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YOUR BEACH IS IN JEOPARDY

If you have a federal beach project, please read this.

Last year, then-President Trump proposed \$12.9 million to place sand on federal beach nourishment projects. Congress added funds so that the final allocation was \$56 million with *most of that total going to just 3 projects*.

Congress Can Only Do So Much to Help

For the last several years, many East Coast projects were renourished (or even initiated construction) using federal disaster funds that came from outside of the regular budget process. As they near the end of their nourishment cycle, their need for renourishment on top of the sand needs of other beach projects that is causing the financial crunch. Demand for federal dollars is simply outpacing supply. **Budget caps imposed on the individual subcommittees that develop the final congressional budget have not – and likely will not – permit Congress to add more than ~\$50 million to whatever the President’s budget recommends.**

THIS JEOPARDIZES BOTH ONGOING PERIODIC RENOURISHMENTS AND NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR BEACH PROJECTS.

The Corps Cannot Fix This Problem

This is not the Corp’s fault. Our firm has been tracking federal beach nourishment funding since 1996. In the late ‘90s, the President’s budget usually had about \$90 million for placing sand on beaches. From 2000 on, the figure declined but was still at least \$40 million until FY09. From then on, the President’s budget has proposed anywhere from \$1 million to \$35 million for nourishment. **The primary cause of this decline is the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB)** where career bureaucrats do not believe the federal government has any role in funding coastal storm damage reduction. They micromanage the Corps and its budget from one presidential administration to another. Last year we overcame this hurdle, and this year we are again making a coordinated effort to highlight the importance of beaches to Congress and the Corps to fight OMB. If your project is seeking funds in FY22-25, please reach out to us.

For 38 years we have been highly effective in bypassing bureaucracy and red tape to get our clients the funding they need for their projects. **It is our specialty.** Please send me an email and we can discuss this further.

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