

**FIMI Stakeholders Call Held March 10, 2016**  
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**Members of the FIMI Project Team on the call:** NYSDEC (Sue McCormick, Andy Fera, Eric Star, Lynn Lindscoog); US Army Corps of Engineers (Frank Verga, Lynn Bocamazo, Robert Vohden); and Suffolk County (Gil Anderson, Gail Lolis, Janet Longo)

**The following representatives were on the call:**

- Elected Officials: Bill Doyle for Congressman Zeldin
- National Park Service: none
- Town of Brookhaven: Emily Goldner and Tom Carrano
- Fire Island Emergency Services: none
- Year-Around Residents Association: Dawn Lippert
- Communities: Those who indicated they were on the call were: Marsh Hunter (Kismet); Judy ? (Fair Harbor); Cathy Bimberg and Ken Cohen (Dunewood); Jessie Ostrow (Lonelyville); Jay Van Cott (Atlantique); Alan Altman (Robbins Rest); Don Sussman (Corneille); Mayor Jim Mallott and Ian Levine (Ocean Beach); Suzy Goldhirsch and Tom Ruskin (Seaview); Karen Kee (Ocean Bay Park); Jeff DeJarnette (Point O Woods); Jay Pagano (Fire Island Pines); and Jayne Robinson and John Lund (Davis Park).

Please let Sue McCormick know if anyone was omitted from this list at [susan.mccormick@dec.ny.gov](mailto:susan.mccormick@dec.ny.gov).

**Stated purpose for the call:** To provide a general update on the status of the FIMI Project in the 17 communities including technical, real estate and schedule information. Allow communities to ask questions that are related to the whole Project that all would be interested in hearing. Ensure that everyone is getting the latest and same information at the same time.

**What the call is not for:** Discussion of issues that are specific to a given community. Specific issues can be emailed to Sue McCormick and we will contact that community to address their specific concerns and issues.

**General:**

The County's FIMI website can be found at [www.suffolkcountyny.gov/fimi](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/fimi)

**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 given on the call has been updated to reflect changes in the last few weeks.]

- **Status of the 8 contracts within FIMI:**

Contract 1: SPCP: Dredging is scheduled to be completed prior to April 30, 2016. As of April 6th there is 105,000 CY remaining to be placed in the pavilion area. There will be daily bird monitoring for the remainder of the work.

Contract 2: The contractor is done placing sand and cannot complete RMSP due to the start of the Piping Plover season. There is ~96,000 CY of sand left to be placed in RMSP at Field 4 which will be added to Contract #3A along with the replenishment of State Parks stockpile at Field 5. The remaining work in Contract #2: complete demolition with dune construction in Saltaire and complete all the dune crossover structures.

Contract 3A: Fair Harbor to Seaview – all aspects of work. The real estate was certified to the Corps on April 8<sup>th</sup> and the plans and specs will be put out to bid sometime between April 15 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Bid opening will be ~30 days later.

Contract 3B1: OBP to DP sand placement and dune crossover work.

Contract 3B2: OBP to DP civil work including relocations, deck/pool/crossover/wall removals and access to Cayuga Ave in OBP

Contract 3C: Relocation of Ocean Beach well field – deBruin is working on the design. The survey work has been completed.

Contract 3D: Relocation of Traffic Avenue water line in OBP - deBruin is working on the design and has met with the Suffolk County Water Authority.

Contract 3E: Demolition contract

- Dune crossovers:

Status of 3B: The Corps has completed topographic surveys of each crossover location as well as the beach surveys. Once DEC has that information, Andy will reach out to community leaders to start discussions on crossover locations and design preferences. We have added the following designs and now have six standard designs for crossovers.

**Non-ADA Crossovers:** 5 foot wide walking width with 5 foot walking width for stairs on both ends.

**Non-ADA Crossovers and ADA Crossovers:** 6 foot wide walking width with 6 foot walking width for stairs on both ends and on the switchbacks and ramps that are sloped to meet existing elevation. Landing platforms will be 6 feet wide by 5 feet long.

- Mobi-mats: will be used between dune crossover demolition and reconstruction to allow foot traffic across the new dune. The specification for this is being finalized.

- General engineering: The proposal for the construction of the new water mains and the revised access to Cayuga Ave in Ocean Bay Park have been approved by the Corps and assigned to deBruin. Engineering work has begun. The proposal for the Ocean Beach well field relocation is still being developed.

- Engineering for 3A: Plans and specs, permits, variances and appraisals are all completed and turned over to the Corps for inclusion in their bid package. The Corps contractor will do all of the removal, demolition and relocation work.

- Engineering for 3B: Suffolk County's engineer has visited all parcels and completed their site inspections. The preliminary plans for modifications or relocations of decks, pools, houses and septic are complete. Meetings and conference calls with owners have begun with the Fire Island Pines owners and

are going well. Requests to meet are currently being extended to Davis Park owners. If the owners are in agreement, the plans will then begin going through the approval process with the DEC, Corps and Town. Once they are in their final stage, permits will be applied for.

