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US Army Corps Of Engineers Awards Hunting Island Project

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CHARLESTON, S.C.--- The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District awarded a \$2.4 million contract to Marinex Construction Co., Inc., of Charleston, S.C., to address shoreline erosion at Hunting Island State Park today.

The project consists of constructing a protective berm along an approximately 2,500-foot-section of Cabin Road. Recent storm level tides have significantly eroded a 400-ft.-long portion of the roadway, which provides sole access to the south end of Hunting Island.

“This is an important shoreline protection project to help safeguard valuable state resources that we will execute along with the state sponsor, South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism,” said Lt. Col. Peter W. Mueller, Charleston District commander. “We are able to participate under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Authority, which is part of our Continuing Authorities Program.”

The project is a cooperative effort between the Corps and the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. SCPRT has contributed approximately \$900,000 toward the shoreline protection project as part of a cost-share agreement.

“The protection of Hunting Island State Park and the continued public use of its beach front has been our top priority,” said John Durst, director of SCPRT. “Thanks to this action by the Army Corps of Engineers, we can promise this wonderful resource will still be enjoyed for years to come.”

Work on the project is expected to begin January 2003, and Corps officials anticipate that it will take approximately two months to complete construction.