

Federal and State Legislation and Appropriations To Restore Brevard's Beaches

Contact your federal and State of Florida elected officials to let them know your opinion regarding legislation to restore Brevard's beaches. If you have a home in another state, you may also want to write the legislators from that state, especially if they are on a sub-committee or committee that votes on any of the federal bills listed below.

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1. (Federal) Brevard County Shore Protection Project Mid Reach Preconstruction Engineering and Design and South Reach Construction

Summary of Request: ■ For Fiscal Year 2009 include an \$8,900,000 appropriation in the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill to complete Preconstruction Engineering and Design (PED) for the Mid Reach and for South Reach Construction Funds.

Background: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began a General Re-Evaluation Report study in 2004 on the feasibility of shore protection options along 7.6 miles of critically eroded oceanfront shoreline in Brevard County, as authorized in the Water Resources Development Act '00. Structures in the project are at risk after the 2004 hurricanes. Prior funding, with state and local matching funds, restored 13 miles of adjacent shoreline in the North and South Reaches and began the 7.6-mile re-evaluation of the Mid Reach.



2. (State)

Provide Matching Funds for Beach Restoration Monitoring, Engineering and Design Costs

Summary of Request:

- Continue legislative support for the \$30 million trust fund dedicated to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) Beach Management Funding Program. (Based on legislated criteria, FDEP determines project eligibility and ranking for local governments requesting state matching funds.)
- Brevard County anticipates that as a result of FDEP's ranking of project requests, distribution of state funds in fiscal year 2008-2009 will include up to \$832,645 for Brevard County as state match for the Brevard County Shore Protection Project.

Background:

Brevard County, working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, completed initial construction of the North Reach beaches in April 2001 and the South Reach beaches in April 2003. Both the North and South Reach were renourished in 2005 in response to impacts by hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne in 2004. The \$832,645 requested for fiscal year 2008-2009 includes the State match for North and South Reach monitoring costs as well as project engineering and design funds for a proposed Mid Reach project. State funds will be matched by county and federal funds. The County anticipates that its request will be included in the FDEP Erosion Control Assistance Program budget request, which provides up to 50% of the non-federal cost of State-approved beach restoration projects. State matching funds are essential to timely project construction, maintenance, and monitoring.

The state funds will be matched by an equal share of County funds. The sum of State and County funds will provide the non-federal share of the beach nourishment costs.
