

## I. Design Guideline Matrix

A design guideline matrix can help to evaluate a municipality and identify opportunities for public access. Provided below is one example of a design guideline matrix with some suggestions.

Type of Shoreline	Characteristics	Public Uses	Common Types of Public Access	Ways to incorporate/encourage/enhance public access
Ocean	Sandy beach shoreline, mixed residential, commercial boardwalk	Sunbathing, swimming, surfing, fishing	Street end/dune walkovers, boardwalks, parks	Permit conditions, beach nourishment projects, shorefront management plans (including inventory of sites), preserve street ends as access points, ordinances, facilities, land acquisition
Inlets	Rocky shore, human made, often commercial area	Boating, fishing, shopping, dining, walking	Rock jetty, marinas, pathways	Allow access to and on jetty, use public access signage, include on inventory, provide parking at jetty, ordinances
Bay (Back bays)	Majority residential, wetlands, bulkheaded or sandy shoreline	Boating, picnicking, fishing	Boat ramps, boating clubs, parks, beach, street ends	Permit conditions, shorefront management plan (including inventory of sites), preserve street ends as access points, ordinances, facilities, land acquisition
Delaware Bay	Beach and wetlands environment, pockets of residential areas	Boating, swimming, fishing	Beaches, parks, wetlands, trails	Land acquisition, permit conditions, shorefront management plan
River	Variety of shorelines ranging from developed fill to unhindered natural, some sandy areas	Boating, walking/hiking, fishing	Trails, walkways, boat ramps, marinas, street ends, parks	Land acquisition, support for coastal trails, permit conditions, ordinances,
Urban (Ocean, Bay or River)	Highly developed, often industrial or post industrial, impervious surface, some beaches	Walking, fishing, some swimming and sunbathing	Trails, walkways, beaches, parks	Permit conditions (development setbacks), land acquisition