



**Parks and Recreation Commission
Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:00pm
Bonnie Osler Meeting Room
Regular Meeting
AGENDA**

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2. Review and possible action on recommended skillset for new Parks and Recreation commissioners.	
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1. Proposal for a large outdoor community chess board to be donated and placed in a park	85
Sample Chess Board 1	
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The Harbor of Refuge Lighthouse: A Crisis

**An update presented to the Lewes
Parks & Recreation Commission by
Ron Parks, President, Delaware
River & Bay Lighthouse Foundation**

Monday, May 18, 2026

Delaware River & Bay Lighthouse Foundation Board of Directors



When written in Chinese, the word “crisis” is composed of two characters:

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danger + opportunity

The Danger







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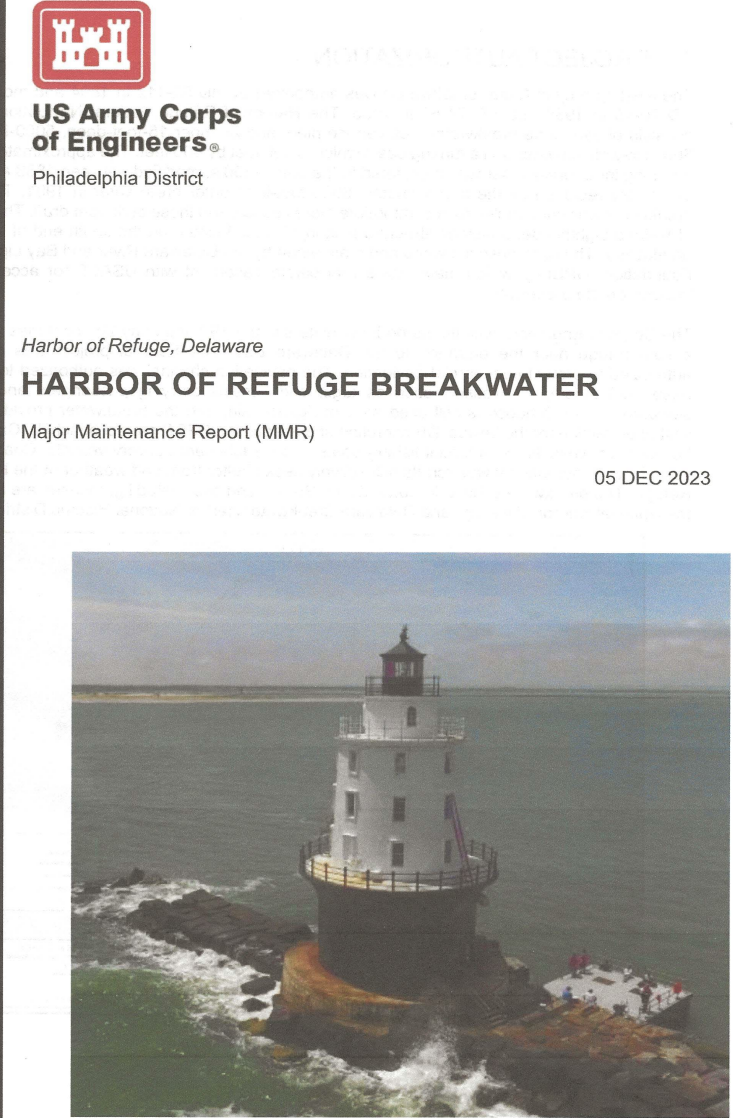


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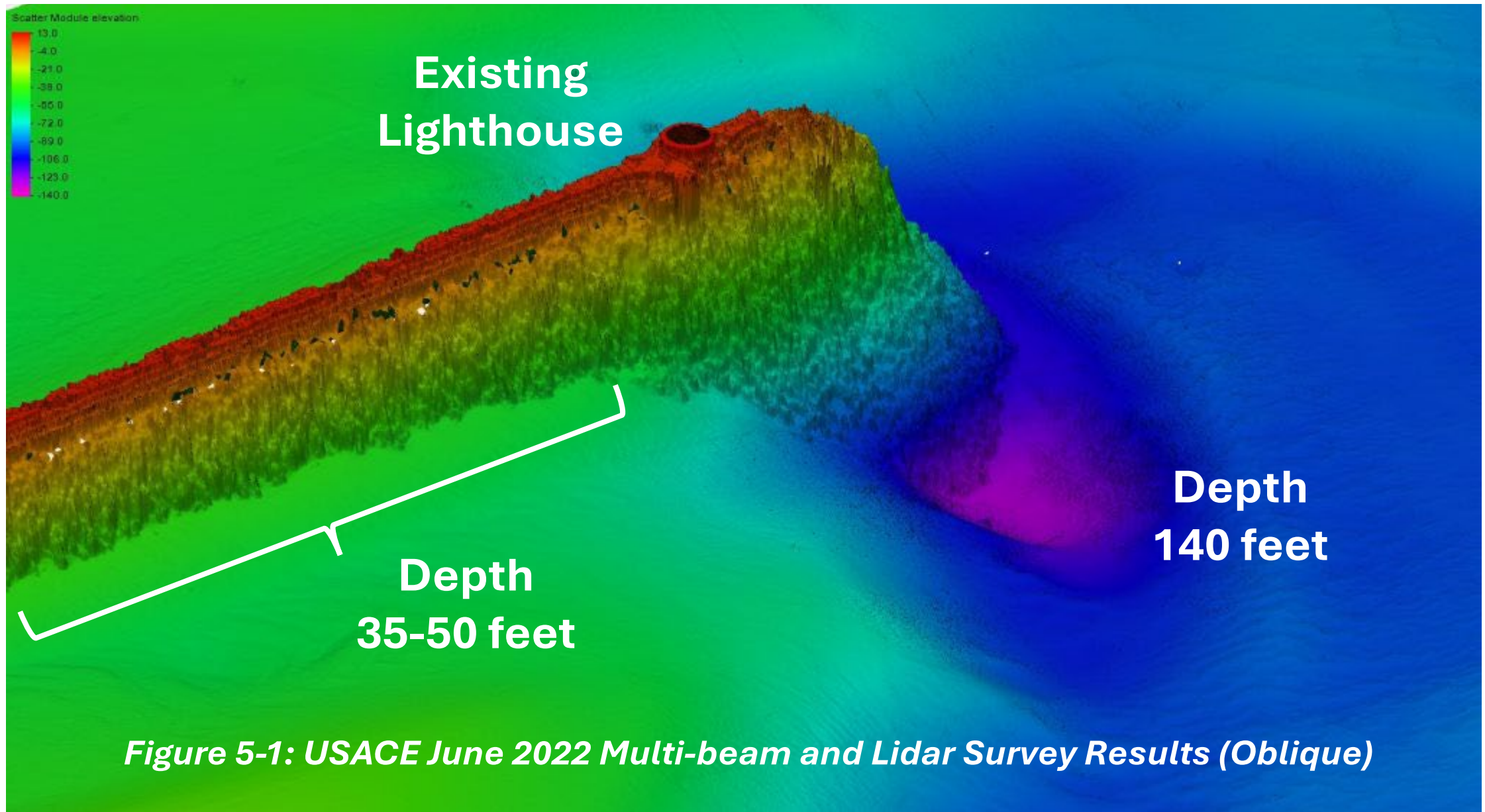
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HARBOR OF REFUGE BREAKWATER
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While the DRBLHF is permitted to continue its annual maintenance,...



public access has been prohibited due to safety concerns since 2022.



