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\$10.6 Million U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Emergency Beach Renourishment Project to start in late September or early October 2017

North Myrtle Beach, SC – July 21, 2017 (Revision of July 5 Release) – A \$10.6 million emergency U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) beach renourishment project will begin in late September or early October 2017 in the city of North Myrtle Beach and end in late November.

Sand will be dredged from offshore “borrow areas” and piped on to the beach to renourish those sections of beach that do not have adequate dune protection. The USACE designed the emergency project according to its guidelines.

The city is not required to cost-share in the \$10.6 million USACE emergency renourishment project but it has to expend some money on associated work:

1. The city paid \$161,668 for “borrow area” analysis, which involved collecting core samples from potential offshore sand collection locations to determine the extent and type of sand available.
2. The city also prepaid \$455,000 for post-project construction of dune fencing and grassing, and post-construction borrow area monitoring.
 - The two payments totaled \$616,668. The State of South Carolina will reimburse the city for \$255,500 of that amount.
3. Once the USACE emergency renourishment project has concluded, the city will contract to have about 50,000 cubic yards of sand delivered to the beach to create dunes eliminated or severely eroded during Hurricane Matthew. This project will most likely occur this coming winter. The city is currently in the permitting phase of the dune replacement project. The estimated dune replacement project cost is \$1 million.

"We are very grateful that this emergency beach renourishment project will soon bring much needed sand to sections of our beach that were severely eroded during Hurricane Matthew," said North Myrtle Beach Mayor Marilyn Hatley. "We have so many people to thank, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, our City Council, our federal and state legislative delegations, our city staff, and others, who came together to work to bring this \$10.6 million emergency project to fruition."

The North Myrtle Beach project is part of the larger Myrtle Beach Storm Damage Reduction Project. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, recently awarded a \$26.3 million contract for the Myrtle Beach Storm Damage Reduction Project to Great Lakes Dredge

and Dock Company, LLC, which will place a total of about 1.2 million cubic yards of material on North Myrtle Beach, Garden City and Surfside Beach beaches.

Construction will begin in late July 2017 slightly north of the Surfside Beach Pier and continue north toward Myrtle Beach State Park. After that section is complete, renourishment will move south from the Surfside Beach Pier to the southern project boundary in Georgetown County. The work should be complete by mid-September. The project will then move to the city of North Myrtle Beach in late September or early October.

THE USACE has established a mapping website that people may use to keep up with the daily status of its renourishment project. To access the mapping site enter this link into your browser:

<https://cesac.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=0876e199b52649839dfe7f07c2866636>

If the above link does not work for you, enter this link into your browser:

<http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Myrtle-Beach-Nourishment/>

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