

## CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

### LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS FOR MARINE TURTLE PROTECTION



- 🌿 The Marine turtle lighting ordinance was adopted on March 2, 2011.
- 🌿 The Nesting season is from March 1st through October 31st.
- 🌿 Certain types of artificial lighting have impact upon nesting turtles and hatchlings.
- 🌿 The CRA HIP and PIP programs allow turtle lighting improvements as an eligible expense. The HIP and PIP programs are available to hotels, motels and other commercial establishments. These programs allow reimbursement of a portion of the expense to upgrade lighting.



## **Enforcement**

- **Property owners are required to implement measures not involving any capital expenditures (such as turning off lights and closing drapes) by March 2011.**
- **If a property owner must budget for renovations in order to comply, they have five years.**
- **New or existing development having secured a permit from DEP that includes an approved lighting plan for turtle protection shall be exempt from the Ordinance provided that all lights are in compliance with the lighting plan.**