**GPS monitor
placed in
August 2025**





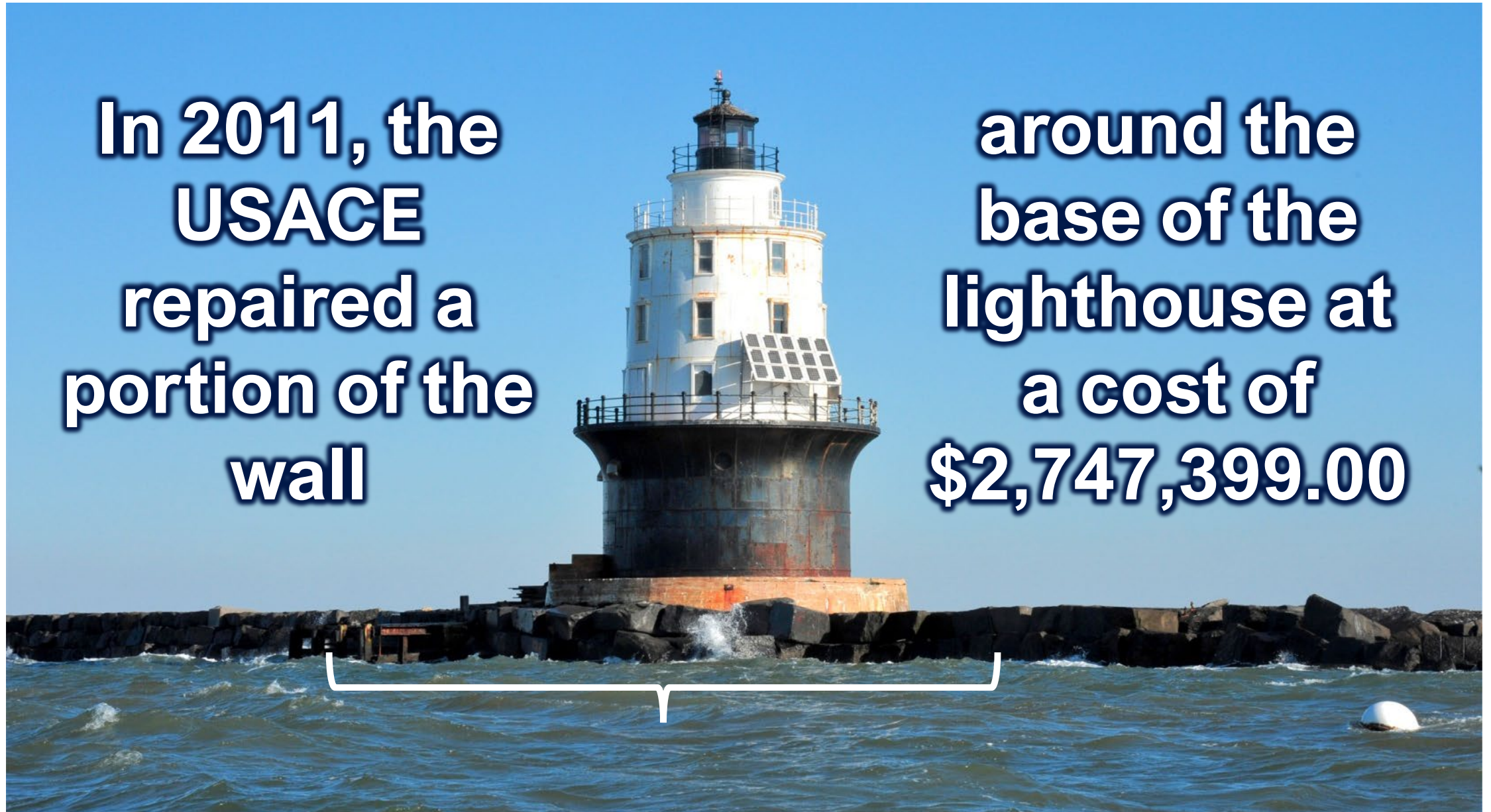
1. Restore the breakwater



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**In 2011, the
USACE
repaired a
portion of the
wall**

**around the
base of the
lighthouse at
a cost of
\$2,747,399.00**



**Twelve years later,
the Major
Maintenance
Report dated
December 5, 2023
projected the repair
to cost between...**



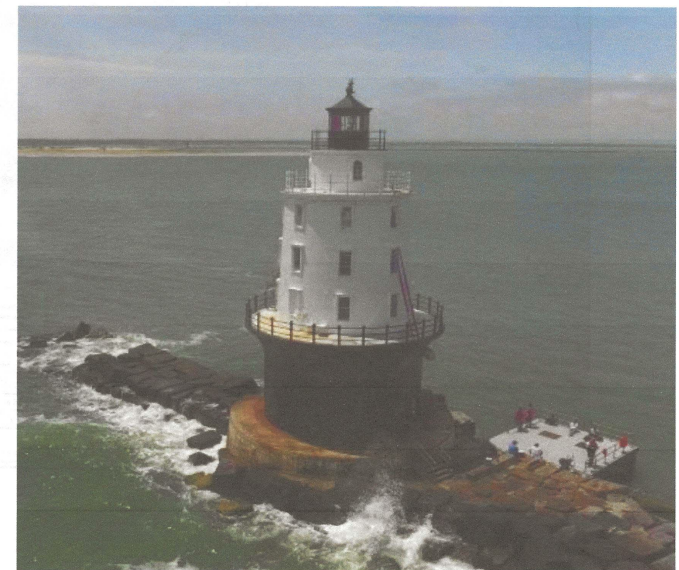
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Table 6-2: Rough Order of Magnitude - Alternative B w/ SF Marine Mattress

ROUGH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE - ALTERNATIVE B						
PROJECT	Repair Breakwater					Price Level:
	Harbor of Refuge					Jan-2023
	Delaware Bay, Delaware					
	(Stone-Filled (SF) Marine Mattress, 1.5H:1V)					
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED	UNIT	ESTIMATED	CONTINGENCY	ESTIMATED AMOUNT
10	BREAK				505	\$90,432,525
	Mobilization and Demobilization	1	Job	\$1,199,670	\$299,918	\$1,499,588
	Stone-Filled (SF) Marine Mattress	1	Job	\$2,385,108	\$596,277	\$2,981,385
	Stone Fill	1	Job	\$31,389,704	\$7,847,426	\$39,237,130
	Capstone	1	Job	\$37,371,538	\$9,342,884	\$46,714,422
30	ENGINEERING AND DESIGN	1	Job	\$180,000	\$45,000	\$225,000
31	CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT	1	Job	\$250,000	\$62,500	\$312,500
	PROJECT COST	1	Job	\$72,776,020	\$18,194,005	\$90,970,025
	(ROUNDED)			\$72,776,000	\$18,194,000	\$90,970,000

\$90,970,000.00

Table 6-1: Rough Order of Magnitude - Alternative A w/ SF Marine Mattress

ROUGH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE - ALTERNATIVE A						
PROJECT	Repair Breakwater Harbor of Refuge Delaware Bay, Delaware (Stone-Filled (SF) Marine Mattress, 2H:1V)					Price Level: Jan-2023
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED	UNIT	ESTIMATED	CONTINGENCY	ESTIMATED AMOUNT
10	BREAKWATER				54	\$122,681,271
	Mobilization and Demobilization	1	Job	\$1,199,670	\$299,918	\$1,499,588
	Stone-Filled (SF) Marine Mattress	1	Job	\$4,013,722	\$1,003,431	\$5,017,153
	Stone Fill	1	Job	\$55,560,087	\$13,890,022	\$69,450,109
	Capstone	1	Job	\$37,371,538	\$9,342,884	\$46,714,422
30	ENGINEERING AND DESIGN	1	Job	\$180,000	\$45,000	\$225,000
31	CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT	1	Job	\$250,000	\$62,500	\$312,500
	PROJECT COST	1	Job	\$98,575,017	\$24,643,754	\$123,218,771
	(ROUNDED)			\$98,575,000	\$24,644,000	\$123,219,000

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**1. Restore the breakwater...
TEMPORARILY**



