



DNREC, Shoreline and Waterway Management Section

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DNREC Working on Updating Regulations

The Shoreline and Waterway Management Section of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) is going through the process of updating the Regulations



Governing Beach Protection and the Use of Beaches. So far, the Section submitted a Start Action Notice, formed a Regulatory Advisory Committee and held two public workshops.

The Start Action Notice was approved by, then Secretary, Collin P. O'Mara on April 30, 2014 and then passed onto the Office of the Governor, Members of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Control Committee and to Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee of Delaware's General Assembly on May 20, 2014.

The Regulatory Advisory Committee was formed in May 2014. It is comprised of members of the beach community such as a realtor, builders, a designer, a town council member, a city manager, a building code official, coastal residents and property owners, an employee of the Nature Conservancy, an environmental consultant, the State Planning Coordinator, a Deputy Attorney General and a few DNREC employees. The Committee has had monthly meetings starting in May 2014 until now. The purpose of the committee is to give us similar feedback to what we might expect to receive from the general public regarding the proposed changes to the regulations. We will also be relying on the members of the committee to help us get our message to the public about what we are doing with the regulations.

Public Workshops were held on October 31, 2014 and November 1, 2014 at the Slaughter Beach Fire Hall and the Rehoboth Beach Commissioner's Room respectively. Between the two workshops over 100 citizens attended. DNREC gave a brief presentation that was followed with a question and answer period, during which members of the public were encouraged to ask questions or give comments regarding the current Regulations and possible changes.

At this time, DNREC is working on writing draft Regulations which will first be shared with the Regulatory Advisory Committee and then with the public. Public workshops regarding the draft Regulations are expected to be held in April or May of 2015. During the workshops and for a time period after, the public will be able to comment and ask questions about the draft regulation. After reviewing any comments or questions that may come about, DNREC will then work on finalizing a proposed regulation to be presented prior to a public hearing.

To see presentations given at the Regulatory Advisory Committee meetings and the public workshops and to keep up to date on the status of the proposed regulations, you can view the website: <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Shoreline/Pages/Beach-Regulatory-Advisory-Committee.aspx>. You may also reach it using the QR code to the right.



If you wish to be put on the "Interested Persons" list for notification about the Public Workshops associated with these regulations, please contact Jennifer Luoma at (302) 739-9921 or Jennifer.Luoma@state.de.us.

Upcoming Events:

Beach Grass Planting

Saturday, March 21, 2015

9 AM to Noon

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Floodplain Ordinance Training Workshops

- March 25, 2015—Lewes, DE
- April 21, 2015—Dover, DE
- April 23, 2015—New Castle, DE

For more information:

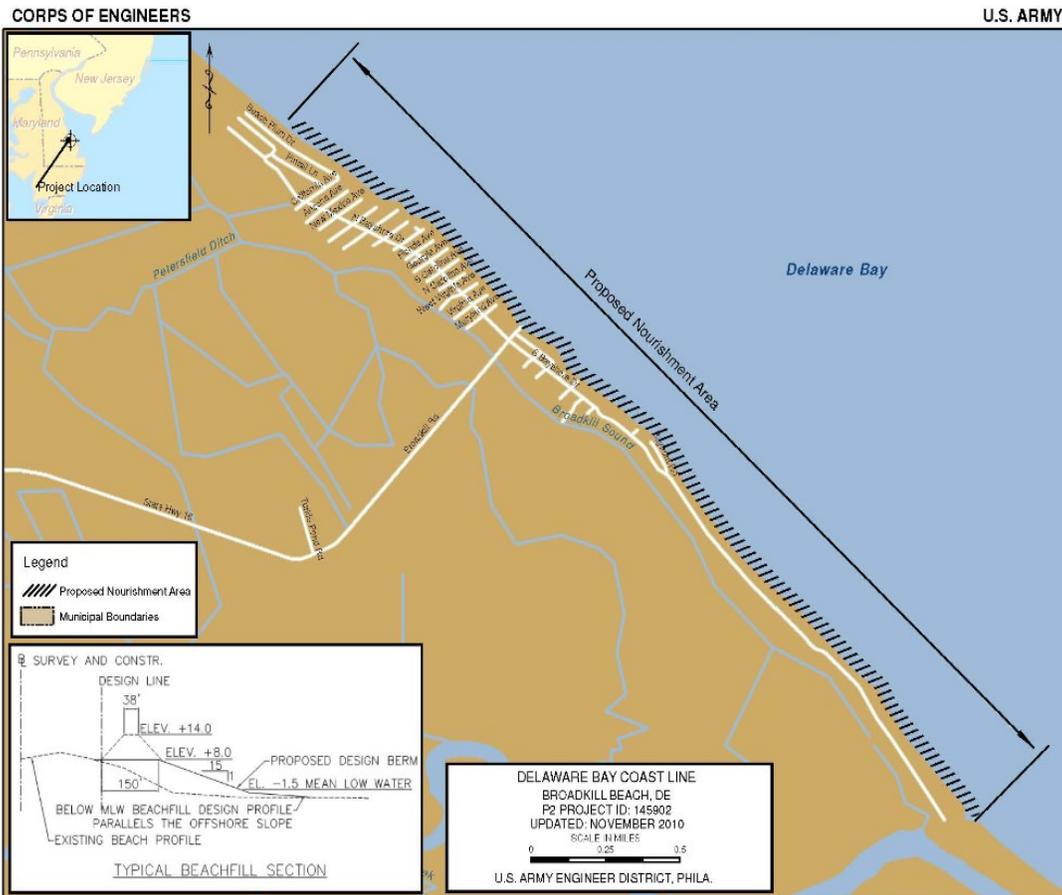
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Broadkill Beach Nourishment Project slated to start in March 2015



