

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: October 13, 2022

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk. W. Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: Access Easement Agreement for 2022/2023 Dune Restoration
Resolution No. 129-2022

DATE: September 22, 2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that the Town Council adopt Resolution No. 129-2022 authorizing the Town to enter into a temporary Access Easement Agreement between the Towns of South Palm Beach and Lantana to effectuate completion of a Dune Restoration Project in Reach 9.

GENERAL INFORMATION

At the November 9, 2021 regular Town Council meeting, Town Council directed staff to proceed with completing the work in Reach 4 and to assist the Town of South Palm Beach with additional dune restoration in Reach 9.

Beach access in the Town of South Palm Beach does not readily exist for dune restoration. South Palm Beach has negotiated terms with the Town of Lantana to utilize an access point at Lantana's Municipal Beach. This includes sand to be brought in to make a sand ramp over the seawall and sand to be placed on the beach to provide a sufficient footprint for the off-road vehicles to haul sand to South Palm Beach. Any sand placed and graded in Reach 9 will be paid for by the Town of South Palm Beach. Because the work is to be completed with a Town of Palm Beach contractor, Lantana has requested that we be a participant in the easement agreements and not just the Town of South Palm Beach. This work was initially scheduled for the spring of 2022 but has been postponed due to unfavorable shoreline conditions. Construction of the work, which may occur between November 1, 2022 and February 28, 2023, is contingent on sufficient dry beach present for construction vehicles to traverse. Should conditions not improve, the work will not be able to be performed.

The performance of the beaches in Reach 8 are improved with healthier beaches in Reach 9 to the south. It is important that the Town of Palm Beach continue to work with our municipal neighbors to enhance storm protection throughout Palm Beach island.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

The Town Attorney has coordinated directly with the legal representatives for both the Town of South Palm Beach and the Town of Lantana regarding the access easement agreement. This Resolution has been drafted by the Town Attorney.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

Sand placed in Reach 9 will be reimbursed 100% by the Town of South Palm Beach.

Attachments

cc. John Randolph, Town Attorney
Patricia Strayer, P.E., Town Engineer
Robert Weber, Coastal Program Manager