12	**AGENDA ITEM** **ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
	Deadline for Submission - Wednesday 9 a.m. – Thirteen Days Prior to BCC Meeting

10/20/2026

BCC MEETING DATE

TO: **Joy Andrews, County Administrator** **DATE:** **September 23, 2026**

FROM: **Clay Murphy, Chair, District 3** **PHONE:** **904 209-0303**

SUBJECT OR TITLE: **Summer Haven Presentation**

AGENDA TYPE: **Business Item**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Residents of South Summer Haven will provide a presentation to the Board regarding community resiliency and restoration efforts in the area. The residents state their request includes: • Appropriation of MSTU funds toward the enhanced dune construction • Formation of MSBU to pay for the balance of the enhanced dune system • End the managed retreat program and reappropriation of the county's portion of those funds to the Summer Haven restoration projects.

1. IS FUNDING REQUIRED? No **2. IF YES, INDICATE IF BUDGETED.** No

IF FUNDING IS REQUIRED, MANDATORY OMB REVIEW IS REQUIRED:

INDICATE FUNDING SOURCE:

SUGGESTED MOTION/RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

Presentation item, seeking Board direction.

For Administration Use Only:
Legal: Lex Taylor 10/6/2026 **OMB: Christopher Thompson 10/7/2026** **Admin: Brad Bradley 10/9/2026**

Shelby Romero

From: BRIAN LOVE <greenwaynursery@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2026 8:25 AM
To: Shelby Romero; Scott Siemens; Ellyn Bogdanoff; Denise Cochran; Joseph Giammanco; Ansley Wren-Key; Lex Taylor III
Subject: Background
Attachments: South Summer Haven Community Agenda Item.docx

-Good morning
Attached is the background for the presentation to the board on October 20th. Have a wonderful day.

Thank you
Brian Love
(352)239-4609

South Summer Haven has been working with County, State and Federal officials on a resiliency plan that involves moving our access and power grid to the west, building and mitigating the dune system where Old A1A once was and restoring acres of wetland habitat to the west of our homes. This effort by the community has saved the county millions of dollars. Eliminating the need for the rebuilding of Old A1A. Taylor Engineering is currently designing an enhanced dune system that will ensure the long- term protection that our community needs. We ask the board for the following:

- Appropriation of MSTU funds toward the enhanced dune construction
- Formation of MSBU to pay for the balance of the enhanced dune system
- End of the managed retreat program and reappropriate the county's portion of those funds to the Summer Haven restoration projects.

With the reappropriation of the existing funds, our community gets the beach renourish and protection that has been lacking for decades, saving millions of dollars in litigation, and road construction. This would allow for a pristine recreational area to be enjoyed by the public for generations to come.

South Summer Haven Beach Community

Summer Haven Project 2 Proposals



Summer Haven Projects to Date

Project 1

Excavation& dredge of Summer Haven River & placement of the sand on the beach for infrastructure & river protection

Project 2

Construction for an armored buried seawall in the southern section of Old A1A



Project 3

Construction for an armored buried seawall on the eastern shoreline of the Summer Haven River & west of the County's Conservation Beachfront.

- **Development of a Public River to Beach Recreational Park.**

Project 1 Status

Excavation& dredge of Summer Haven River & placement of the sand on the beach for infrastructure & river protection

- Engineering & Design complete
- Waiting for final permitting approval
- $983,000 awarded by the St Augustine Port, Waterway & Beaches Authority Board for construction
- Grant application submitted to Resilient Florida Program by SJC



Project 2: Status

Construction for an armored buried seawall in the southern section of Old A1A

- Engineering & Design in final stages of permitting approvals
- South Summer Haven Beach Community is in –process of obtaining needed temporary easements and releases.
- Taylor Engineering has been retained for deign, permitting, and construction monitoring to ensure the best possible amament with least environmental impact. Modeling for this project will begin this fall