*Question: Will the owners be provided with appraisals at these meetings with the engineer?*

*Response: No. We are just at the start of planning. We need to cost out the options and appraise all of them and get Corps approval of the appraisals before offers can be made.*

We do not have a sequence for the work in the other contracts (#3C, 3D, 3E) yet as we are concentrating on getting Contract #3A to bid as soon as possible.

- Status of the Corps plans and specs for Contract 3A: 99% complete. . The pre-advertisement was completed on March 4, 2016.

### **Real estate update:**

- Kismet and Saltaire: Complete.

- Status of RE in 3A: The initial EDPL filing was made February 3<sup>rd</sup> with 45 parcels in it. They were all vested by the Court on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The one fee also closed on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The second EDPL filing was made, requisite publications and postings are complete and it is returnable before the Court on March 16<sup>th</sup>. All required real estate for 3A was certified to the Corps on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Status of RE in 3B: Appraisals are rolling in for those parcels where no engineering work is required. As the County completes their review, they are being forwarded to the Corps for approval. Once approved, offers will be made. The County will wait and make offers once the majority of a community's appraisals have been approved and will do them in bulk.

Note: Many of the fee acquisitions in Ocean Bay Park are being represented by condemnation counsel. Of those, five have jumped to voluntary actions which means we now have more voluntary actions than EDPL. The first closing in Ocean Bay Park was March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Schedule update: ALL SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.** – It is impossible to predict all possible issues that may arise that could change the schedule.

#### Contract 3A:

Corps pre-advertises (a notification that a contract is coming out) DONE March 4, 2016

County obtained all real estate DONE April 5, 2016

NYS certified real estate to the Corps DONE April 7, 2016

Corps advertises the contract for bid after real estate is certified EXPECTED April 15 - 20

Corps opens bids May

Corps awards contract in late May/ early June

Work starts June depending on contractor's equipment schedule

Contract 3B: No schedule at the moment because the engineering and appraisal work in 3B is ten-fold that of 3A and there is a long way to go.

Contract 3C, 3D and 3E: no schedule until engineering work is done

### **Reponses to Questions from February 4<sup>th</sup> call that were not provided in the minutes:**

None.

There was a request for the dune crossover structure plans sheets, both pedestrian and vehicle. The Corps is finalizing the dune crossover structure designs and they will be sent to the Stakeholders as soon as they are completed. The design for the vehicle crossover was emailed to the Stakeholders on March 10, 2016.

**Questions:** Please keep questions to those that relate to the entire Project. Please email community specific questions to Sue McCormick. If we can't answer a question on the call, we will try to answer it in the minutes; if not, then on the next call. There will be typed minutes of the call so all have the same information in writing which will be distributed as quickly as we can.

*Question #1:* What is the update on the emergency repairs in Robbins Rest?

*Response #1:* The Corps is coordinating with the contractors working at SPCP and RMSP to get bids to do the work. Work should start in the next day or two and will be done by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Question #2:* There is damage at Robbins Rest and the last three storms have damaged the sand already placed at Kismet and Saltaire. How does that impact Contract #3A?

*Response #2:* In September, the Corps will check the surveys taken this winter in the Contract #3B area to see the difference between February and September and adjust the sand quantities as needed. For contract #3A, the surveys are older and there is no time to re-do them now. There may be recovery by the time we do place sand. There are design cross-sections that will need to be met at the time of placement. There is a variation clause in the contract that will allow up to a 15% change in sand quantity if additional material is needed to meet the cross-section.

*Question #3:* There is damage in Kismet. Will you do surveys there?

*Response #3:* The Corps may do surveys in September.

*Question #4:* How much sand will be placed at Robbins Rest and how much on National Park Service land?

*Response #4:* ~40% in Robbins Rest and ~60% on NPS land. Total sand ~20,000 CY.

*Question #5:* Will there be split rail fence installed at the Kismet vehicle crossover?

*Response #5:* Yes, but it hasn't been installed yet.

*Question #6:* Regarding the use of Mobi mats and planning for summer beach access, we are worried about areas where the dune profile does not align with the community's boardwalk. How will that be accommodated? We are worried about the alignment and the elevation. Will there be railings?

*Response #6:* The alignment of the Mobi mat will be approved by Corps construction staff in the field prior to mat placement. Each location may be different. There should be enough length of the mat to allow for the boardwalk connection, but each has to be field verified. There will be no railings and these will only be temporary for a few weeks.

*Question #7:* Davis Park will have the most relocations. These need to be squared away ASAP. What is the status of the Relocation Agreement? Is this being coordinated with the appraisals?

*Response #7:* The Relocation Agreement is being coordinated with USACE Headquarters. It is out of the norm so it is hard to get it through the review and approval process. We are working to

get it back as soon as possible. We realize that the Relocation Agreement is an integral part of the appraisal process and is why we are pushing to get it back.

**Next Call:** The next call will be **Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 3:00 PM.**