

ST. LUCIE COUNTY EROSION DISTRICT

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Dear St. Lucie County Resident,

On July 17, 2020 a letter regarding perpetual construction easements and the proposed federal St. Lucie County, Florida Coastal Storm Risk Management Project (a.k.a. South County Beach) was sent to you. The letter included a fact sheet, FAQ's, sample perpetual construction easement language, and notification for a GoToMeeting scheduled on July 29, 2020. After that meeting was held, St. Lucie County formally drafted easements required for federal beach construction preparations to begin. After a lengthy review process, those perpetual construction easement documents were approved by both St. Lucie County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Finalized documents (including the perpetual construction easement, survey sketch and legal, and a waiver of fair market value) were then mailed to all beachside property owners adjacent to the proposed federal beach nourishment project from just north of Normandy Beach Park to the Martin County line. Due to the timeline associated with this project, land owners receiving these packets were asked to promptly execute all easement documents by February 1, 2021 and return all original documents included in those packets (easement, sketch and legal, and waiver of fair market value) to the County (in the prepaid envelopes provided) as soon as possible.

With the February 1, 2021 deadline quickly approaching, the County is again reminding all land owners that time is of the essence, and that swift execution of these documents is needed in order to meet requirements set forth by the federal government. Absent prompt execution, both state and federal funding secured for this project (+/- \$14 million) may be jeopardized, possibly postponing and/or even canceling the proposed federal beach nourishment project scheduled for fall 2021/spring 2022.

As a courtesy, St. Lucie County is providing an additional informational session regarding this topic, with hopes of addressing any remaining questions or concerns. An additional informational public outreach meeting regarding this effort is scheduled for <u>Monday, February 1st at 11:00 am</u>. Interested property owners <u>who have yet to execute and submit required easement documents</u> are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held in-person at the:

Island Dunes Country Club 8735 S Ocean Dr. # 1 Jensen Beach, FL 34957

Please note that this will be an in-person meeting. Social distancing and face masks will be required. In the event any participant cannot attend (for any reason), I will make myself available for one-on-one meetings, as needed, to address any questions and/or concerns. Please notify me in advance to accommodate specific requests.

Again, swift execution of the perpetual construction easements and wavier of fair market value is needed to proceed with construction. To learn more about the Erosion District and details of the South Hutchinson Island Federal Beach Project, please visit the County's Erosion District website:

www.stlucieco.org/southhutchinsonproject

Thank you, St. Lucie County

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