



St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

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St. Johns County to Host Open House for Coastal Management Easement Initiative

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida, December 30, 2022 – St. Johns County will host an open house to support the ongoing Coastal Management Easement Initiative.

When: Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023
4 to 6 p.m.

Where: Ponte Vedra Beach Public Library
101 Library Boulevard
Ponte Vedra Beach

St. Johns County mailed easement documents to homeowners along the coast in Ponte Vedra, South Ponte Vedra, and Vilano Beach. Homeowners in these areas could receive sand from future County-initiated sand placement projects. The most immediate opportunity for property owners to receive sand is a potential FEMA Dune Enhancement Project in response to damages from hurricanes Ian and Nicole.

For the County to be able to add sand to the dunes during this potential project and any future projects, homeowners must grant an easement for the County to work on the beach on the seaward side of their property. The easements are limited in scope and do not include access through the property from the road or access to the front and side yards. The easements grant access to the beach, and to the dunes from the beach. The County proposed perpetual easements to enable a more efficient response to future needs, but staff can also help homeowners with limited-duration easements.

The upcoming open house will be an excellent opportunity for homeowners to get answers to any questions related to the easements from St. Johns County Coastal Management staff. Notaries will be present at the open house to notarize any easement documents signed by homeowners.

Additionally, St. Johns County is processing easement documents to mail to Butler Beach and Crescent Beach homeowners; a separate open house will be held in the near future.

One or more County Commissioners may be present at the open house. The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners will take no action at this open house.

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