



# What is Soft Shore?

Soft shore is an engineered approach to controlling erosion which mimics nature

## How Does Soft Shore Work?

Before



**Removal** of hard bulkheads and addition of sand and gravel to absorb wave energy

**Strategic** anchoring of driftwood and large boulders to provide stability under stormy conditions

**Revegetation** with native plants to hold the beach intact and provide habitat

## Why Soft Shore?

After



**Wider**, sandier beaches, with more room for wildlife habitat and sandcastles

**Natural** look which connects the land and water, providing easier beach access and comprehensive ecosystem health

**Shoreline** protection that can be passed onto future generations

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# What's the Difference?



Natural



Soft Shore



Bulkhead

What is it?

Keep beach natural and include native vegetation

Engineered placement of anchored logs and boulders

Addition of sand and gravel

Reslope and revegetation

Construction of vertical sea-wall or bulkhead

Fill with rip rap or rubble

Benefits

Preserves maximum habitat and natural beauty

Natural flow of nearshore sediments

Minimal maintenance costs

Improves natural look and access to the waterfront

Provides significant habitat for feeder fish and other wildlife

Good erosion control

Provides erosion control at toe of slope for areas of high wave action and erosion risk

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