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Critical Dune Beach Renourishment Action Needed

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Action is needed to save our protective dune infrastructure! Calling all beachfront property owners to work with the county on the beach dune infrastructure protection! Our beaches need attention due to erosion caused by hurricanes and extreme winter storms. The County will not put sand on the beach in Sectors 3 and 7 unless 90 percent of the owners in those sections on the beach give permission to do so. Millions of Federal and State funding grants could be lost and could greatly impact or lead to the end of our beach program. These two projects have an estimated cost of \$14.8 million for Sector 3 and \$9.9 million for Sector 7. Residents on the beach in Sector 3 or 7 need to sign the Beach Management and Assessment Easement forms sent by the County that grants permission to place sand up to their property lines. Fixing the beaches, sea turtle nesting, and tourism are vitally necessary environmental and economic reasons for restoration. Protecting personal property, upland property, and homes is a vital part of this long term plan. The dune system protects the island, Indian River Lagoon, and low areas of the mainland. Dune gaps are not good and too many gaps will affect the viability of the project.

Please, help save our beaches for all by signing the easement forms. If you have not signed the easement or if you know someone who has not signed please ask them to do so we need to meet state requirements for funding grants. If the County does not receive the required number of signatures in time the project will be canceled. The County has worked hard to protect our beaches and if they cannot get the easements needed it may be the end of our beach program.

The County during the week of July 4th, will be sending out a follow up letter to property owners who have not signed the Beach Management and Assessment Easement asking them to do so. It is important that you sign so that the beaches are protected. Placing sand on the dunes protects your property and your neighbor's and provides turtle habitat. If you do not sign and the project continues anyway you will not have sand placed up to your property line. You have the responsibility to protect your own property and may be responsible for your neighbor's property if water breaches from your property to theirs, and causes damage. The County's website that tracks the easements [www.ircgov.com/easements](http://www.ircgov.com/easements).

Respectfully,

William B. Ferrell, President

