

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-388

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT A BUDGET PLAN TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OFFICE OF COASTAL RESILIENCE AND COASTAL PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE USACE COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY, IN PONTE VEDRA - SOUTH PONTE VEDRA BEACH, ST JOHNS COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, St. Johns County is currently working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to complete the Pre-Construction Engineering and Design (PED) phase for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Storm Risk Management Project (“Project”) in Ponte Vedra - South Ponte Vedra Beach; and,

**WHEREAS**, St. Johns County will provide local cost-share funding for the Project from the TBD Budget in the FY 25 budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, St. Johns County will continue to serve as the local sponsor; and,

**WHEREAS**, the FDEP has begun a new grant cycle and St. Johns County has submitted an annual Local Government Funding Request (LGFR) to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Coastal Resilience and Coastal Protection for the State share of the Project’s PED cost; and,

**WHEREAS**, the LGFR application requires a Resolution from the County to affirm the Long Range Budget Plan for the Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the FDEP requires an annual contract for its local share, contingent upon annual appropriations by the legislature.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such Recitals are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. A suggested Budget Plan for funding the State’s portion of the Project shall be filed with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Coastal Resilience and Coastal Protection (the “Department”).

Section 3. The County Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized to submit a proposed Budget Plan to the Department substantially in the form attached and to execute any necessary agreements concerning the beach projects with the Department, upon a finding of legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney.

Section 4. The County Administrator’s, or designee’s, submission of any budget plan is subject to, and contingent upon, an annual budget appropriation by the Board of County

Commissioners.

Section 5. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors and/or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor, or content of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 17th day of September, 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST.  
JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Rendition Date SEP 17 2024

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Sarah Arnold, Chair

**ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty**  
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: Crystal Smith  
Deputy Clerk





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**PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

Local Sponsor

Federal ID Number (FEID)

Primary Contact Name  Title

Mailing Address Line 1

Mailing Address Line 2

City  Zip Code  Telephone Number

Email Address

Additional Contact Information

**PART II: CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that all information provided with this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Local Sponsor

*Electronic or scanned signatures accepted.*

Printed Name  Date





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**PART III: EVALUATION CRITERIA**

**1. Project Name:** (as listed in the Strategic Beach Management Plan)

Ponte Vedra - South Ponte Vedra CSRM

**2. Project Description:** Include county, location with reference to DEP range monuments, brief project history, and description of proposed activities.

USACE has completed the North Ponte Vedra Beach Feasibility Study and executed the Chiefs Report as of April 2024 for St. Johns County R78 through R103.5. The Recommended Plan includes a 50-year project with a 20-ft dune width extension at existing dune crest elevation of 15-25 ft NAVD88, and a 20-ft berm width at elevation of 13 ft NAVD88. Renourishment is expected every 10 years. St. Johns County plans to develop additional public access points throughout the project area for additional cost share at a state and federal level. The USACE anticipates beginning the design phase in FY25-26.



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**3. Use of Requested Program Funds:** Provide a brief description of tasks to be completed in each requested phase (Feasibility, Design, Construction, Monitoring, or USACE Multiphase). Indicate which tasks are cost reimbursement from previous fiscal years.

Funds requested for FY25/26 will support the permitting, engineering, and design phase of the project.

**4. Map:** Provide as an attachment. The map(s) of the project area must be formatted at a minimum of 1" = 200' scale and include a compass rose and legend.

**Map elements must include:**

1. **Project boundary:** DEP reference monuments and shoreline designated as critically eroded
2. **Eligibility:** Indicate lengths of eligible shoreline based on criteria outlined in Chapter 62B-36.007, F.A.C.
  - a. **Beach access locations:** indicate primary or secondary access, and include the shoreline length, number and location of auto parking spaces, mass transit stops, bike parking spaces, and public restroom facilities within 1/4 mile walking distance of each access
  - b. **Public lodging establishments:** include the length fronting the project shoreline, and include the length of street-side frontage for lodging within 1/4 mile walking distance of a secondary beach access location
3. **Recreational benefits:** Comprehensive list of current land use designations of properties fronting the project shoreline
4. **Value of upland property:** Include one-quarter mile buffer and provide a comprehensive list of the values of properties (data from year 2023) that are enclosed or intersected by the buffer. The 2023 property value tax roll data and ArcGIS shapefiles can be obtained from the Department of Revenue website: [https://floridarevenue.com/property/Pages/DataPortal\\_RequestAssessmentRollGISData.aspx](https://floridarevenue.com/property/Pages/DataPortal_RequestAssessmentRollGISData.aspx). See Guidance Document for more information.

