

# **SARASOTA COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

## *Planning and Development Services*

**TO:** Sarasota County Commission  
**THROUGH:** Jonathan R. Lewis, County Administrator  
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**DATE:** March 21, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** **Manasota Key Beach Nourishment Update**

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION(S) OR ACTION(S):**

Update and discussion on beach nourishment on Manasota Key.

### **BACKGROUND:**

At the joint commission meeting of Charlotte and Sarasota Counties on October 19, 2016, Charlotte County staff and consultants provided an update on the status of the ongoing efforts to nourish Charlotte County beaches. During the presentation, there was a general discussion about Sarasota County possibly joining with Charlotte County and extending their beach nourishment project further north to include portions of Sarasota County.

Since that time, the following actions have been conducted in furtherance of a possible joint beach nourishment project between Sarasota and Charlotte Counties on Manasota Key:

- March and April 2017 – Sarasota County held public workshops and conducted surveys to gauge property owner support of a beach nourishment project on Manasota Key. The area of greatest support is near Blind Pass Beach Park, close to the Charlotte County Line.
- April 19, 2017 – At the joint commission meeting of Charlotte and Sarasota Counties, the boards received an update on the opportunities for Sarasota County to join the Charlotte County project with the potential for joint engineering work to be done to inform a possible project.
- May 18, 2017 – Sarasota County staff met with the Tourist Development Council (TDC) to discuss the possibility of utilizing Tourist Development Tax (TDT) funds (Fund 186) for the purposes of undertaking this initial engineering and feasibility work discussed above. Following staff's presentation and discussion, TDC recommended utilization of TDT funding.
- In the summer of 2017, staff representing both counties developed an interlocal agreement that would enable Sarasota County to utilize the professional engineering services procured by Charlotte County. The contract between Charlotte County and their coastal engineering contractor, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc. (CEC), contains a provision that allows for CEC to work with Sarasota County on a joint project following authorization by Charlotte County.

- December 12, 2017 – The Sarasota County Commission approved an Interlocal Agreement with Charlotte County for initial engineering work for a south Manasota Key beach nourishment project, in the amount of \$69,870.00.
- January 9, 2018 – The Charlotte County Commission approved the Interlocal Agreement with Sarasota County to perform initial engineering work and amended their contract with their consultant, CEC to conduct work on behalf of Sarasota County.

Since the time of the contract amendment, CEC has been conducting the work set forth in the scope of services associated with the interlocal agreement. Charlotte County staff and consultants will provide an update on the status of their ongoing project along with information about anticipated timeframes for upcoming items. Charlotte and Sarasota County staff will be available for questions.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A