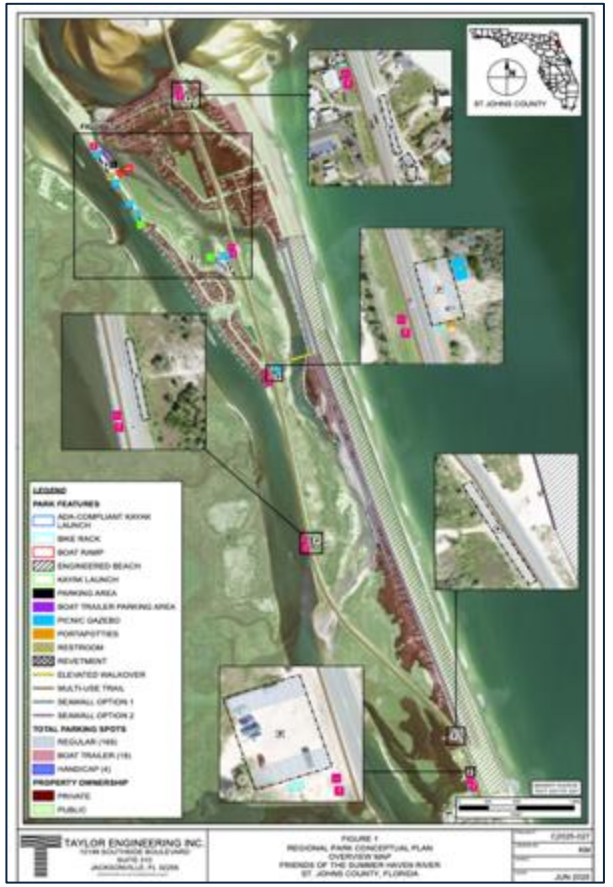
Project 3: Status

Enhanced dune system for the Summer Haven River &
development of Summer Haven River & Beach into a Public Recreational Park



- PED not funded, but it is hoped that Project 2 seawall design will be used for the River as a contiguous enhanced dune system

- (SHRC) is applying for multiple grants and a Florida Legislative Appropriation Request to fund enhanced dune system & development of a Public Recreational Park



South Summer Haven Beach Community's
Preparation for Project 2:

- **Created an access roadway behind beachfront homes & had utilities moved to western side of properties**

Purpose: To ensure access where it was possible to property owners at their expense.





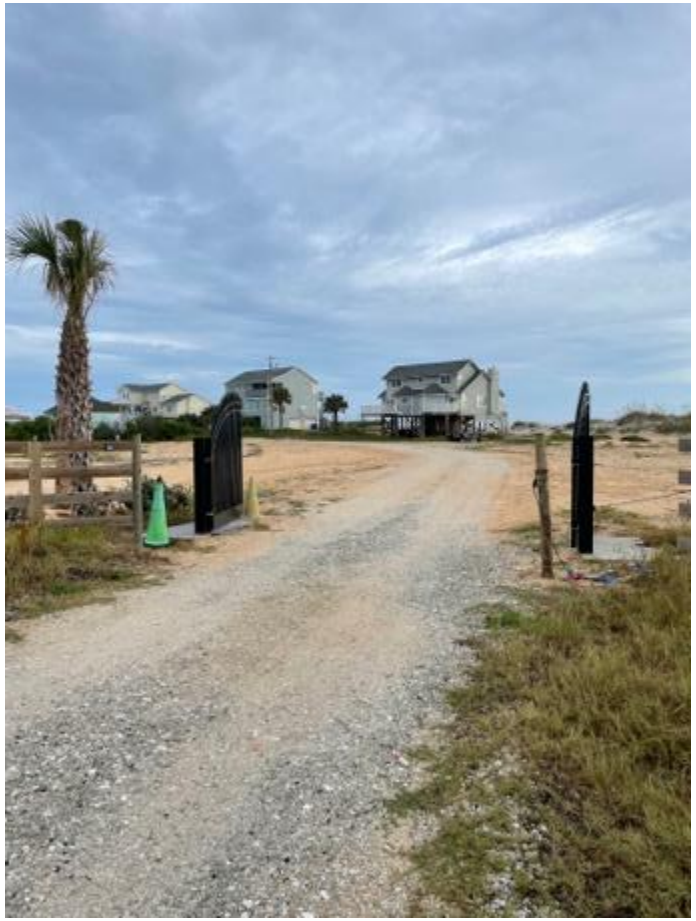
South Summer Haven Beach Community's Preparation for Project 2:

Moved sand to the eastern side of properties and mitigated the small berm with mature salt tolerant plants

