

**PUBLIC COMMENT
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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Re.: Input for the Aug. 20. 2025 Rockaway City Council Mtg.: FEMA regulations hearing related to Pre-Implementation Compliance Measures (PICM)
Rockaway Beach Zoning Ordinance Sections 9.010 - 9.030 and Rockaway Beach Comprehensive Plan sections titled Citizen Involvement, Coordination and the Planning Process.

Ordinances 2025-05 and 2025-06

Dear City Council and Planning Department,
We have had a house in Nedonna Beach since 1998.
The SAFETY and QUALITY of life in Nedonna Beach is very important, and therefore we ask that you adopt the PICM 3 pathway for all of Nedonna Beach.

Our specific reasons are:

1. If our remaining wetlands are not preserved and if more development and dwellings are allowed, then there **will be more flooding and jeopardy to homes**. (BTW: Our flood insurance has increased dramatically, most likely due to ever increasing risk).
2. Wetlands provide a sanctuary for wildlife. Daily, we observe a variety of wildlife in Nedonna, including **bald eagles, heron, egrets, deer many others**. Please do not allow more land be taken away and the resulting negative impact to their habitat.
3. Safety remains a serious concern and we consider it related to the PICM decision: In case of an emergency (tsunami, fire etc.) it would be very difficult for people to get in / out of Nedonna quickly and safely in a vehicle, due **to only one exit road to Hwy 101**. It would also be impossible for some of the elderly and handicapped to use the tsunami exit paths as they are very difficult to negotiate. Seasonal visitors and more dwellings, added to the current situation, could prove disastrous for Nedonna. Additional development will exacerbate the risk.

Therefore we respectfully ask the City Council for good stewardship by **adopting the PICM 3 pathway (no development in wetlands or flood zones)**. Pls.reject PICM 1,2.

Sincerely, Ken and Gullan Bragg

