Byways Program
Nomination Form for the Bayshore Heritage Byway)*

In addition, the sites have been categorized based on the level of visitor services provided at each site. These categories are based on those developed by the NPS for the Coastal Heritage Trail.

Full Service Sites (F)

These sites have staff, exhibits, and restrooms. They are open at least five hours per day, five days per week (including one weekend day).

Limited Service Sites (L)

These sites are open less frequently than Full Service Sites and/or have limited services. These sites, for example, may not be staffed daily, but have brochures with self-guided tours. Or docent-led tours may be offered once monthly. Facilities may include trails, boat ramps, picnic areas and interpretation but no restrooms.

Points of Interest (P)

These sites are often scenic views or unstaffed natural areas with an interpretive wayside exhibit explaining their relevance to one of the byway themes. These sites have limited visitor facilities.