

FIMI Stakeholders Call Held February 23, 2017
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Members of the FIMI Project Team on the call: NYSDEC (Sue McCormick, Lynn Lindskoog); US Army Corps of Engineers (Frank Verga, Robert Vohden); and Suffolk County (Gil Anderson, Gail Lolis)

The following representatives were on the call:

- Elected Officials: Eric Hofmeister from Senator Croci's office and Mike Falk from Senator Boyle's office
- National Park Service: No one
- Town of Brookhaven: Tom Carrano
- Fire Island Association: Suzy Goldhirsch
- Fire Island Emergency Services: No one
- Year-Around Residents Association: Dawn Lippert
- Communities: Those who indicated they were on the call were: Marsh Hunter (Kismet); Mayor John Zaccaro and Mario Posillico (Saltaire); Jerry Feder (Fair Harbor); Alan Altman (Robbins Rest); Tom Ruskin (Seaview); Karen Kee and Steve Placilla (Ocean Bay Park); Jeff DeJarnette (Point O Woods); Suzanne Johnson (Water Island); and John Lund (Davis Park).

Please let Sue McCormick know if anyone was omitted from this list at susan.mccormick@dec.ny.gov.

General:

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Please note that as the project is designed and the real estate is obtained that ALL SCHEDULES, PLANS, PROCEDURES, PROCESSES, PLACEMENT LOCATIONS, AND THE ORDER OF WORK ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. WHAT IS STATED ON A CALL OR PROVIDED IN THE MINUTES FOR A CALL CAN CHANGE AT ANY TIME.

Project overview and status: [NOTE: Some information and answers given on the call have been updated to reflect recent changes.]

There are up to eight (8) FIMI Contracts that the Corps will enter into for construction of the project which are described in more detail below. They will all be bid out separately as the real estate work and engineering are completed for each. Please note that the order of the contract number does not necessarily correspond to the order in which the work will be done.

Contract 1: Smith Point County Park (SPCP): Work is 100% complete. The Operations and Maintenance Manual is being reviewed by the State and County now.

Contract 2: Robert Moses State Park (RMPS), Lighthouse Tract, Kismet and Saltaire: All sand placement is complete. All crossovers have been completed. The stairs on the Kismet crossovers will be widened and an ADA crossover will be built in Kismet in the next two months. The Operations and Maintenance Manual is being developed.

Contract 3A: Fair Harbor to Seaview - all aspects of work:

- All sand placement is complete except for filling in around dune crossovers, under decks and other overhanging structures and dune shaping in Dunewood for the relocation.
- The contract modifications for the single house relocation in Dunewood and the septic work in Atlantique will be issued to Great Lakes Dredge and Dock (GLDD) by the Corps shortly.
- The designs for the landside ADA ramp tie-ins in Robbins Rest (RR) and Ocean Beach (OB) are being developed along with a cost to cure which will be offered to the six property owners involved to tie their private walks into the ADA ramps.
- The ADA crossover at Sextant Walk in RR will be redesigned and constructed as a single ramp going to the west instead of a switch back ramp. Design is ongoing.
- The vehicle crossovers will be modified. The plans are being developed and changes will be made as soon as plans are approved by all.
- Additional plantings for NPS and Summer Club are being planned. Plans to follow soon.
- Deer management and “re-planting” will be done. There is a new installation procedure for the new plantings which includes using deer repellent. In areas where the deer have eaten the plants already, they will be re-planted with the addition of repellent.
- Demobilization of dredge piping on the beach is completed as of 2/24/17.
- Project turnover will be done in two phases:
 - o The first phase will be turning over the dune crossover structures for “beneficial occupancy use” so that full access is restored to the beach and communities can start using the structures. This will be done by community as the contractor completes all work on the crossovers including railings, sand fill, planting and sand fencing. The first community will be Seaview. The Corps, GLDD and Galvin will do an initial site walk to determine if all contract requirements have been met. A second site walk will then be done by the Corps, DEC and County along with community reps to initiate the actual turnover. There is a one year warranty on the crossovers from the contractor that begins once turnover occurs. If communities want to modify the crossovers during the warranty period, the warranty will be terminated. We suggest that communities give the crossovers a summer to see how they work out and whether they find any faults in the work (loose boards, bad connections, etc.). The Corps will make repairs during the warranty period. If you could wait a year, we feel that would be best. We are working through the procedure for the communities to request modification to the crossovers (needs County, State and Corps approvals).
 - o The second phase is the full project turnover which will not happen until the entire contract is complete, which is several months away.
- O&M – we do not have an O&M Manual yet.

Contract 3B1: Demolitions: This contract was to include the house demolitions, and site clearings with bid options for the creation of a right of way between Cayuga Avenue and Midway Street and the Suffolk County Water Authority water main relocation under a portion of Traffic Avenue all in Ocean Bay Park (OBP). This contract was also planned to contain bid options for up to four demolitions in Davis Park, one in Fire Island Pines and perhaps the demolition of the site for the new well in Ocean Beach. The Corps has decided to issue a contract modification to GLDD to do the demolitions and site clearings in OBP this spring. Engineering work and real estate are essentially complete for the demos and a meeting was held 2/23/17 in OBP with the contractor, ferry company, dock facility owners, NPS, Corps, DEC and County to discuss the particulars of the work. We are asking GLDD to finish this work by May 15th. There is no guarantee that this can be done as the

contract modification has to be issued by the Corps and accepted by GLDD.