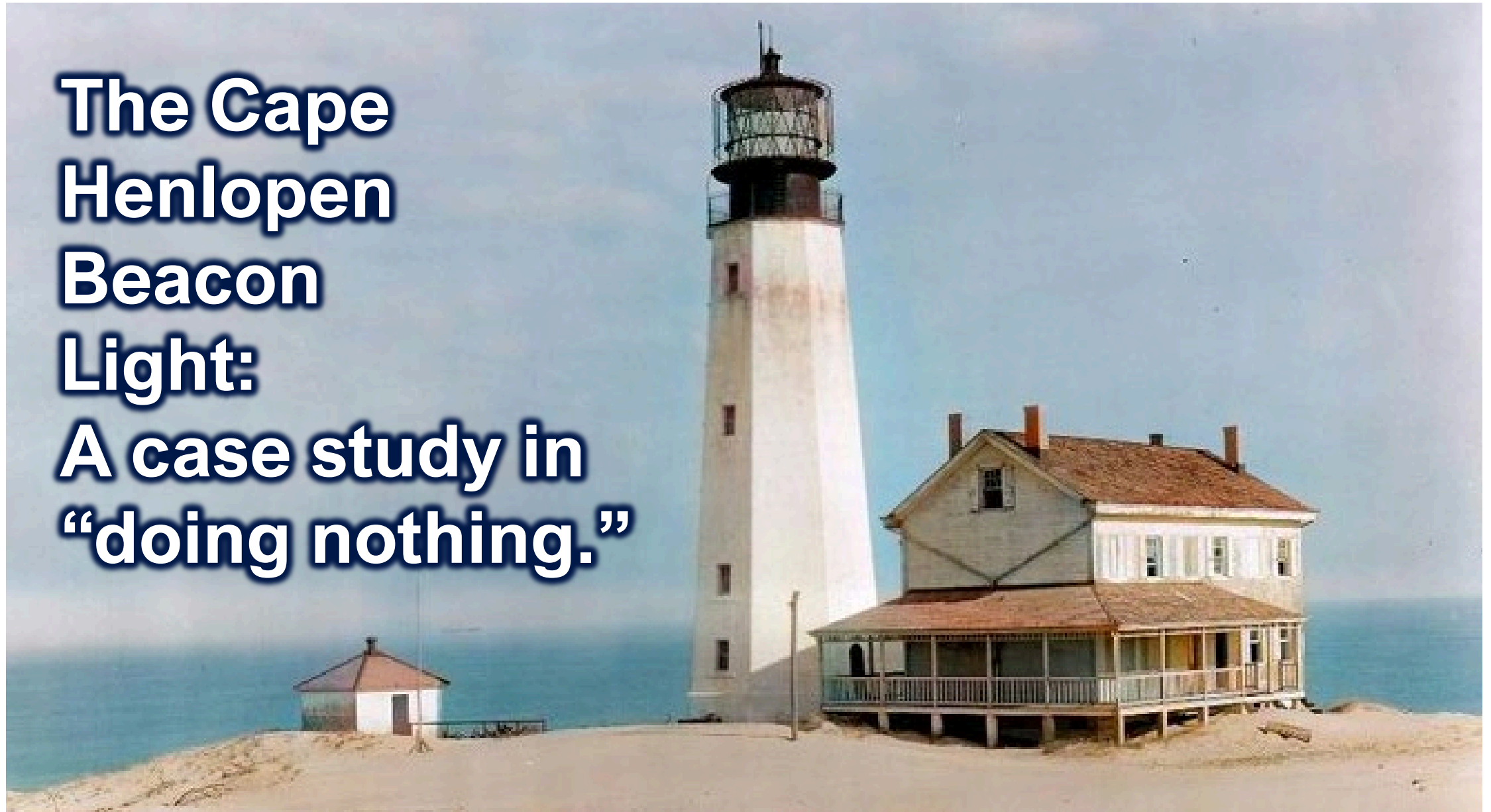
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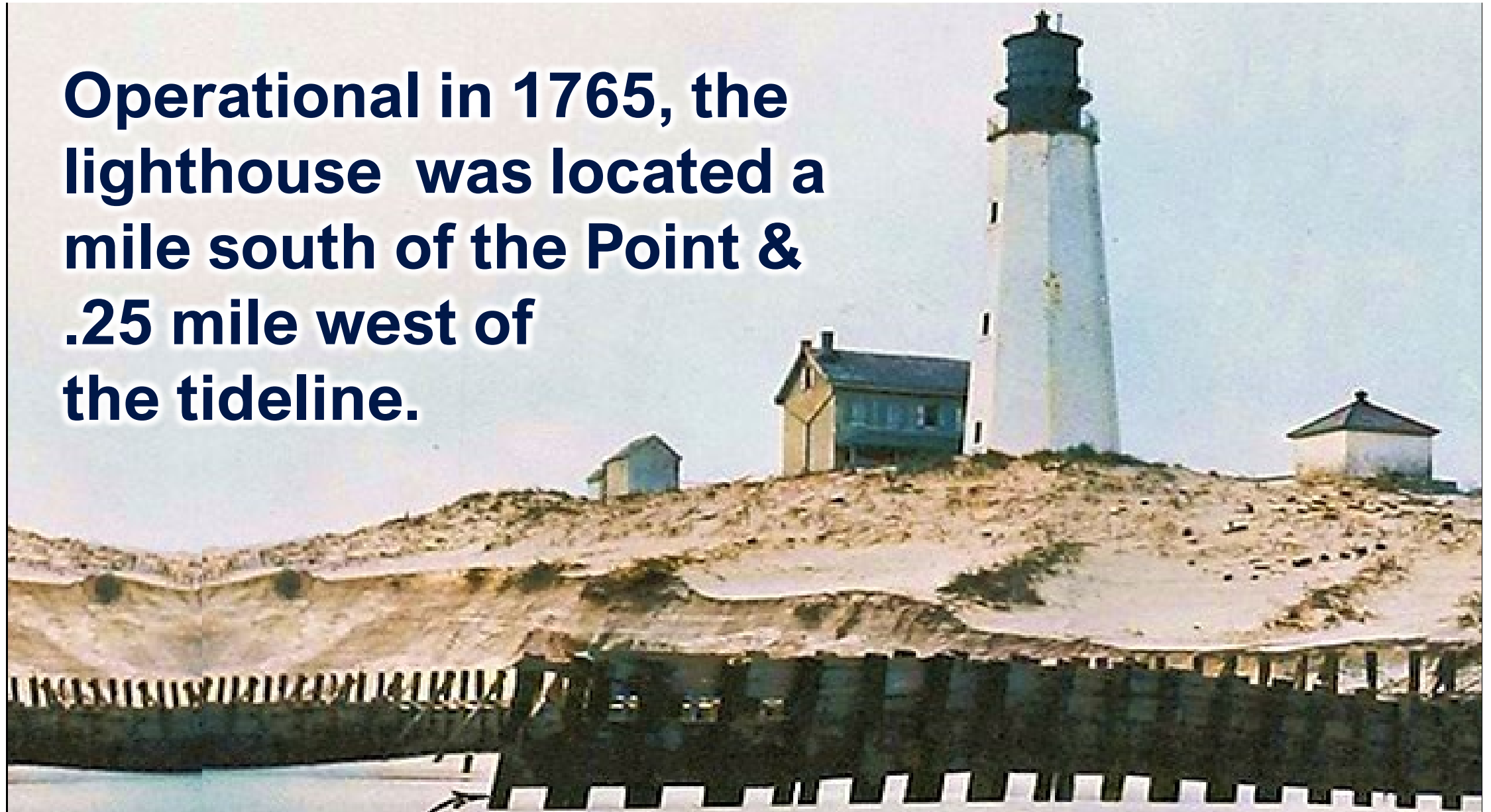
A photograph of a white, multi-tiered lighthouse with a black base, situated on a rocky pier extending into the ocean. The lighthouse has a lantern room at the top and a solar panel array on one of its tiers. The ocean is a deep blue, and the sky is a clear, light blue. The text "2. Do nothing." is overlaid on the left side of the image in a large, white, bold font with a blue outline.

2. Do nothing.

**The Cape
Henlopen
Beacon
Light:
A case study in
“doing nothing.”**



Operational in 1765, the lighthouse was located a mile south of the Point & .25 mile west of the tideline.

