

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Legislative Action
2012

Town of Edisto Beach

Approved by Town Council November 2011

❖ Local Government Fund

The Town of Edisto Beach promotes fully funding the local government fund according to state statute.

❖ Beach Nourishment

The Town of Edisto Beach is the only coastal tourist destination in Colleton County and provides over 40% in tax revenues for the County. The Town is currently partnering with the Army Corps of Engineers to study the feasibility of long-term federal funding for beach nourishment to aid in storm damage prevention. The Town has shouldered the financial burden of the cost of the study although portions of the study area are state properties (Edisto Beach State Park). Beach nourishment generally is effective for ten years. The Town nourished the beach in 2006 and anticipates needing to re-nourish the beach in 2016. As federal funding is not guaranteed, the Town seeks legislative support to budget funds for this nourishment project to reduce storm damage to the beach and to ensure the continued viability of the beachfront for the economic benefit to Colleton County and the state.

❖ Infrastructure

Water Quality-The Town of Edisto Beach obtains its water from groundwater wells. The water quality is poor at best and is anticipated to become further degraded by saltwater intrusion. The Town needs good quality potable water, whether through purification processes, new deep wells or acquisition from nearby water supply authorities. Upgrades and maintenance of aging and degrading infrastructure is also needed.

Wastewater-All of the beachfront homes on Edisto Beach are on septic systems because funding is not available to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant and bring sewer lines down Palmetto Boulevard. This poses a serious pollution problem when the Town is impacted by storms. Septic systems become exposed and leach sewage onto the beach and Atlantic Ocean causing serious health hazards.

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