The remainder of the work that was supposed to be in this contract will be moved to another contract.

- o Other Ocean Bay Park Project Elements:

Traffic Avenue water main relocation: Suffolk County is talking with Suffolk County Water Authority to see if it is OK to leave the water main under the new dune.

Cayuga/Midway access way: The County continues to work on the development of the design for this portion of work. They have met with the local fire district and are addressing their concerns.

In OBP vehicle access will be at Seneca and OBP has asked for pedestrian access at Seneca as well. The Corps is evaluating whether this can be done. The ADA access will be at Champlain. There will be a pedestrian crossover at Cayuga also.

The County continues to work with the utility companies on relocation of utilities in the area of the demolitions on OBP.

Contract 3B2: Relocations: This contract involves house relocations on the existing parcel which includes up to 13 houses in Davis Park (DP). The home elevations in Ocean Bay Park (OBP) and Point O Woods (POW) and the potential relocation in Fire Island Pines (FIP) may also be in this contract. Engineering work is essentially complete with the Corps reviewing the designs now. We are waiting on permitting/variances from the Town of Brookhaven. There was a BZA hearing 2/22/17 for six DP relocations and one POW relocation. The POW relocation only concerned zoning and not CEHA and was granted. The other hearings were closed and the decisions are pending. We thought it went well and that the team fully responded to their questions. The next BZA hearing is set for March 8th with roughly 20 hearings for Fire Island Pines properties. There is one more hearing that will be held after that for any remaining properties but we do not have a date certain. It's difficult to provide a timeline for real estate acquisition until we get a better sense of how long it will take to get decisions on the hearings. Best estimate is sometime this summer.

In order to get the relocations done, it may be necessary to work through summer months to facilitate being able to place the sand in the winter 2017/18. Will the communities (DP, OBP, POW and FIP) agree to allow construction to take place into the summer months? **Please think about this and contact either Sue, Andy, Gail or Gil to discuss. Thank you.**

Contract 3B3: Structural Modifications: Point O Woods, Fire Island Pines and Water Island: This contract involves deck, pool, crossover and wall removals. We may fold this work into either Contract 3B2 or 3B4. Engineering work is essentially complete with the Corps reviewing the designs now. Town BZA hearings will be held 3/8/17 and possibly 3/22/17 for the variances.

Contract 3B4: Sand Placement from Ocean Bay Park to Davis Park: This contract involves the sand placement and dune crossover construction work. Design work is ongoing by the Corps. The Corps' surveyor is doing beach surveys now and will have data ready for the Corps' use in April. Real estate will depend upon how long it will take to get the real estate for the properties under Contracts 3B2

and 3B3. The DEC and County are working with communities on the designs for the pedestrian dune crossovers structures and will work with emergency services regarding the vehicle access points.

Due to all the civil work needing to be done, we don't expect contract award until December 2017/ January 2018 and once the dredging starts, we can't stop until the work is 100% complete. This would require a WQC mod from DEC to be allowed to continue work through the summer. We think we can get the permit mod but we need guidance from the communities on how to proceed since you know your residents and visitors better than we do. Will the communities be agreeable to allowing sand placement and dune crossover construction through the summer of 2018? We expect sand placement could take as long as 9 months and may have to go into a summer season no matter when we start. **Please think about this and contact either Sue, Andy, Gail or Gil to discuss. Thank you.**

Contract 3C: This contract involves the relocation of the Village of Ocean Beach well. Engineering work is ongoing by the County. DEC will work with the Village on the relocation agreement and obtaining the necessary access.

NOTE: **All** civil must be completed before sand placement can begin under Contract 3B4.

Reponses to Questions from December 8th call that were not provided in the minutes:

None.

Questions:

Question #1: Is storm damage covered under the warranty for the crossovers? Please give the communities some lead time to schedule the final crossover walk thru and turnovers.

Response #1: Storm damage will not be covered by the warranty. We will give you lead time.

Comment #2: Tom Carrano requested to see the O&M Plans.

Response #2: We will share once the State and County has had their comments addressed by the Corps.

Question #3: Fair Harbor would like an additional row of sand fencing. Can this be done?

Response #3: The Corps will look into this and get back to the community.

Question #4: Will there be additional plantings in the FINS tract on the RR side of the Burma Road crossover? The community would like this done.

Response #4: Corps will take a look at this and let the community know.

Question #5: Will the 3B communities get sand in 2017?

Response #5: Unknown. There are many variables that have to be resolved before we will know for certain. The Corps can bid the work as we near the civil construction work completion and prior to obtaining all of the real estate. Civil work and real estate will have to be done to open bids.

Question #6: What is the status of real estate in Water Island?

Response #6: There are two parcels with issues. One will go to the ZBA on March 8th and the other needs some additional engineering before the permit can be applied for. The County expects to have offers out in Cherry Grove and Water Island in March for parcels with no impacts.

Question #7: Who in the County will review and approve crossover modifications?

Response #7: The process for this is still being developed. These mods will require County and DEC review and approval before they go to the Corps. The Corps has a regulation called Section 408 that needs to be evaluated to see how it plays out for mod requests. Once we have a process, we will put it in writing and share with the communities.

Comment #8: Thanks to the County, DEC and the Corps for your hard work. The communities appreciated being at the table and asked for guidance.

Response #8: You're welcome!

Next Call: The next call will be **Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM.**