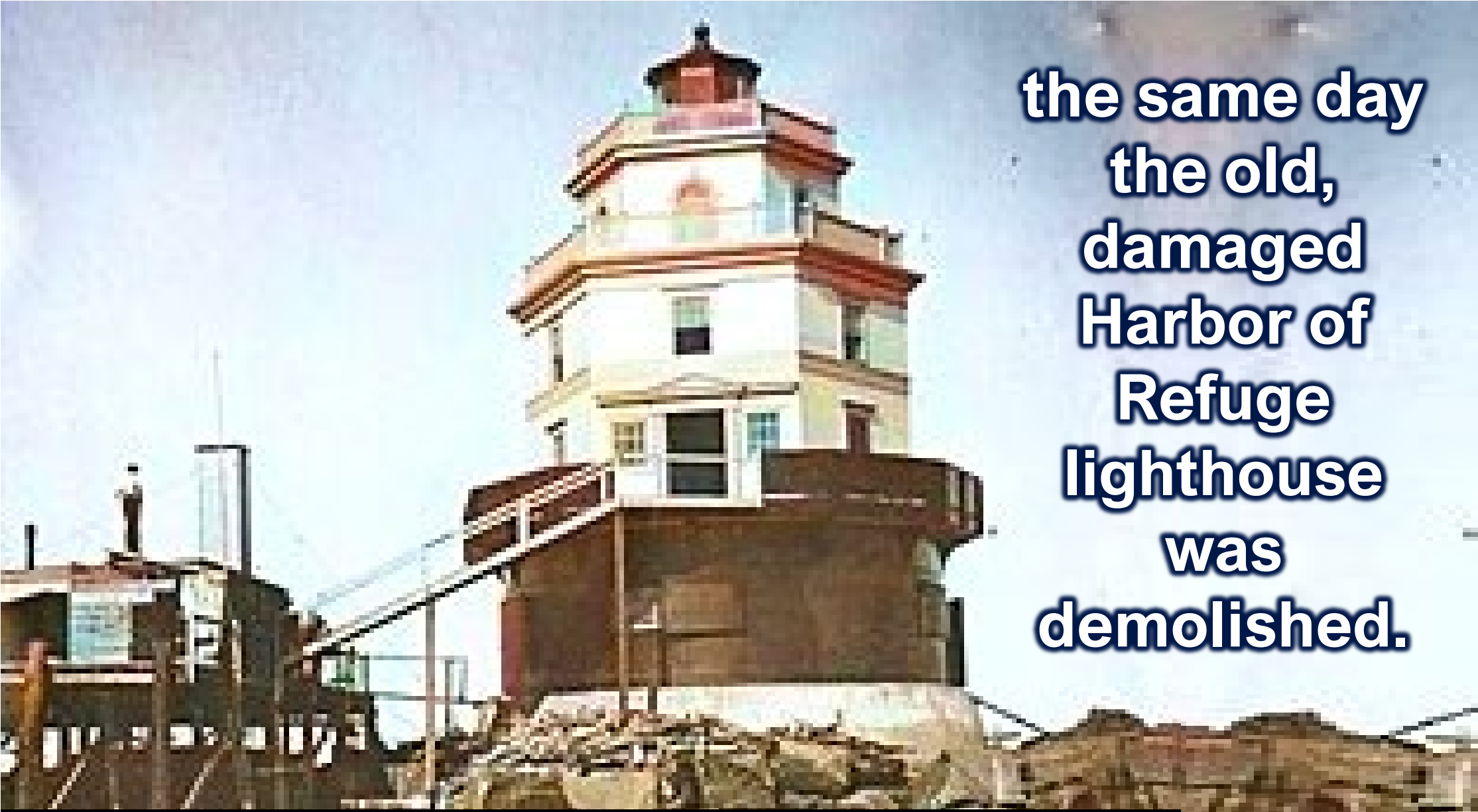




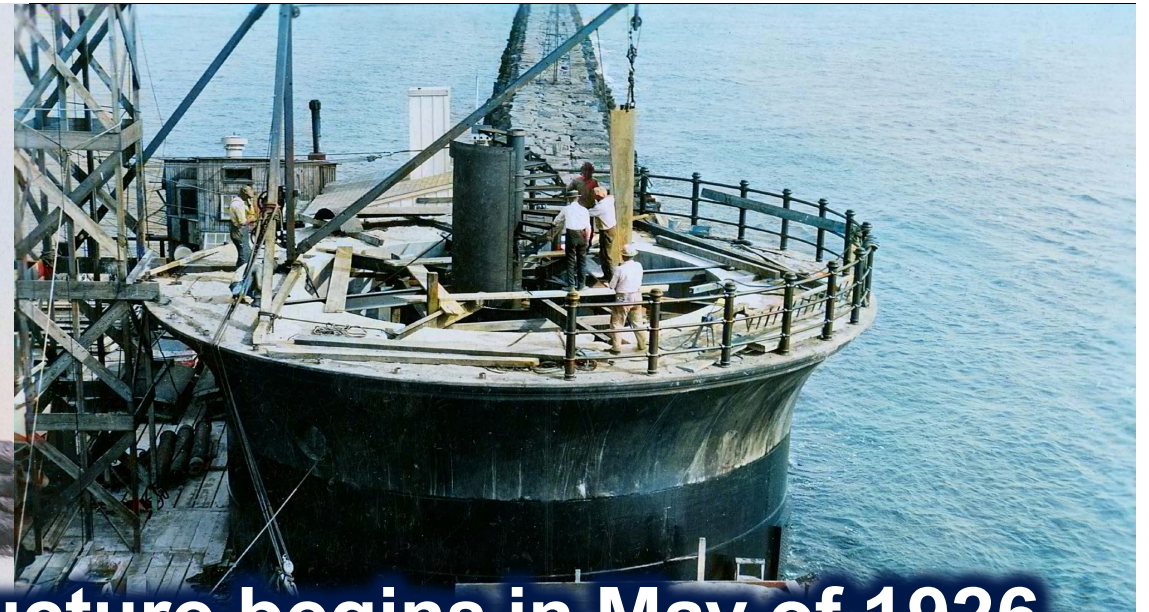
**Decommissioned
and deemed
unsafe in
1924 due to
ongoing beach
erosion.**

**Collapsed at
12:45 pm
April 13,
1926, . . .**

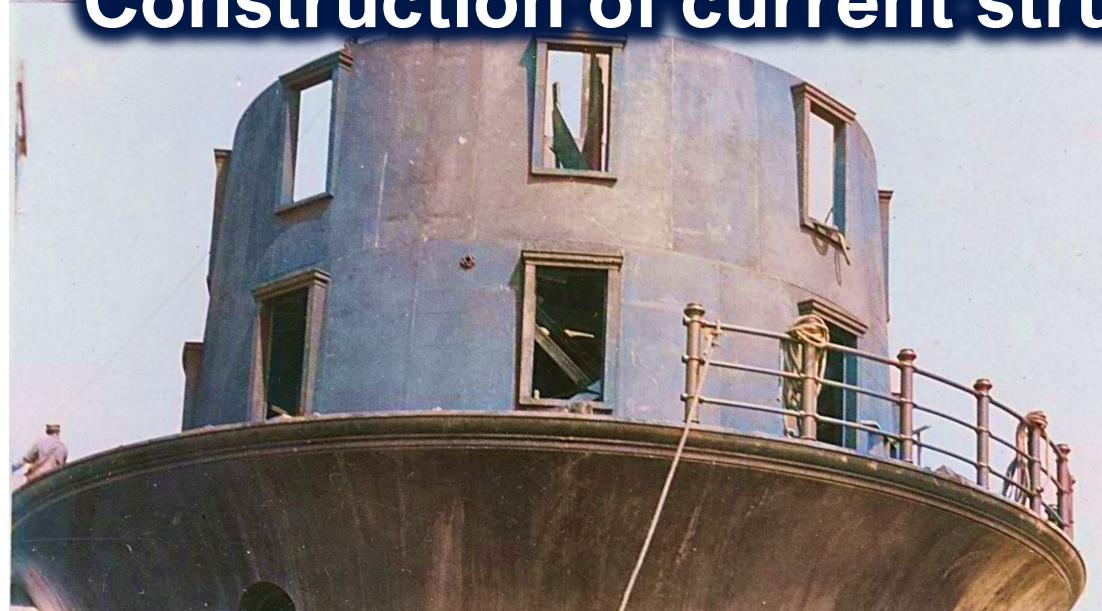




**the same day
the old,
damaged
Harbor of
Refuge
lighthouse
was
demolished.**



Construction of current structure begins in May of 1926.



**The current Harbor of
Refuge Lighthouse
began its service on
November 15, 1926.**

**It will celebration its
centennial on
November 15, 2026**





2. Do nothing -

it's only a matter of time.