It is estimated that sand will be getting pumped onto the shore of Broadkill Beach starting in mid-March 2015. Approximately, 1.8 million cubic yards of sand will be placed on the beach and into the dunes creating a protective barrier between the community of Broadkill Beach and coastal storms that may occur within the next few years. The proposed plan is a 100 foot wide berm with an elevation of +8.0 feet NGVD (National Geodetic Vertical Datum), and a dune with an elevation of +16.0 feet NGVD over a total project length of nearly two miles. The selected plan includes dune grass, dune fencing and suitable advance beach fill and periodic nourishment every five years to ensure the integrity of the design. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) will be responsible for planting the grass, putting up fence and maintaining the public pedestrian dune crossovers. The initial construction of the beach fill project is a beneficial reuse of dredged material from the Delaware River Main Channel Deepening Project. The work will be conducted using a hopper dredge from Weeks Marine, Inc., who was awarded the contract in June 2014.

Truck Haul Project in Bowers Beach

On Monday, February 2, 2015, the groundhog saw his shadow, which means six more weeks of possible winter coastal storms or northeasters. Now this is not a scientific fact, but the Town of Bowers Beach will find itself slightly better protected in case we do get a storm, because on the same day that the



groundhog emerged from his hole, a truck haul beach nourishment project began in North Bowers Beach. 3500 cubic yards of sand are being placed along approximately 600 linear feet of shoreline at the southern end of Bowers Beach adjacent to the Murderkill River jetty. The sand is coming from Pioneer Materials, just west of the Dover Air Force Base. Work is expected to take a little more than a week to complete.



26th Annual Beach Grass Planting scheduled for Saturday March 21, 2015

On Saturday, March 21, 2015 volunteers from all over the State of Delaware will be flocking to the beaches for the Annual Beach Grass Planting. We have been fortunate in that not many dunes were subject to coastal storm damage over the last year. However, we do still have a few areas to plant. This year our focus will be spread out throughout Sussex County along the ocean coast. There are a few small areas to plant in the Rehoboth Beach/Dewey Beach area. There are a couple areas that need planting in Delaware Seashore State Park on either side of the Indian River Inlet and there are areas in South Bethany and Fenwick Island. We will also be planting in Lewes.

Planting beach grass is easy to learn and not too physically tasking, if you are able to bend or kneel. We teach volunteers all they need to know right on site. We also supply the tools that are needed and the grass. It is best to dress for the weather and gardening gloves or something of a similar nature are helpful to have. The planting is a rain or shine event! To register please go to: <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Shoreline/Pages/BeachGrassPlanting.aspx>. You can also get there from the QR code at the bottom of the page. All ages are welcome to volunteer, but be sure to bring a parental consent form if you are under the age of 18.



To register:





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For Your Reference:

Beach Preservation Act

Title 7, Chapter 68

<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title7/c068/index.shtml>

Regulations Governing Beach
Protection and the Use of Beaches

[http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/
title7/5000/5102.shtml](http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title7/5000/5102.shtml)

Link to Applications for Coastal
Construction

Scroll to the bottom of the page for list of
applications

[http://www.swc.dnrec.delaware.gov/services/Pages/
PermitsLicensesApprovals.aspx](http://www.swc.dnrec.delaware.gov/services/Pages/PermitsLicensesApprovals.aspx)

FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program

[https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance
-program](https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program)

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