



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Charleston District

# Project Fact Sheet

Pawleys Island, SC

Georgetown County, SC

P2#: 113375

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**Congressional Districts:** Tom Rice (SC-7)

**Appropriation:** Construction

**Phase:** Construction

**Business Line:** Coastal Storm Risk Management

**Authority:** P.L. 110-114, Section 1001

**Location** This hurricane and storm damage reduction project is located on Pawleys Island, which is a 3.5-mile long barrier island located approximately 22 miles southwest of Myrtle Beach and 13 miles northeast of Georgetown, South Carolina.

**Project** The authorized Federal project consists of construction of a 6,800 foot long protective sand berm, with two 350 foot tapers (7,500 feet total) along the southern reach of the island to reduce storm damages. The project calls for periodic nourishment over a 50-year period. Periodic nourishment, accomplished via four 9-year renourishment intervals and one 5-year renourishment interval, would optimize net benefits over the 50-year period of analysis. The Federal project also includes installation of sand fencing and dune vegetation. The Chief's Report was approved on December 19, 2006. The Town of Pawleys Island is the Non-federal Sponsor.

**Status** As of November 2022 – Due to declared disaster events from 2014-2017, including damages from Hurricane Irma, the Pawleys Island Federal project was selected for funding from the Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA) 2018 Appropriations Bill, in order to construct the Federal project. Following several delays since project authorization, the Town of Pawleys Island decided to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the District on 13 August 2019 to construct a portion of the Federal project themselves. A full Project Partnership Agreement was executed 16 January 2020. A Federal construction contract for the sand fencing and dune vegetation was awarded 30 September 2021, construction started in March 2022, and is expected to be completed in April of 2023. By way of an Integral Determination Report finalized in June 2022, USACE determined that the Town's project fulfilled the requirements of initial construction of the Federal Project. With initial construction complete, the Federal Pawleys Island Coastal Storm Risk Management Project was transferred to the local sponsor, the Town of Pawleys Island, on August 18, 2022.

On September 30, 2022, Pawleys Island was impacted again by Hurricane Ian. USACE is currently conducting a Project Information Report of the damage and will analyze whether the project qualifies for emergency rehabilitation funding.

**Sponsor:** Town of Pawleys Island

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