3. Move it.

July 9, 2025

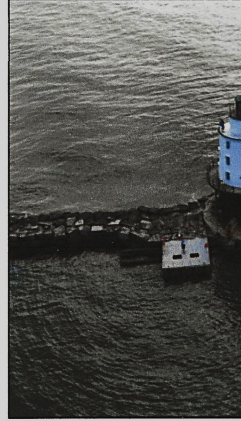




**ICC – Commonwealth Study Team
July 2025**







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Customer:

DELAWARE RIVER & BAY
PO BOX 708
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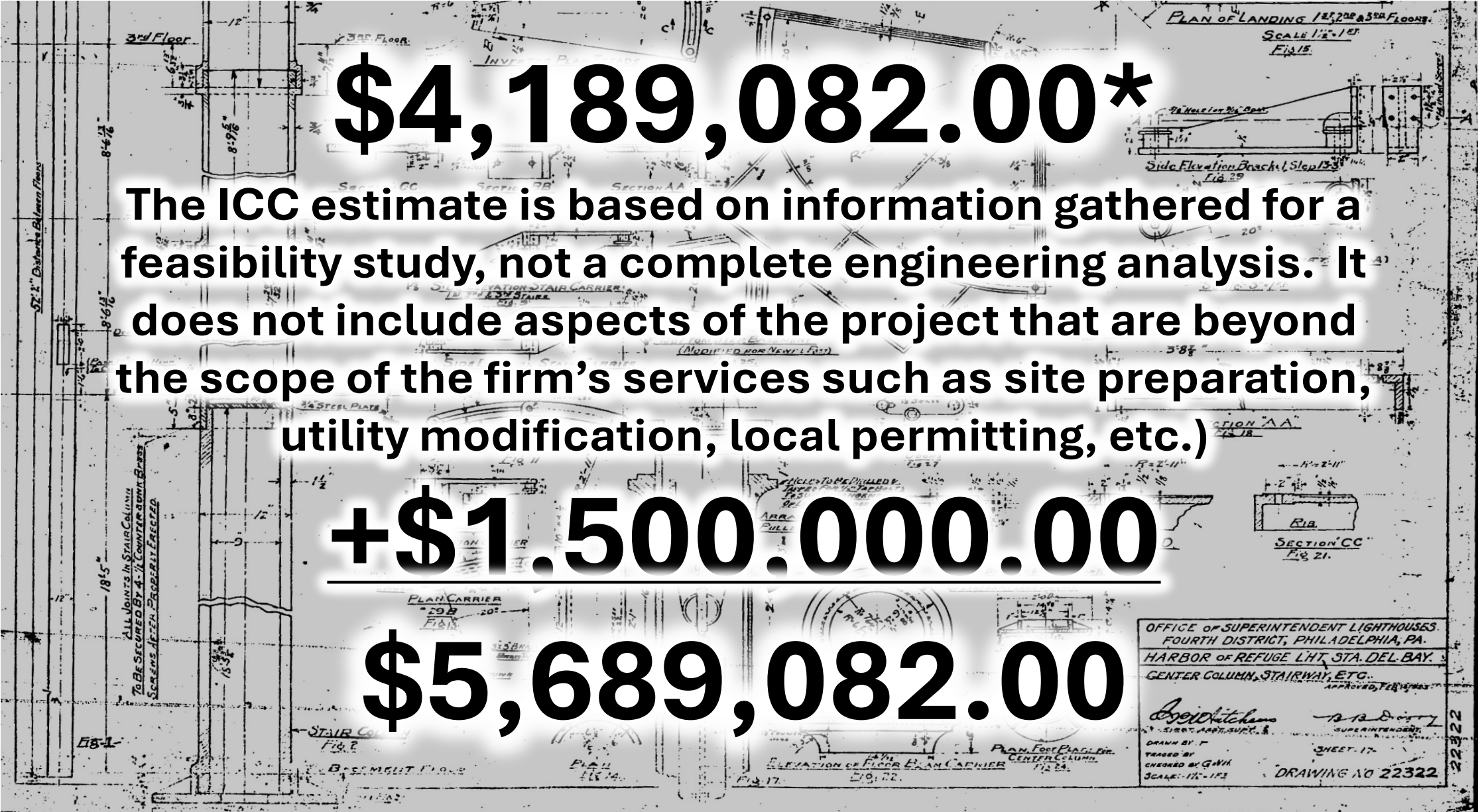
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DELAWARE RIVER & BAY LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION
PO BOX 708
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Report Updated 11/4/2025



\$4,189,082.00*

The ICC estimate is based on information gathered for a feasibility study, not a complete engineering analysis. It does not include aspects of the project that are beyond the scope of the firm's services such as site preparation, utility modification, local permitting, etc.)

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES
FOURTH DISTRICT, PHILADELPHIA, PA.
HARBOR OF REFUGE LHT. STA. DEL. BAY.
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3. Move it . . . the opportunity.

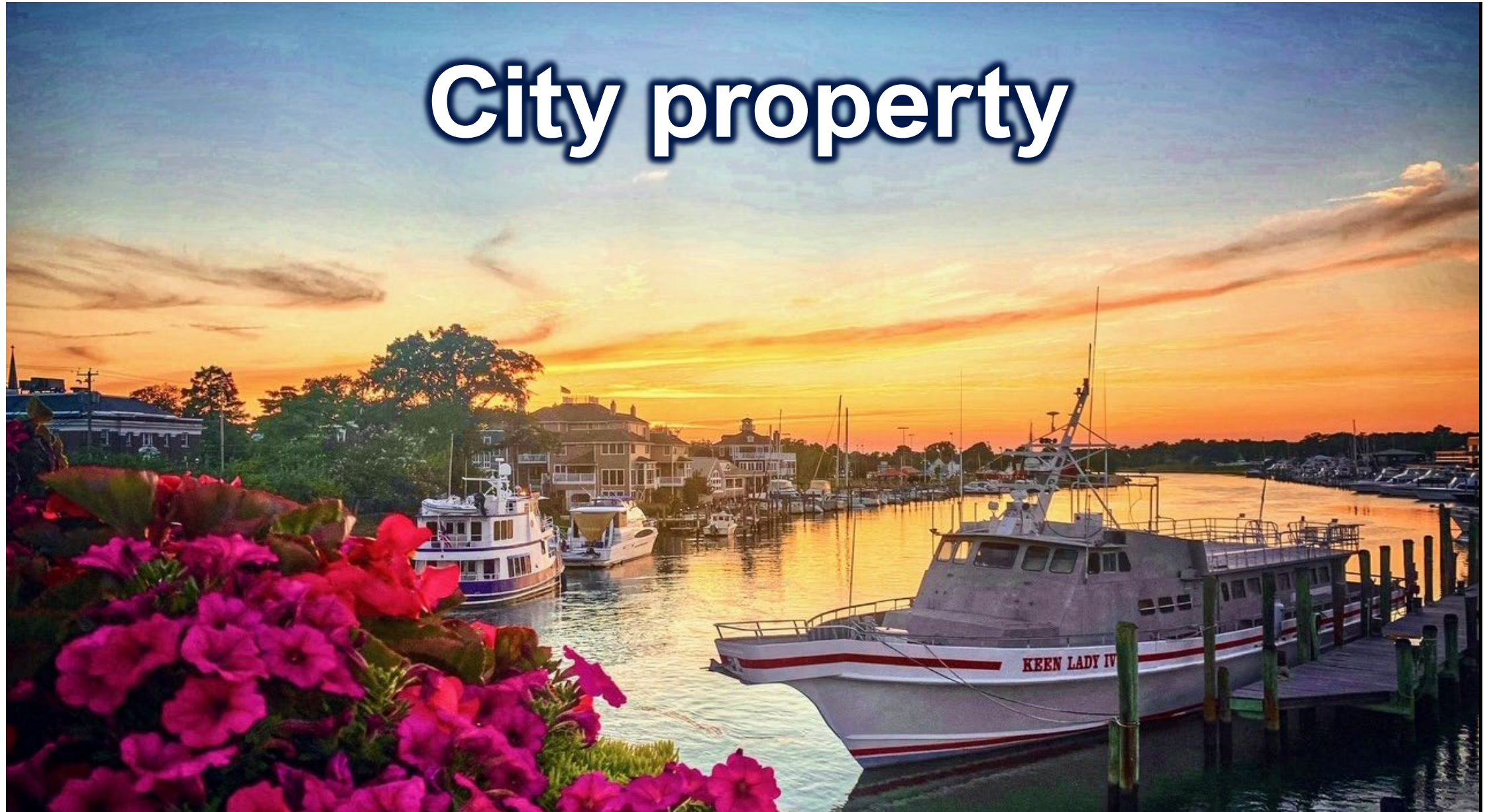
An aerial photograph of a coastal area. On the left, a large body of water meets a sandy beach. The beach is bordered by a strip of brownish, dry-looking vegetation. To the right of this strip is a dense area of green trees and shrubs. Further right, several houses are visible, including a prominent white house with a red roof and a blue house. The sky is overcast.

