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## Addressing Island

Beach & Dune  
Safety

Development

Governmental Relations

and

County Relationships

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*The Presidents Council serves St. Lucie County, Hutchinson Island property owner concerns, such as beach & dune, island safety & beautification, future development and county services affecting us.*

## Beach and Dune Committee

The Beach and Dune Committee works closely with St. Lucie County and other resources to advocate “Best Practices” for beach safety, maintenance, preservation, nourishment, and beautification of its members’ shoreline. The Committee operates on the principle that robust and healthy beaches serve not only as recreational areas but provide storm protection and are a principal driver for the economy throughout St. Lucie County. Through liaison with all eligible Federal and State programs, we seek to maximize benefits for Island residents and visitors. Particularly important and beneficial at this time is that the southern 3.4 miles of St. Lucie County beaches and dunes become a partner in the Federal 50-year Beach Preservation Program administered by the US Army Corps of Engineers as authorized by Congress. The Committee is working with the county to execute an agreement for the 2022 “Initial Start” as early as possible. The Committee seeks to establish an equitable and fair funding plan to fulfill financial requirements in the best interests of South Hutchinson Island residents and St. Lucie County to maximize the beach funding and resources required to maintain world-class beaches.



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## Governmental Affairs



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The Governmental Affairs Committee actively monitors and works on activities related to South Hutchinson Island with St. Lucie County political and non-political organizations to ensure that beach concerns are heard and acted upon. The committee also acts in liaison with other St. Lucie and Martin County political, environmental, and business groups, ensuring that the President’s Council is updated on issues and projects that impact South Hutchinson Island growth, health, and welfare.

Projects that the committee has and/or is considering range from the question of incorporation as a village, safety concerns regarding A1A auto and pedestrian traffic, water and sewage infrastructure, Island zoning restrictions and input into St. Lucie County decision-making regarding those regulations, following and providing input into Fort Pierce harbor expansion plans (to include dredging and sand operations on South Beach), and monitoring potential problem areas that affect Island property owners. The committee also works with the St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Department and the Fire Department regarding issues that affect individual and condo owner safety and wellbeing.

## Communication Committee

The Communication Committee researches, articulates, explains, and promotes President’s Council of Hutchinson Island activities. The Committee also supports the Beach and Dunes and Governmental Affairs Committees to provide information pertinent to their activities and projects.

The Communication Committee is responsible for maintaining the Council’s website [www.pcofhi.com](http://www.pcofhi.com), updating committee website pages and promoting the website to other area groups with similar objectives and concerns. The website also helps promote local businesses who generously support the President’s Council financially and through in-kind use of materials.

The Communication Committee also serves as the research arm of the President’s Council by surveying Council members on various topics of concern to South Hutchinson Island. Primarily through an annual survey, the committee reports on identified member concerns and priorities. The Communication Committee can also provide, when needed, additional research, analysis, and interpretation on specific areas of interest or concern. These results are then communicated to PCHI members and a summary of the results reported on the website.



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