



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Charleston District

# Project Fact Sheet

Edisto Beach, SC

Colleton County, SC

P2#: 113475

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**Congressional Districts:** Nancy Mace (SC-01)

**Appropriation:** Construction

**Phase:** Design

**Business Line:** Coastal Storm Risk Management

**Authority:** P.L. 114-322 Section 1401

**Location** Edisto Beach is a barrier island approximately 4.5 miles in length and located approximately 45 miles southwest of Charleston, South Carolina.

**Description** There are significant problems affecting buildings and infrastructure on Edisto Beach. Homes and businesses are perilously close to structural failure as a result of erosion caused by coastal storms, particularly hurricanes and northeasters. State Highway 174 is the only evacuation route off the island and has been subject to overwash and flooding. If allowed to continue unabated, erosion will continue to threaten other infrastructure such as water and electrical systems. There are opportunities to reduce risks to buildings and infrastructure from storms, protect the island's only emergency evacuation route, and to preserve long-term sea turtle nesting and shorebird habitat. The Chief's Report was signed on September 5, 2014. The recommended plan includes construction of new dune and berm features and lengthening of existing groins along 4.5 miles of beach. The recommended plan is the National Economic Development (NED) plan. The plan provides for coastal storm damage reduction of buildings and other infrastructure; protects the only evacuation route; protects important sea turtle and shorebird habitat; preserves existing recreational opportunities; and has the full support of the local sponsor and stakeholder agencies.

**Status** As of November 2022 - The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 provided funding for the initial construction of the federal project. A Validation Report was approved and signed May 2022. The revised project removes two inlet reaches. The sponsor has secured their cost share. The team is targeting early 2023 for a PPA for Construction, after which time PED will be initiated. Construction is targeted for winter 2025.

**Sponsor** Town of Edisto Beach

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