

Dear Friends of Eagle Island,

Thank you for your generous contributions of almost \$20,000 since June 2009 (including money raised at the two EIC reunions and in honor of Mama Ginny). With money in hand, we have now been able to order a new barge, one of the first steps to make the infrastructure repair work on the island a bit easier.

Thank you, as well, for your attendance, both in person and by phone, at the recent EIC discussion that was held at our Central Service Center. We did want provide you with an update as a result of the GSHNJ Board meeting this past week.

After hours of discussion on this topic at the April, May, and June Board meetings, during which a full examination of the data provided occurred, the Board has voted to suspend the 2011 season at EIC.

We know this is a disappointment to all of you, however, given the continued challenges of repairing the large infrastructure items that need to be done to make the camp fully functional and the expense it will take complete these, the Board has determined the Council needs to have the funding "in hand" before embarking on these repairs.

We did take into consideration the letter you sent us with your items of interest. Because we don't want to put either the Friends of EIC's donations or the Council's monies at risk, we will be forming a small task group that will meet over the summer.

The purpose of this task group, led by Laurie Brooks (liaison from the Board to the FOEIC), will be to explore all potential options for fundraising in order to complete the needed infrastructure repairs, without precluding any plausible potential future options.

Laurie will be looking for volunteers who have significant capital planning, finance, and fundraising experience. The task group will need to be of a manageable size to make quick progress over the next two months (July and August). The plan is to present a report of the task group's findings at the September Board meeting.

Resumes and/or qualifications for participation can be sent directly to Laurie Brooks at laura.brooks@pseg.com. Laurie will accept these items through June 30th, so they can be reviewed and the task group can have its initial meeting in early July.

At the initial meeting, Laurie will describe the bigger picture of GSHNJ's needs and its strategic direction (as a result of our Strategic Learning process) in order to set the stage for the ensuing conversations around EIC.

We look forward to having a productive dialogue!

