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More than \$60 Million Awarded to St. Johns County for Emergency Beach Repairs

ST. AUGUSTINE, Florida, April 21, 2022 – St. Johns County will receive up to \$62 million in federal funding from the Jacksonville District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for emergency repairs on two beach projects. The projects include the St. Johns County Shore Protection Project in St. Augustine Beach and the St. Johns County South Ponte Vedra Beach and Vilano Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management Project.

The Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies funding resulted from USACE evaluations of erosion impacts on the federal beach projects following the November 2021 nor'easter.

The St. Johns County Shore Protection Program will include placing approximately two million cubic yards of sand on 2.5 miles of federally authorized shoreline beginning about three miles south of the St. Augustine Inlet and extending south. The federal funding made available for this project is roughly \$37 million.

The St. Johns County South Ponte Vedra Beach and Vilano Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management Project will include placing approximately one million cubic yards of sand on 2.6 miles of shoreline north of the St. Augustine Inlet. The federal funding available for this effort is about \$25 million, including the district's costs for design, permitting, contract acquisition, and three years of post-construction monitoring. Both projects will use sand from offshore sources.

"It's really good news for the people of St. Johns County, not just the beachfront homeowners but the thousands of residents and tourists who depend on these beaches for recreation and activity and all the economic spinoff of that," said Chairman Henry Dean, District 5 Commissioner.

The USACE currently anticipates awarding construction contracts for both projects in late winter 2022.

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