

Town of Edisto Beach

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Rachel A. Honderd
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Army
Commander and District Engineer
Department of the Army
US Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District
69 A. Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403-5107

Dear Lt. Col. Honderd:

The Town was very excited when our project was finally funded through P.L. 115-123, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 ("Supplemental"). Unfortunately, the timing could not have been worse. After two concurrent storm impacts, the beach was finally renourished in 2017 at a cost of \$18,000,000. Although the Town desires to participate with the United States Army Corps on this Storm Reduction Project, the only way the Town can afford to move forward with this project is with consideration of work in kind credit of the groin component constructed in 2017 as part of the beach Nourishment project. This component was included in the approved National Economic Development plan. The current estimated cost of the project is close to \$22,000,000 even after the Town constructed the groin component at a cost of \$5,800,000.

According to Senator Lindsey Graham's office, the Edisto Beach provision was not included in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2020 because it was submitted too late. We request consideration of a time extension so the provision can be resubmitted for inclusion in the WRDA of 2021.

Respectfully,

Jane S. Darby
Mayor

Cc Senator Lindsey Graham