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Duxbury Beach Named One of 2022 Best Restored Beaches by ASPBA

Highlighting national projects that provide storm protection, habitat restoration, and recreation

Duxbury Beach in Duxbury, MA has been recognized as one of the nation's best restored beaches by The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association for 2022. Owned and protected by Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc, this site is one of four recognized by the ASPBA for its efforts. The goal of ASPBA's annual best restored beaches award is to acknowledge community beach restoration projects around the United States which increase a shoreline's resiliency, the beach's ability to mitigate storm damage and flooding from severe storms, and naturally allow the beach to adjust to short-term sea level rise while remaining an important part of the nearshore ecosystem.

Projects are judged on three criteria: the economic and ecological benefits the beach brings to its community; the short and long-term success of the restoration project; and the challenges each community overcame during the course of the project. "I congratulate them for the hard work and the beautiful beach they have protected and enhanced," said ASPBA President Gary Jones, Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors.

The **Duxbury Beach Dune Restoration Project** in Massachusetts was selected as a Best Restored Beach due to its incorporation of resiliency, ecological, and recreational benefits. Funded by the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Coastal Resilience Grant and Duxbury Beach Reservation, a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation, the Reservation engaged in comprehensive planning and permitting of resilience projects on Duxbury Beach and restoration of the 3,500 ft of the dune. The project restored one of the narrowest and most at-risk sections of the barrier beach system, improving the resilience of the beach which in turn protects the coastlines of Duxbury, Kingston, and parts of Plymouth. The project also includes nesting habitat for the state and federally listed piping plovers and state listed least tern that nest on Duxbury Beach.

As climate change triggers both higher sea levels and stronger storms, a wide sandy beach remains the best protection from encroaching seas and storm-driven waves. "Duxbury Beach Reservation is focused on proactive, nature-based solutions and to be recognized for our work is a tribute to all who have contributed to this project," said Cris Luttazi, Executive Director of the Duxbury Beach Reservation.

The Best Restored Beach award project teams will be honored during the spring 2023 ASPBA Coastal Summit in Washington, DC.

Duxbury Beach Reservation's mission is to preserve Duxbury Beach to safeguard the adjacent bays and mainland, protect wildlife and vegetation while welcoming the public to enjoy.

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