

South Island Emergency Beach Renourishment

Hurricane Matthew impacted Hilton Head Island between October 7 and 9, 2016. As the Town of Hilton Head Island recognizes that its beaches are a vital asset to its residents and the Island's economy it was determined that an emergency response to replace sand losses that occurred during the passage of Hurricane Matthew was prudent.

The South Island Emergency Beach Fill Project includes the placement of approximately 300,000 cubic yards (cy) of sand along about 12,000 ft. of Atlantic Ocean shoreline (see map below). The funding source for the Town's share of the project (expected to be 25% of the total cost of eligible work and 100% of what is ineligible) is a longstanding 2% fee imposed on overnight lodging. Assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is expected to cover 75% of the cost for the eligible portion of the work. Cost of the project is approximately \$3.8 million.

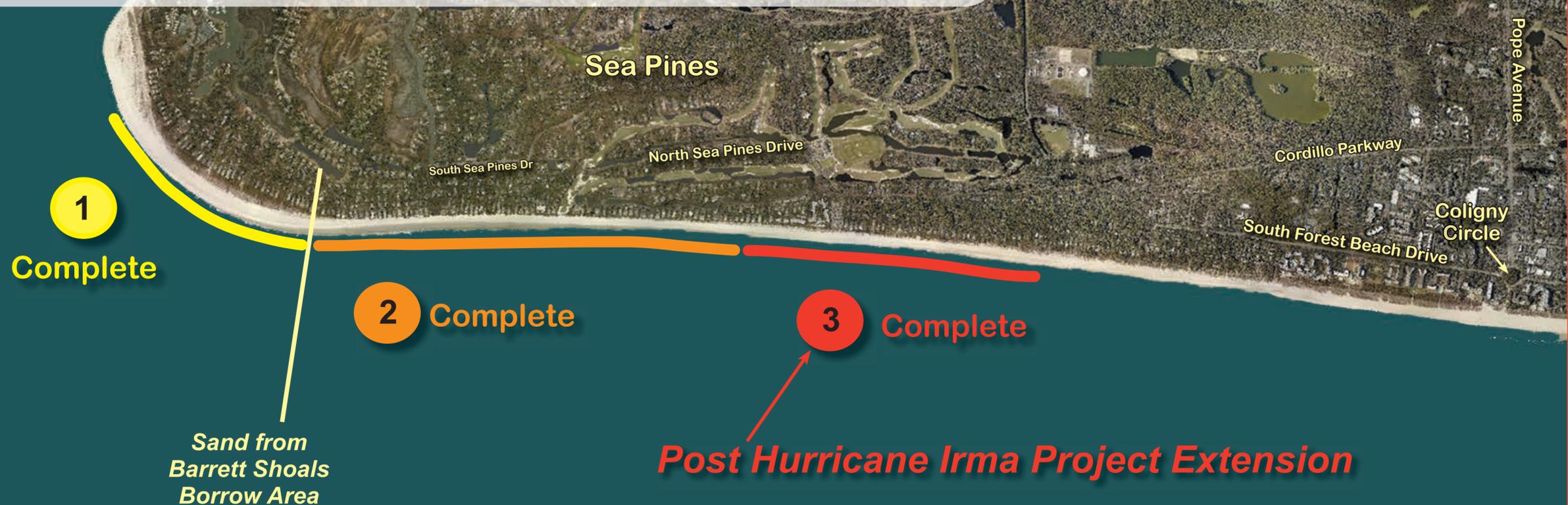
The purpose of the project is to replace sand lost during Hurricane Matthew and reestablish the protective stable beach and dune that existed conditions along this reach of shoreline prior to Hurricane Matthew. This work must be constructed as soon as possible as the upland areas along this portion of the island are vulnerable to additional erosion and storm impacts due to the sand losses that occurred during Hurricane Matthew.

The process by which the South Island renourishment will be constructed is similar to the projects constructed in 1990, 1997, 2006, 2011 and 2016. The project construction is expected to last about 2 months and due to its nature, must proceed around the clock. Work will, on average, move along the shoreline at a rate of up to 500 feet per day. Only about 1,000 feet of beach access will be restricted per day. The active work zone is expected to be in front of any given property for 2 to 5 days.

For more information regarding this project including maps, photos, updates and more, please visit our website at www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov. Please visit our website to sign-up for this free service and stay up-to-date on the latest beach renourishment project information as well as a variety of other topics.

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This Map displays the total area that was addressed during the 2 month renourishment project.



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