



RYE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

## 'Sound Shore Last Straw' Establishment Pledge

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ [name of business], I am taking the 'Sound Shore Last Straw' pledge and officially participating in this initiative. \_\_\_\_\_ [name of business] does this as part of an effort to keep the City of Rye, NY and Long Island Sound pollution free and to help stop plastic pollution at the source.

As a participant in the 'Sound Shore Last Straw' initiative, the City of Rye Sustainability Committee (RSC) will feature your business on its website, email and social media outlets. This positive publicity will further promote you as a green business leader in our community!

As a participating business I pledge to (required):

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Print on menu or tabletop/visible signage **"Straws Available Upon Request"** **and only provide straws upon customer request.**

Furthermore, I plan to (optional but encouraged!):

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**Discontinue the use and purchase of plastic straws**  
Offer 100% paper straws\* OR get rid of straws completely.

*\* Note: "Biodegradable" plastic, compostable plastic or bio/plant plastic is not compostable or recyclable in most areas. Bioplastics and compostable plastics require a commercial high heat composting facility and will not break down in a landfill or ocean.*

Signed,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Printed Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Sound Shore Last Straw Pledge Date: \_\_\_\_\_



The Rye Sustainability Committee is a group of volunteers tasked by Rye's City Council to implement the Rye Sustainability Plan and address significant environmental issues in our community: [www.ryesustainability.com](http://www.ryesustainability.com)