Purpose: To give a small degree of protection to the beachfront until a more permanent solution could be developed



South Summer Haven Beach Community Preparation for Project 2:



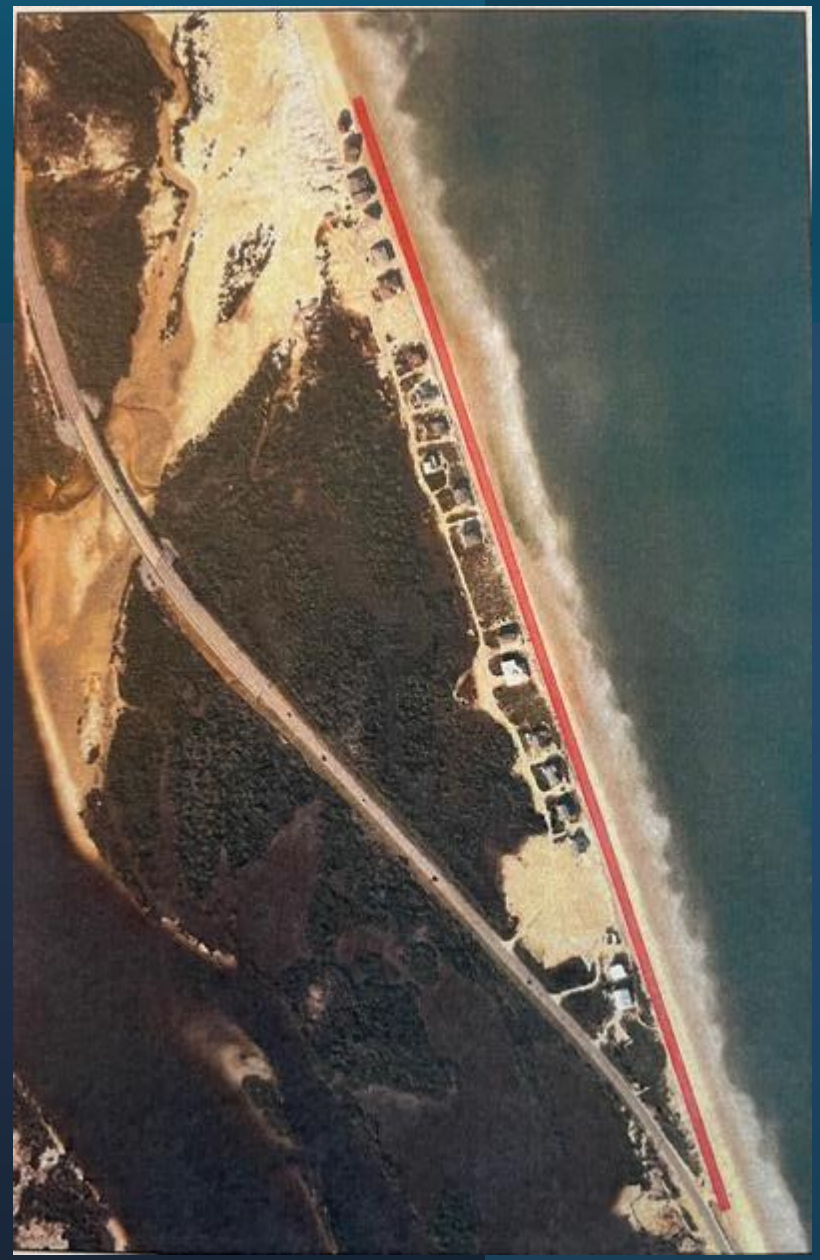
South Summer Haven Beach Community formed a Property Owners Association

Purpose: Through an organized POA, the community can better communicate with officials and have a mechanism for maintaining their new roadway and utility easement.



