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## Corps Awards Grassing and Sand Fencing Project

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MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. --- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, awarded a contract for a \$423,000 Grassing and Sand Fencing Project to Professional Grading, Clearing, and Excavation Company of Columbia SC on Aug 28.

The purpose of the project is to stabilize and enhance the dune system over an approximately seven-mile long stretch of beach and dunes in Georgetown and Horry counties including areas in Surfside Beach and Garden City. These same areas were renourished as part of the Myrtle Beach Reach 3 Storm Protection Project in 1998.

The project is a cooperative effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the South Carolina Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, Georgetown County, Horry County, and the Town of Surfside Beach.

The sand fencing effort will begin sometime after Oct. 16 and end not later than Feb. 2003 and will be followed by the planting of dune vegetation between Mar. 1, 2003 and Apr. 30, 2003. Similar fencing and planting have been completed in areas of Myrtle Beach, north of the current site. Work is scheduled to be performed only during daylight hours and very limited use of equipment, such as small backhoes and tractors, is expected on the beach.

No restriction to beach access is proposed, except immediately adjacent to working equipment for safety purposes. Private dune walkways will not be blocked.