Private property

State property



City property





**Could the Harbor of Refuge
have a home in Lewes?**

Benefits of Relocation



1. Historical preservation



- 1. Historical preservation**
- 2. Restoration of endangered structure**



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- A photograph of a lighthouse situated on a rocky island in the ocean. The lighthouse is a multi-tiered structure with a white upper section and a dark lower section. It has a lantern room at the top and a solar panel array on one of the middle levels. The ocean is a deep blue, and the sky is a clear, light blue. The lighthouse is surrounded by dark, jagged rocks.
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 - 6. Artistic/personal inspiration**
 - 7. Public safety**



**Could the Harbor of Refuge
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2	<i>INTERIM DRAFT : As discussed at PRC meeting on 10/20/2025, added formatting changes.</i>								
3	Highest priority								
4	CFP: Park Accessibility: begin preparing a Park Accessibility Plan that will identify locations and materials for improving pathways, including the parking lot. Address storm water management impacts and solutions. Develop a budget CFP: for the improvements, propose an implementation strategy, and pursue funding sources.	Accessibility. Applying for grant .	C	y	y				
5	CFP, SB, JWB: Lighting: Retain the services of a lighting designer to study existing lighting, prepare a plan recommending new Dark Sky fixtures and their distribution, develop a budget for the proposed improvements, and pursue funding. Savannah Beach light standard destroyed by car accident March 23, 2025 - replace. Remove remnants of old light standard near bathhouse.	Lighting. Safety issue.	C		y	y	y		
6	GHPS: Begin planning for pond rehabilitation, including identifying the scope of the work and potential sources for funding. Highest priority is to address the storm water runoff from the hosbital property. Fom Rodney: Bank erosion is only problem at the sounthern end where foot traffic is causing erosion and sedimenttation in the pond.	Workgroup assigned by MCC is reviewing the issues. Per MCC on 9/24/2025, cost out plan to mitigate erosion of banks of Blockhouse Pond at several locations, including coir in water and fishing piers.	C	y	y	y			
7	GMP: Create development plan and timeline for implementation of Master Plan.	Timing awaiting approval of Master Plan. Public meeting for Master Plan now set for 10/27/2025.	C		?				
8	ZP, MVP, 1812P: Brickwork - Repair bricks and repoint certain sections on all pathways in parks and retining wall in 1812P. In Z Park, rebuild the current fountain structure, lights, and pump.	Accessibility and Safety issue	C	y	y	y	y	y	y

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9	SavB & JWB: Webcams and hotspots for both beaches: Lewes Beach Patrol, Lewes Lions Club Snack Stand, and Parking Enforcement need to have connectivity. Webcams would provide security for Lewes Police Department and interest for the public.	Security issue. Janet will get update.	C		y				
10	GMP: Get site survey of park, clearly mark park boundaries on site.		C		y				
11									
12	Moderate priority								
13	StangoC: Along Lewes-Georgetown Trail between Adams Ave and Monroe, referbish drainage area and develop planting plans		C			y	y		
14	ZP: Upgrade the current irrigation system. This is an aged system that has been repaired numerous times.	Irrigation	C				y	y	
15	SavB: Continue renovations and expansion of lifeguard area in Lewes Beach Patrol building.	We have a blueprint of design	C	y	y				
16	JWB: Kiosk sign and pavilion. Sign will be ready by April 2026 for part of City's DE250 program. Currently working on DNREC permit	Have a grant for the sign.	C	y	y				
17	GMP & Tree: Manage forest in the park with assistance of Delaware Forest Service- Pruning, Planting, removal of invasives.		R/C			y	y		
18	StangoC: Continue Landscape Design Plan for area behind library and implement in phases, including plant more trees, install walkway, benches, pollinator garden, and dry streambed. Design adopted Nov 2025 meeting of PRC.		C			y	y	y	

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19	SavB & JWB: Beach stability. The City of Lewes is fortunate in that the two guarded beaches are growing, but the dune between the beaches is moving northward. I recommend that we receive professional advice. The dune system is critical, and the Maintenance Department has to deal with the sand moving into the parking lot and Virginia Avenue, for example. If we understand the nature of the beaches, we can work better and smarter.		C		y	y	y		
20									
21	Low Priority								
22	CFP: Flagpole: The current flagpole is in a planting bed near the pavilion. The bed has an overgrown bayberry shrub and a visually obtrusive light device. The Friends of the City Canalfront Park wish to improve the site by changing the light source and providing decking and seating around the pole with interpretive information about the history of the waterfront. (Costs for the project are not yet determined, but are to be raised by the Friends).	Lighting. To be funded by Friends of CFP	C			y	y		
23	StangoC: Allee/Walkway area between front of Library and Trailhead Comfort Station, add irrigation for containers, beds, and bump outs.	Irrigation	C	Y					
24	GHPSP: Add fencing around the back and sides of the "Port-A-Potties" by the parking lot.	Giulia will follow up.	C	y					
25	GHPSP: Installation of permanet restrooms.		C				y	y	
26	StangoC : Replace stage in Stango Park.		C					y	
27	ZP: Build an enclosure for the trash cans that presently sit behind the Fisher-Martin House (the city has indicated that they will do this).	Giulia will follow up.	C	y	y				
28	SavB & JWB: Air pumps for beach toys.	Aspirational	C			y	y		
29	JWB: Temporary storage for beach wheel chairs		C			y	y		

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31	Future Priorities								
32	GHPS: Walkway around the pond: Evaluate, repair and/or replace as needed, and manage water and mud puddles on the Beebe side, for safety and comfort.	Safety issue. Timing based on pond stabilization project.	C				y	y	
33	GMP: Complete a historical and cultural resource review.	Timing awaiting approval of Master Plan	C						
34	GMP: Complete engineering studies needed for development plan.	Timing awaiting approval of Master Plan	C						
35	GMP: Create Construction Drawings and Plan for development.	Timing awaiting approval of Master Plan	C		?				
36	GMP: Develop fundraising plans for items needed in park, such as pavilions, wildlife observation stands, and informational kiosks.	Timing awaiting approval of Master Plan	C			y	y		
37	GMP: Create attractive Great Marsh Park sign- we need to identify the park and possibly indicate that we are in the planning and development process.		C	y	y				
38	GMP: Install barriers/gates to prevent vehicular access to specific areas.		C		y				
39									
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41	Completed FY25/26								
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43	CFP: Flooded Path: The crushed stone path that parallels the parking lot and connects the Net House to the tennis courts is very poorly drained and often has standing water. The most immediate solution is to recondition the stone so that it drains and introduce a subsurface perforated drain line below the path that empties into the existing catch basin at the tennis court end.	Completed CY2025	C						
44	CFP: Tennis/Pickleball and Basketball Court Runoff: As part of the new playground installation, introduce a new trench drain along the court paving to intercept runoff and divert to existing swales. Coordinate this improvement with the anticipated runoff from the proposed Overfalls Lightship museum support project.	Completed CY2025	C						
45	CFP: Park Drains: Clean out all existing catch basins, trench drains, and drain lines in the Park to remove sediment and debris.	Completed CY2025	C	y	y				
46	ZP: Add dark sky lamp post in the herb garden area closest to Kings Highway.	Safety issue Compeltd CY2025	C						
47	SavB & JWB: Water-bottle filling stations.	Completed CY2025	C	y	y				
48									
49	1812P = 1812 Park	Overall = Overarching							
50	CFP = Clanlfront Park	Rec = Recreation Prgram							
51	GHSP = George HP Smith Park	Tree = Tree Program							
52	GMP = Great Marsh Park	Sav B = Savannah Beach							
53	JWB = Johnnie Walker Beach	StangoC = Stango Complex, including SP Stango Park, SPX Stango Park Extended, and the TH Trailhead							
54	MVP = Mary Vessels Park	ZP = Zwaanendael Park							
55	OSP = Otis Smith Park								

