



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Plum Island Fencing Guidelines

The Newburyport Wetlands Protection Ordinance (6.5: Environment, Article II: Wetlands) and Regulations (Section 6 (E) Fences) states the following requirement :

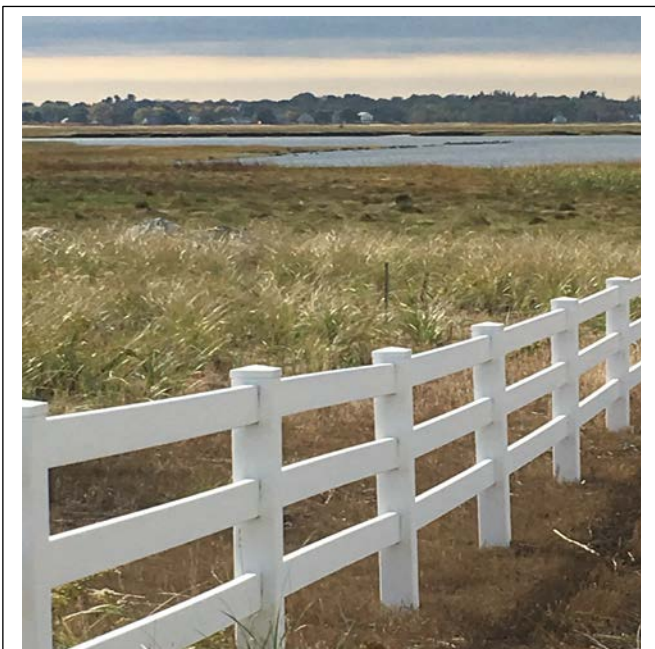
In order to allow for the lateral movement of sand on the island, any proposed fence must be at least 80% open for the first two feet above grade and at least 50% open above two feet. The percent openness shall be determined as viewed from a point in front of and perpendicular to the fence (e.g., no shadow-box or louver styles are allowed). The openness shall be uniform across each fence section as described above. Plans should show where the fence is to be located and should denote locations of fence posts. Plans should show a diagram or photograph of a typical section of the fencing to be used.

If more than 10% of an existing non-compliant fence is to be repaired, the entire fence must be brought into compliance.

*Please Note: All fencing must also comply with the Newburyport Zoning Ordinance for visibility and public safety.

Examples of Fences that Meet Guidelines

Open Rail



Modified Split Rail for Security/Pets



Modified Stockade
(Picket could be modified similarly)



Post and Rope



Examples of fences that **DO NOT** meet Guidelines

Solid Stockade



Standard Picket



Combination with lattice



Lattice



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