



The Role Of Disturbance In The Long-Term Viability Of A Coastal Maritime Forest Fragment Technical Report NPSNERNRTR--2008104

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CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. Paperback. Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. 42 pages. Dimensions: 11.0in. x 8.5in. x 0.1in. The maritime holly forest is a unique assemblage of species dominated by the broadleaf evergreen, *Ilex opaca* (American holly). Due to the highly restricted occurrence of this forest community to only two locations on barrier islands in New York and New Jersey, it has been classified as a critically imperiled community (global conservation status rank of G1; NatureServe 2004) because of extreme rarity or very few remaining acres. The only two examples known of the maritime holly forest include: the Sunken Forest (SF; 16 ha) occurring on Fire Island National Seashore, a barrier island protecting Long Island, NY; and the Sandy Hook (SH) holly forest (30 ha) occurring on a barrier spit on the NJ shore that is a unit of Gateway National Recreation Area (GNRA). This project was born from the uncertainty surrounding key conservation issues, and in 2004 was listed as the primary research priority for Fire Island National Seashore due to the uniqueness of the SF among maritime forests of the Atlantic coast, its prominence in the parks enabling legislation and Resource Stewardship Plan, and its interpretive...



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