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2	<i>INTERIM DRAFT : With changes discussed at the 10/20/2025 PRC meeting.</i>								
3	<i>Highest priority</i>								
4	MVP: Repair rot in the gazebo.	Safety issue	R		y				
5	1812P: Monitor and repair condition of railings on stairs	Safety issue	R	y	y	y	y	y	y
6	Rec: Schedule routine playground safety inspections	Safety issue	R	y	y	y	y	y	y
7									
8	<i>Moderate priority</i>								
9	CFP: Trellis Repair and Replacement: The wooden trellis defining the southern corner of the Park along the Inn at Canal Square has significant rot in some locations. Those portions should be replaced with new wood. Procure prices from capable contractors to make the necessary repairs. (Costs to be determined)		R		y				
10	CFP & Tree: Plantings: The budget for each year should include funds to replace plantings that are being shaded out or have outlived their usefulness. Trees are to continue to be monitored and maintained in a healthy condition. New trees are only to replace existing trees that are in decline. Additional trees are not recommended so as not to impede views of the water.		R		y	y	y		
11	GMP & Tree: Remove invasive species with assistance of Delaware State Forest Service.	In progress	R	y	y	y	y	y	y
12	GMP: Maintain existing trails and pathways — trim and prune vegetation so areas can be used without obstructions.	In progress	R	y	y	y	y	y	y
13	MVP: Replace the string lights on top of the gazebo.	Lighting.	R		y				
14	OSP: Continued maintenance of the pavilion.		R	y	y				

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15	StangoC : Begin refurbishment of area along multi-use trail, remove ballast, cover with topsoil and seed.	Phase 2 scheduled for fall CY25.	R	y	y				
16	StangoC : Coordinate with Lewes Junction Bridge Rail Association on tree planting plans and implementation.		R	y	y				
17	SP: Continue landscaping Rail Car installation area and add benches.		R			y	y		
18	SavB&JWB: Code Chapter 63: complete revision and update process.	Draft was submitted to City Hall in 2022. Draft again submitted to Ordinance Review Committee 08-2025.	R	y	y				
19	SavB & JWB: Continue managing the Junior Lifeguard program that began summer CY25.		R	y	y	y	y	y	y
20	Rec: Monitor maintenance and equipment needs for the bocce ball court, horseshoes, disk golf, tennis/pickleball courts, basketball court, and volleyball.		R	y	y	y	y	y	y
21	Tree: Conduct pruning, and disease and pest management, as appropriate each year.		R	y	y	y	y	y	y
22	Tree: Each year, plant trees as provided by funding, including grants, donations, and funding from the City budget.		R	y	y	y	y	y	y
23	StangoC: Continue to Impement Landscape Design Plan for area behind library in phases, including plant more trees, install walkway, benches, pollinator garden, and dry streambed.		R/C	y	y	y	y	y	y
24	GMP & Tree: Manage forest in the park with assistance of Delaware Forest Service- Pruning, Planting.		R/C		y	y	y	y	y

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39	SavB & JWB: Develop/formalize Junior Lifeguard	Completed summer CY25							
40	StangoC : Coordinate with Children's Learning Garden for expansion of existing garden.	Completed summer CY25	R						
41	StangoC : Begin refurbishment of area along multi-use trail, remove ballast, cover with topsoil and seed.	Phase 1 completed springr CY25.	R						
42	StangoC : Landscape design plan - bed at corner of Adams under shade trees with mulch and shade.	Landscape design plan completed Nov 2024. Area was edged out and mulched in spring 2025. Will not pursue further landscaping plans due to lack of irrigation and expense to instal irrigation.	R						
43	SavB & JWB: More Mobi-mats.		R						
44	JWB: Bench replacement.	All bench spaces are filled.	R						
45	StangoC: Settle on recommended location and species for Liberty Tree. At 9/15/25 meeting PRC settled on planting the tree in Stango Park Extended near the pavillion, and recommended assepting an elm tree from Sons of Liberty.	Completed 09/2025	R	y					

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47	SavB & JWB: Develop a program for Saturday/Sunday half-hour talks by subject matter experts (free to public): Free educational programs are good practice and outreach for the public. For example, have Master Naturalist provide a talk.	Done fall 2025 made arrangements with Master Naturalists for talks to be given in CY26	R		y	y	y		

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2	<i>INTERIM DRAFT : With changes discussed at the 10/20/2025 PRC meeting.</i>								
3	<i>Highest priority</i>								
4	MVP: Repair rot in the gazebo.	\$5,000 Budgeted for repairs.	R		y				
5	1812P: Monitor and repair condition of railings on stairs.	Remove. Completed-- move to completed	R	y	y	y	y	y	y
6	Rec: Schedule routine playground safety inspections.	Ongoing inspections by CV.	R	y	y	y	y	y	y
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8	<i>Moderate priority</i>								
9	CFP: Trellis Repair and Replacement: The wooden trellis defining the southern corner of the Park along the Inn at Canal Square has significant rot in some locations. Those portions should be replaced with new wood. Procure prices from capable contractors to make the necessary repairs. (Costs to be determined)		R		y				
10	CFP & Tree: Plantings: The budget for each year should include funds to replace plantings that are being shaded out or have outlived their usefulness. Trees are to continue to be monitored and maintained in a healthy condition. New trees are only to replace existing trees that are in decline. Additional trees are not recommended so as not to impede views of the water.		R		y	y	y		
11	GMP & Tree: Remove invasive species with assistance of Delaware State Forest Service.	Continuous	R	y	y	y	y	y	y
12	GMP: Maintain existing trails and pathways — trim and prune vegetation so areas can be used without obstructions.	Continuous	R	y	y	y	y	y	y
13	MVP: Replace the string lights on top of the gazebo.	Completed. Move to Completed section of this document	R		y				

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14	OSP: Continued maintenance of the pavilion.		R	y	y				
15	StangoC : Begin refurbishment of area along multi-use trail, remove ballast, cover with topsoil and seed.	In progress. To be completed in FY27.	R	y	y				
16	StangoC : Coordinate with Lewes Junction Bridge Rail Association on tree planting plans and implementation.	Locomotive in place. Will follow up.	R	y	y				
17	SP: Continue landscaping Rail Car installation area and add benches.	Remove. Determined that benches in that area are not appropriate as the area is already congested.	R			y	y		
18	SavB&JWB: Code Chapter 63: complete revision and update process.	Currently in review.	R	y	y				
19	SavB & JWB: Continue managing the Junior Lifeguard program that began summer CY25.	Ongoing.	R	y	y	y	y	y	y
20	Rec: Monitor maintenance and equipment needs for the bocce ball court, horseshoes, disk golf, tennis/pickleball courts, basketball court, and volleyball.	Ongoing. Replacements of supplies are ordered on a regular basis.	R	y	y	y	y	y	y
21	Tree: Conduct pruning, and disease and pest management, as appropriate each year.	Ongoing.	R	y	y	y	y	y	y
22	Tree: Each year, plant trees as provided by funding, including grants, donations, and funding from the City budget.	Ongoing.	R	y	y	y	y	y	y
23	StangoC: Continue to Impement Landscape Design Plan for area behind library in phases, including plant more trees, install walkway, benches, pollinator garden, and dry streambed.	Design Plan is complete. Other items are ongoing.	R/C	y	y	y	y	y	y