South Summer Haven
Beach
Community’s

Proposals for Project 2:

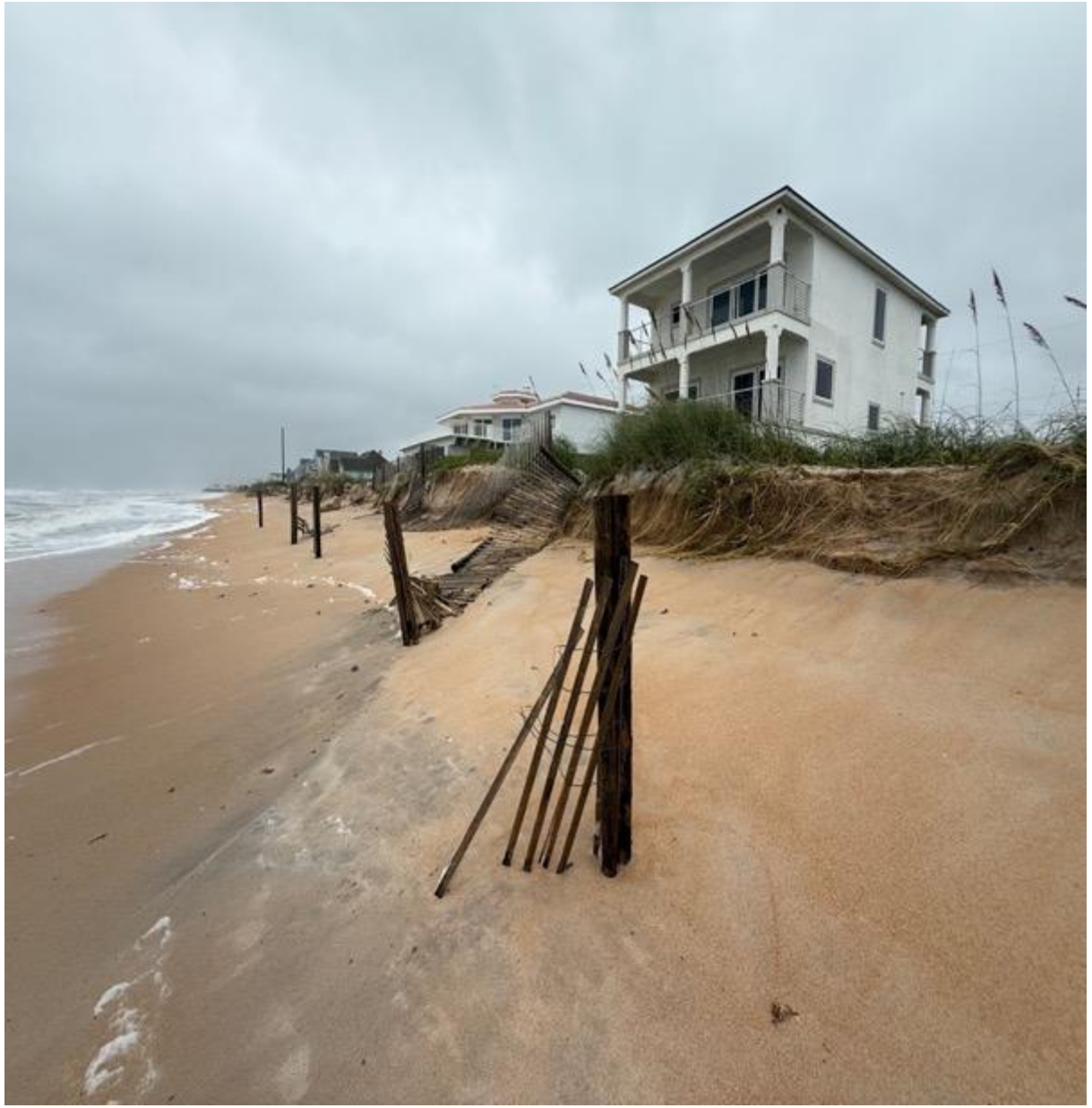


Project 2: Proposal

MSTU Application

- Proposal to have SJC dedicate the existing MSTU funds of $979, 491 to the construction of the buried seawall for the South Summer Haven Beach

Purpose: MSTU funds should benefit the residents who have contributed to the MSTU

