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Fire Island Inlet Project Certification Approved

(Suffolk County, NY-April 14, 2016)--On Tuesday, April 12, 2016, the United States Army Corps of Engineers approved the Real Estate Certification completed by Suffolk County and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for the Fire Island Inlet to Moriches Inlet (FIMI) Project, Contract 3, which completes 18 months of real estate work conducted by the County and DEC. This real estate certification will allow the contract, which encompasses the Fire Island Communities from Fair Harbor to Seaview, to proceed. Contract 3A will place an estimated 1,400,000 cubic yards of sand as a dune and berm system along the aforementioned communities. Bids to contract for the work will be received in May 2016 and contract will be awarded in June 2016.

Taking into consideration numerous factors concerning construction proceeding in the height of the summer season, including the concerns of residents about interference with beach use, the health and safety of visitors to Fire Island and the potential negative impact on the economy in the affected communities, it has been decided that the actual construction of the dune and berm will not begin until on or after September 19, 2016. This construction is expected to be completed by the end of March 2017.