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24	GMP & Tree: Manage forest in the park with assistance of Delaware Forest Service- Pruning, Planting.	Remove. This will be addressed in Capital A7: Implementation of GMP Master Plan	R/C		y	y	y	y	y
25	SavB & JWB: Continue to work on a compliant recycling program: It is good practice to recycle correctly and efficiently, but in a way that does not add to the city's tipping fees. FY27 will need funds for more bins.	Will follow up for FY27.	R	y	y	y	y	y	y
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29	Tree: Explore QR codes that could be deployed in parks to help people identify species of City trees.	ArborScope has a list of all City Trees/Species and	R		y	y			
30	GMP: Create Friends of Great Marsh Park for support and assistance.	Create Friends Of	R			y	y		
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2	<i>INTERIM DRAFT : As discussed at PRC meeting on 10/20/2025, added formatting changes.</i>								
3	Highest priority								
4	CFP: Park Accessibility: begin preparing a Park Accessibility Plan that will identify locations and materials for improving pathways, including the parking lot. Address storm water management impacts and solutions. Develop a budget CFP for the improvements, propose an implementation strategy, and pursue funding sources.	ORPT Grant for CY 2026: \$150,000 Matching Grant awarded. Design studies underway. Grant Preapplication submitted for CY27 requesting additional funds. Final application due in September with notifications of awards in	C	y	Y	Y			
5	CFP, SB, JWB: Lighting: Retain the services of a lighting designer to study existing lighting, prepare a plan recommending new Dark Sky fixtures and their distribution, develop a budget for the proposed improvements, and pursue funding. Savannah Beach light standard destroyed by car accident March 23, 2025 - replace. Remove remnants of old light standard near bathhouse.	Night Friendly Lighting Study and CFP Pilot Project has been budgeted for \$10,000	C		y	y	y		
6	GHPS: Begin planning for pond rehabilitation, including identifying the scope of the work and potential sources for funding. Highest priority is to address the storm water runoff from the hosbital property. Fom Rodney: Bank erosion is only problem at the sounthern end where foot traffic is causing erosion and sedimenttation in the pond.	"Do no harm". \$40,000 budgeted for fishing platform (s). In the works.	C	y	y	y			
7	GMP: Create development plan and timeline for implementation of Master Plan.	Master Plan has been accepted. Meeting scheduled to discuss implementation of the plan. \$50,000 Budgeted	C		Y	Y			
8	ZP, MVP, 1812P: Brickwork - Repair bricks and repoint certain sections on all pathways in parks and retining wall in 1812P. In Z Park, rebuild the current fountain structure, lights, and pump.	1812 retaining wall and brickwork was completed in FY 26 (move to Completed Section of this document). ZW brick paths on hold until the FMH repairs are complete	C	y	y	y	y	y	y

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9	SavB & JWB: Webcams and hotspots for both beaches: Lewes Beach Patrol, Lewes Lions Club Snack Stand, and Parking Enforcement need to have connectivity. Webcams would provide security for Lewes Police Department and interest for the public.	Pending. All information has been obtained and submitted.	C		y				
10	GMP: Get site survey of park, clearly mark park boundaries on site.	Remove this. It will be included in above A7							
11									
12	Moderate priority								
13	StangoC: Along Lewes-Georgetown Trail between Adams Ave and Monroe, referbish drainage area and develop planting plans		C			y	y		
14	ZP: Upgrade the current irrigation system. This is an aged system that has been repaired numerous times.	Pending FMH Repairs first.	C				y	y	
15	SavB: Continue renovations and expansion of lifeguard area in Lewes Beach Patrol building.	Money has been budgeted for design.	C	y	y				
16	JWB: Kiosk sign and pavilion. Sign will be ready by April 2026 for part of City's DE250 program. Currently working on DNREC permit application for pavilion.	Sign is complete (move to Completed section of this document). Construction design for Pavilion has been requested from GMB for our building official to review. Budgeted for design only. NOT	C	y	y				
17	GMP & Tree: Manage forest in the park with assistance of Delaware Forest Service Pruning, Planting, removal of invasives.	Remove this. Will be included in A7.	R/C			y	y		
18	StangoC: Continue Landscape Design Plan for area behind library and implement in phases, including plant more trees, install walkway, benches, pollinator garden, and dry streambed. Design adopted Nov 2025 meeting of PRC.	This project continues. Trees are being planted and the beginning of the clamshell walkway has been installed.	C			y	y	y	

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19	SavB & JWB: Beach stability. The City of Lewes is fortunate in that the two guarded beaches are growing, but the dune between the beaches is moving northward. I recommend that we receive professional advice. The dune system is critical, and the Maintenance Department has to deal with the sand moving into the parking lot and Virginia Avenue, for example. If we understand the nature of the beaches, we can work better and smarter.	At this time, we are not budgeted for a study to be conducted. Maintenance staff moved sand from the SB parking lot to replenish the crossovers after the storms.	C		y	y	y		
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21	Low Priority								
22	CFP: Flagpole: The current flagpole is in a planting bed near the pavilion. The bed has an overgrown bayberry shrub and a visually obtrusive light device. The Friends of the City Canalfront Park wish to improve the site by changing the light source and providing decking and seating around the pole with interpretive information about the history of the waterfront. (Costs for the project are not yet determined, but are to be raised by the Friends)	Lighting. To be funded by Friends of CFP	C			y	y		
23	StangoC: Allee/Walkway area between front of Library and Trailhead Comfort Station, add irrigation for containers, beds, and bump outs.	Completed. Remove and include in Completed section of this document.	C	Y					
24	GHPSP: Add fencing around the back and sides of the "Port A Potties" by the parking lot.	Completed. Remove and include in Completed section of this document.	C	y					
25	GHPSP: Installation of permanet restrooms.	No Budgeted placeholder at this time, but has been brought up at several meetings that this should be considered in the future.	C				y	y	
26	StangoC : Replace stage in Stango Park.	Stage is still in good condition. Will continue to monitor.	C					y	

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27	ZP: Build an enclosure for the trash cans that presently sit behind the Fisher-Martin House (the city has indicated that they will do this).	Not budgeted at this time. Pending FMH repairs.	C	y	y				
28	SavB & JWB: Air pumps for beach toys.	Remove. Not recommended by the Beach Patrol Captain to encourage inflatables although	C			y	y		
29	JWB: Temporary storage for beach wheel chairs	Nothing on this at this time.	C			y	y		
30									
31	Future Priorities								
32	GHPS: Walkway around the pond: Evaluate, repair and/or replace as needed, and manage water and mud puddles on the Beebe side, for safety and comfort.	Safety issue. Timing based on pond stabilization project.	C				y	y	
33	GMP: Complete a historical and cultural resource review.	Remove. Will be addressed in A7	C						
34	GMP: Complete engineering studies needed for development plan.	Remove. Will be addressed in A7	C						
35	GMP: Create Construction Drawings and Plan for development.	Remove. Will be addressed in A7	C		?				
36	GMP: Develop fundraising plans for items needed in park, such as pavilions, wildlife observation stands, and informational kiosks.	Remove. Will be addressed in A7	C			y	y		
37	GMP: Create attractive Great Marsh Park sign we need to identify the park and possibly indicate that we are in the planning and development process.	Remove. Will be addressed in A7	C	y	y				
38	GMP: Install barriers/gates to prevent vehicular access to specific areas.	Remove. Will be addressed in A7	C		y				
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41	Completed FY25/26								
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43	CFP: Flooded Path: The crushed stone path that parallels the parking lot and connects the Net House to the tennis courts is very poorly drained and often has standing water. The most immediate solution is to recondition the stone so that it drains and introduce a subsurface perforated drain line below the path that empties into the existing catch basin at the tennis court end.	Completed CY2025	C						
44	CFP: Tennis/Pickleball and Basketball Court Runoff: As part of the new playground installation, introduce a new trench drain along the court paving to intercept runoff and divert to existing swales. Coordinate this improvement with the anticipated runoff from the proposed Overfalls Lightship museum support project.	Completed CY2025	C						
45	CFP: Park Drains: Clean out all existing catch basins, trench drains, and drain lines in the Park to remove sediment and debris.	Completed CY2025	C	y	y				
46	ZP: Add dark sky lamp post in the herb garden area closest to Kings Highway.	Safety issue Compeltd CY2025	C						
47	SavB & JWB: Water-bottle filling stations.	Completed CY2025	C	y	y				
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49	1812P = 1812 Park	Overall = Overarching							
50	CFP = Clanfront Park	Rec = Recreation Prgram							
51	GHPSP = George HP Smith Park	Tree = Tree Program							
52	GMP = Great Marsh Park	Sav B = Savannah Beach							
53	JWB = Johnnie Walker Beach	StangoC = Stango Complex, including SP Stango Park, SPX Stango Park Extended, and the TH Trailhead							
54	MVP = Mary Vessels Park	ZP = Zwaanendael Park							
55	OSP = Otis Smith Park								

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