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**Subject:** Re: Long-Term Beach Erosion Plan

Kelley; Many thanks for your interest. I shall be in touch with Virginia Baker tomorrow to arrange a meeting with Joe Nolan and I soonest. Will be on the agenda at the next Beach Advisory Board meeting as well to provide the board with the answers as to what previous actions by the County Council have been and the justification for each. Will be interesting to say the least. "Time for the rest of the stroy" you might say. Happy New year. Jack

>>> "Desoto, Kelley" <KDesoto@oceanprops.com> 12/30/05 5:41 PM >>>  
Dear Jack,

I hope your Christmas was great and I wish you a Happy New Year. I am writing to you to inform you that I am mailing you a copy of a letter sent to the Chairman of the Beach Advisory Committee. It is a follow up letter regarding the meeting conducted on December 13, 2005. You should receive it in a few days. I want to thank you for your participation at this meeting and I look forward to your continued support and commitment toward our Beach Erosion issue.

I took the initiative to call Virginia Barker, Brevard County Natural Resource Mgmt. Div.. She has been directly involved with managing Brevard County's Long-Term Beach restoration program. I asked if she would be open to networking with Volusia County in regards to our Beach Restoration project and her comments were "YES". She was very gracious in sharing her knowledge and experience. I told her that I would be in contact with you and that I would ask that you contact her directly.

She indicated that Brevard County has had a staff member completely dedicated to their Beach restoration projects for the past 10 years and 1.5 staff members fully dedicated to spending their time on the Beach restoration project since 1999. She indicated it is a full time job to do all the things necessary to monitor, manage and implement a successful restoration campaign. She also expounded on different funding resources that their county uses to fund the ongoing projects. One is allocating a portion of the Tourism tax (Bed Tax). She also indicated the severe negative economic impacts that can be created by neglecting the beaches. She has access to studies that show the economic impacts on a community that once had beautiful beaches, that were left to erosion. The economic results effect the entire community.

I ask that you contact her to create a working relationship with our neighboring county. She indicated that Indian River County to their

south  
is networking with them for the same purposes. Since Volusia County is  
one  
of the last county's to implement a Long-Term beach restoration plan, it  
only seems feasible to network with our neighbors that have been down  
the  
same road.

I have briefly reviewed the "Volusia County Beach Mgmt. Plan" posted on  
the  
county website and I found that the long-term beach renourishment plan  
is  
not a significant focus of this document. It is very in-depth on the  
subject of Beach Access, Beach Facilities. Public Safety, Concessions &  
Special Events. Section 7.4 (pg. 36) speaks briefly on the "Beach  
Renourishment" matter, however, is missing references to a long-term  
offshore dredging program. The County is in the process of a \$1 million  
sand source study and the off-shore dredging project is not even  
mentioned  
as a consideration for beach restoration. This puzzles me. Section  
7.1.1  
(Page 34), certainly outlines that we have over 16 miles of severely  
eroded  
beaches and Section 11 (page55) thru Section 11.2 (page 56) references  
and  
supports the negative economic impacts of Beach Erosion will have on our  
economy throughout our County. Items that were addressed at the recent  
Advisory Committee meeting (Dec. 13, 2005) is not anything new. In  
fact,  
the County management plan at least references the issue, however, does  
not  
provide a clear plan that is supported or seems to be a focus of the  
entire  
Commission.

Again, I want to thank you for your personal support and drive to make  
the  
issue of Beach Erosion a top priority. Please give consideration to  
contacting Ms. Barker in Brevard County for additional input. I look  
forward to your response and support.

Best Regards,

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