



Borough of Longport

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TO: All Longport Residents and Visitors

SUBJECT: **Absecon Island Beach Project**

On February 23, 2017, the US Army Corp of Engineers conducted a Pre-Construction Conference regarding the above captioned project. This pertains to the much awaited Shore Protection plan to protect the residents, structures and infrastructures on the entire island. The project will not be without some inconveniences so the Federal government, State government and your local government intend on keeping all interested parties apprised as to what to expect. Those specific details will follow in a future correspondence which will address noise, limited beach access and machinery staging areas.

However, it is important that I provide you now with some important dates. Longport, as of this writing, is very fortunate because the construction time frame shall not interfere with the main portion of our summer bathing season. Please note the following important dates:

March 24, 2017 to April 13, 2017	pre-placement condition surveys
March 31, 2017 to April 13, 2017	mobilize equipment, hopper dredges and booster
April 14, 2017 to June 22, 2017	beachfill operations
June 23, 2017 to June 29, 2017	post placement condition surveys
June 23, 2017 to June 29, 2017	demobilize equipment/dredge

Once the beachfill project begins the operations runs continuously, day and night, for approximately seventy (70) days. Only a 1,000 foot section of the beach will be done at one time and the equipment is moved in a northerly direction. The project will begin at 11th Avenue and proceed in a Northern direction towards Margate. There will be absolutely no access to the beach while that one particular 1000 foot section is being constructed. The Federal Army Corp and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection have coordinated plans so that there will always be access to homes and residents who may need police, fire or emergency medical services.

Additional information will be disseminated as it becomes available. I am fully aware of the inconvenience that this may cause to our residents and guests, but please remember how beneficial this project will be when the next nor'easter arrives and lessens the flooding in our Borough. Another advantage to this would be a favorable insurance rating. Who wouldn't want that!

Let's all be patient. Keep an open mind and we will all get through this together!

Mayor Nick Russo