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PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT FOR THE FOLLY BEACH COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT (CSRМ) PROJECT

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston and Wilmington Districts (USACE) are proposing a Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRМ) project on Folly Beach in Charleston County, South Carolina. The purpose of the project is reduce the long-term risk to infrastructure on Folly Beach attributable to hurricanes and other coastal storms. The project is a reevaluation of the existing 50-year Folly Beach CSRМ project. The proposed project involves periodically dredging sandy material from several offshore or riverine borrow areas onto an approximately 5.85-mile long area of Folly Beach. Placement of sandy material on the front beach will consist of various widths of berms and dunes.

USACE, in consultation with the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office and other consulting parties, has determined that the proposed CSRМ project has the potential to cause adverse effects to recorded and unrecorded archaeological sites (both terrestrial and submerged) which may be eligible for listing in the NRHP. In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, USACE has prepared a draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) that describes the archaeological evaluations that will be performed prior to construction of the proposed project. Currently, the following entities have been identified as consulting parties on the draft PA: South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (signatory), City of Folly Beach (invited signatory), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (invited signatory), South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, Maritime Research Division (concurring party).

Comments on this draft PA are requested from interested parties. An electronic version of this draft PA is available on the USACE, Charleston District website at: <https://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Supplemental-Funding/Folly-Beach-Feasibility-Study/>.

We request that you provide comments in writing and within 30 days of the date of this notice to the following:

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