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Charleston District Awards Contract to Begin Myrtle Beach Renourishment.

Myrtle Beach, S.C. --- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Charleston District recently awarded a contract to renourish Myrtle Beach due to damages caused by Hurricanes Ian and Debby.

In December 2024, the Charleston District awarded a contract to Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company to place two million cubic yards of material on Myrtle Beach, equivalent to 200,000 dump trucks, along 26 miles of coastline. The renourishment is funded entirely by the Corps of Engineers and will cost \$72 million. The project will help reduce the risk to life and infrastructure behind the dunes along the Grand Strand.

We look forward to starting this important work for the area in the near future as we realize the impact to the local, state, and federal economies. Approximately 17.6 million people visit the Grand Strand area annually with an economic impact of \$12.5 billion.

Hurricane Ian struck Myrtle Beach and the South Carolina coast in September 2022 and Hurricane Debby in August 2024, causing severe erosion to the beach. The project performed as designed, reducing the damages to the infrastructure behind the beach.

Safety is our top priority during the beach renourishment project. Construction zones will be clearly marked, and we will urge everyone to stay outside of these areas and respect signage and barriers. Heavy equipment, such as bulldozers and pipelines, will be in operation, and maintaining a safe distance ensures the protection of both workers and the public. By working together and following safety guidelines, we can complete this vital project efficiently while keeping everyone safe.

Further information on the construction timeline will be released once the contractors work plan is finalized and a mobilization date had been coordinated.

There is an online tracker available on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Charleston Districts website which will be updated daily to show the exact locations where the beach is being impacted by the project.

Link to tracker:

<https://cesac.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5c20349ed99d42febd9e49bd2f270c99>

To get updates on the renourishment, follow @CharlestonCorps on Facebook, Instagram and X (Formerly Twitter).

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