



MEMORANDUM

To: Applicant Community

From: Conservation Staff

Date: December 15, 2025

RE: Recently Adopted Policy – Coastal Plants Utilization Policy

At a regularly scheduled meeting, held on October 7, 2025, the Conservation Commission voted to implement a new policy aimed at improving the quality of project applications, with regard to vegetative plantings within coastal areas. The Commission voted to adopt the Goldenrod Foundation and Plant Finder Program from the Native Plant Trust. These guidelines outline best practices, planting plans and available resources for specific coastal species native to the greater Cape Cod Region, including the South Shore Community of Plymouth. Included in the list of recommended coastal plantings was *Rosa rugosa* (Beach Rose).

The resource link can be found here: <https://plymouth-ma.gov/1490/Native-Planting-Mitigation-List>.