**5. Project length:** Total restored project length (in feet) of the critically eroded area (as listed in the Strategic Beach Management Plan).

26,404 ft







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**7. Schedule and Budget:** Provide as a separate attachment, if needed. Clearly indicate project phase: Feasibility (F), Design (D), Construction (C), Monitoring (M), or USACE Multiphase (USACE). Include the year of post-construction monitoring in the description.

- **Cost Reimbursement:** Specify eligible costs incurred during the three years prior to the current application's fiscal year that are not in a current DEP agreement and have not been reimbursed (this includes fiscal years 22/23, 23/24, and 24/25). Eligible costs will be added to the current funding request.

- **Current and Future Costs:** Specify eligible costs for the current application's fiscal year that are not in a current DEP agreement and have not been reimbursed as well as the estimated costs for the next 4 years. Note: If Construction costs are requested in the current fiscal year, then the Year 1 Post-Construction Monitoring costs will be added to the current funding request.

Fiscal Year	Project Phase	Description	Federal Cost	State Cost	Local Cost	Total Cost
22/23						
22/23						
22/23						
23/24						
23/24						
23/24						
24/25						
24/25						
24/25						
25/26	USACE	PED	\$1,236,000	\$124,017	\$542,983	\$1,902,000
25/26						
25/26						
26/27	USACE	Initial Construction	\$24,590,716	\$6,738,941	\$28,794,343	\$60,124,000
26/27						
26/27						



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Fiscal Year	Project Phase	Description	Federal Cost	State Cost	Local Cost	Total Cost
27/28						
27/28						
27/28						
28/29						
28/29						
28/29						
29/30						
29/30						
29/30						

**8. Tourism-related impacts:** Criteria is calculated by the Department using 2023 data. For reference, tax data can be obtained from the Department of Revenue website: <https://floridarevenue.com/DataPortal/Pages/TaxResearch.aspx> See Guidance Document for more information.

- Current funding request includes construction and year one post-construction monitoring
- Project is managed by two or more counties

Additional comments Current funding request is only for PED phase.

**9. Federal involvement:** The documentation to verify authorization, federal cost share percentage, and status of funding award must be provided with the application materials for the award of points.

Is the project Federally authorized by the USACE? Yes

Authorization Year: 2000      Expiration Year: N/A

Does this project have a signed USACE Chief's report or Civil Works Congressional authorization for the requested phase? Yes

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USACE federal cost share percentage for this project (excluding FCCE): 40.9%

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Select all that apply for the requested project phase(s) and include documentation with application materials.

- Executed USACE project agreement
- Included in USACE work plan
- Approved FEMA Project Worksheet
- Included in Congressional Appropriations Act
- Other documentation:

Attachment Chief's Report, Executed Project Agreement

**10. Storm damage reduction benefits:** Criteria is calculated by the Department.

What is the volume (cy) of advanced nourishment lost since the last sand placement event of a beach restoration or nourishment project as measured above the Mean High Water contour? Data should be consistent with the annual post-construction monitoring reports.

N/A

For restoration projects, what is the historical erosion rate?

N/A

**11. Cost effectiveness:** Criteria is calculated by the Department. A project design analysis and supporting documentation must be provided with the application materials for the award of points. See Guidance Document for more information.

What is the proposed sand placement volume (cy)?

approx. 2.2 million cy initial sand placement volume

What is the nourishment interval (years)?