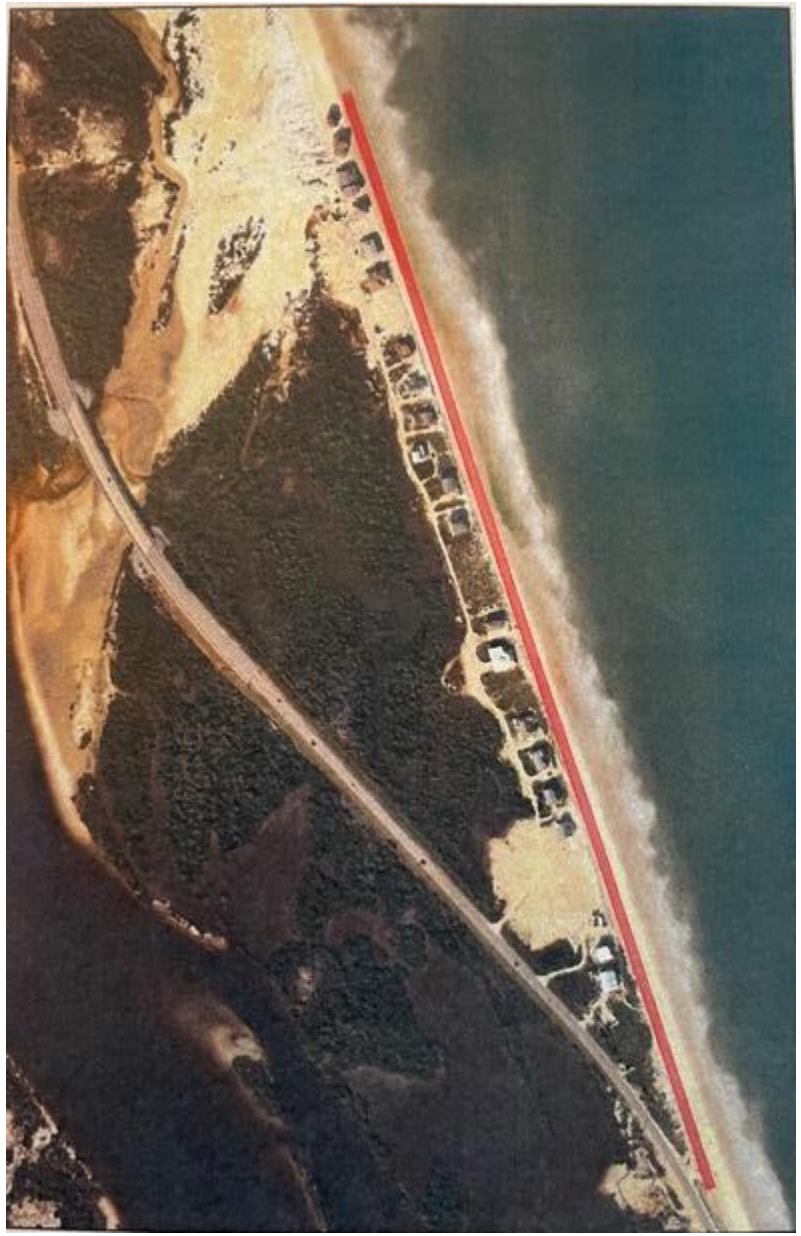


Project 2: Proposal
MSTU retired & MSBU formed

- Proposal to end the MSTU and form a MSBU

- MSBU funds would be applied to completing Project 2 and future maintenance of the buried seawall

Purpose: to create a more equitable means of secured funding to maintain the buried seawall by the stakeholders



Project 2: Proposal

End to Managed Retreat Program

- Proposal to end the Managed Retreat Program giving the remaining homes in the north the opportunity to negotiate a purchase or find a solution to give them access to there homes

- Collect signed statements from the remainer of the property owners who are refusing Managed Retreat buy-outs.

- Reappropriate the remainer of allocated county funds towards resiliency

Purpose: Property owners have had amble opportunity to accept buy-out offers. Those who have rejected it would prefer to see the funds be redirected to help protect their existing properties.



Project 2: Proposal

Managed Retreat Funds

- Suggested that county portion of the leftover managed Retreat funds applied to obtaining contiguous County properties at northern end of beach and help fund project 2

Purpose: This allows for uninterrupted Beachfront for future Park development





Today's Request from
South Summer Haven Beach Community

1. Direct funds from the Communities' MSTU to be dedicated to Project 2 construction.

2. Retire the MSTU and form a MSBU to further fund the construction and future maintenance of the buried seawall.

3. End the Managed Retreat program and redirect leftover county funds to be applied to allow for future park development.

Thank you for your time and attention

