

Colonel Jason A. Kirk
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Jacksonville District
701 San Marco Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Subject: Pinellas County's funding obligations for a Beach Renourishment Evaluation Report to extend Federal participation of the Pinellas County Shore Protection Project, Treasure Island Segment.

Dear Colonel Kirk,

Pinellas County (County) seeks to enter into an agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to provide funds to complete a beach renourishment evaluation report to determine the feasibility of extending the nourishment period an additional 15 years for the Pinellas County Shore Protection, Treasure Island Segment. As a condition for the Corps to prepare this evaluation report, the County intends to complete and submit a plan for reducing risks to citizens and property of the County from coastal storms.

The County agrees to contribute 50 percent of the shared study costs in accordance with the agreement provisions between the Corps and the County. The County also agrees to initially provide \$25,000 for the Corps to begin the study, and if necessary, will provide any additional funds needed later to complete the Project Management Plan. Thereafter, the County will provide sufficient funds to meet its share of the estimated costs for each fiscal year of the study. The County will not ask to be reimbursed for costs incurred in performing the responsibilities under the Agreement and understands that any unused funds remaining at the study's completion will be returned to the County.

Although the County has entered into a separate funding agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to help fund the study, FDEP will not be part of the agreement between the Corps and the County. Consequently, all funding obligations associated with this study are ultimately the responsibility of the County.

Finally, the County is providing the funding contributions with the understanding that the contributions will not have any effect on the study findings.

Sincerely,

Janet C. Long,
Board Chairman