10 years

Select all that apply for the current project funding request:

- Enhanced longevity: Propose structural or design components that could extend the beach nourishment interval
- Dune addition: Incorporate new or enhanced dune structures or new or existing dune restoration and revegetation projects
- Innovative technology: Propose innovative technologies designed to reduce project costs
- Regionalization: Two or more local sponsors manage projects together or projects propose regional sediment management strategies to conserve sand resources or reduce project costs

Additional comments for storm damage reduction benefits and cost effectiveness

N/A



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**12. Previous state commitment**

Has the Department previously reviewed, approved, and cost-shared on a feasibility or design phase for this project?

Has the current proposed project phase(s) received a partial state appropriation within 3 years of phase completion?

Additional comments

**13. Accessible beach area:** Criteria is calculated by the Department. Provide additional information for consideration.

Describe the landward and seaward edge of the accessible beach width

Provide the project boundaries (R-monuments)

Provide citations of reference sources

**14. Recreational benefits:** Provide the percentage of linear footage within the project boundaries which is zoned recreational or open space; for commercial use; or to allow for public lodging establishment, or the equivalent. Provide additional documentation and DBPR website link in a separate attachment, if needed.

Recreation or Open Space - 3.833 %  
Commercial - 6.245 %  
Total - 10.08 %

**15. Mitigation of inlet effects:** Criteria is calculated by the Department.

Additional comments

**16. Successive unfunded requests**

Is the current proposed project phase(s) a successive, unfunded request? If so, how many years of successive request(s) is the current application?

Does the successive request add the construction phase?





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**17. Environmental habitat enhancement:** Criteria is calculated by the Department. See Guidance Document for more information.

Is the project within a designated critical habitat area for threatened or endangered species that is subject to extensive shoreline armoring?

Is the project within a non-designated area where extensive shoreline armoring threatens the habitat of threatened or endangered species?

If yes to either of the above, does the project exceed best management practices to incorporate turtle-friendly designs and management strategies to protect resources or benefit critical habitat preservation?

Provide an explanation and supporting documentation for the strategies which exceed best management practices

The county has a stringent, county wide beach lighting code for sea turtle protection that is enforced during review of local building permits. The county also does beach lighting surveys county wide during every sea turtle nesting season.

Please see Attachment 6, "SJC LDC Art IV" from the St. Johns County Land Development Code – refer to Sec 4.01.09 Lighting Management for Protection of Marine Turtles (pages IV-26 through IV-30)

**18. Readiness to construct**

Does the project have an active state permit?

Does the project have an active federal permit?

Permit number

Permit number

Authorization date

Authorization date

Expiration date

Expiration date

Have all necessary easements been acquired for the upcoming or proposed construction phase?

Has the necessary local funding been secured for the proposed project? If so, provide a copy of the draft Resolution. The signed Resolution is due by September 23, 2024.

Is an Erosion Control Line established along the project length?

Additional comments for readiness to construct





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Provide additional information and comments below or attach supporting documents.

- Attachment 1 - Map
- Attachment 2 - Recreational Benefits
- Attachment 3 - Value of Upland Property
- Attachment 4 - Eligibility Table
- Attachment 5 - Chiefs Report
- Attachment 6 - SJC Land Development Code, Article IV
- Attachment 7 - FCSA N Ponte Vedra\_Fully Executed FCSA

Section 9 additional: This study is an interim response to a resolution adopted on June 21, 2000, by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives (Docket 2646), in accordance with Section 110 of the River and Harbor Act of 1962, Public Law 87-874, which authorizes the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to survey the shores of St. Johns County, Florida, with particular reference to the advisability of providing beach erosion control works, as may be necessary in the interest of hurricane protection, storm damage reduction, beach erosion control, and other related purposes. Preconstruction engineering and design (PED), if funded, will continue under current authorities.

# **Attachment 1**

## **Map**



- Beach Access / Public Lodging Locations
- ▲ Range Measurements
- Critically Eroded Beach
- 1/4 Mile Buffer for the Property Value Calculations
- Water
- Saltwater Marsh
- Park Boundary
- Municipal Boundary

**South Ponte Vedra  
CSRM Project,  
St. Johns County R78 - R103.5**

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**DISCLAIMER:**  
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