



April 2, 2021

Ms. Janeen Minguillo  
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RE: Downtown Montauk Needs Sand Now

Dear Ms. Minguillo,

News that the promised replenishment of Montauk's downtown beaches as part of the Fire Island to Montauk Point (FIMP) plan has apparently been delayed by 2 years is unacceptable. The recent construction proposal from the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) to delay the pumping of 450,000 cubic yards of ocean dredged sand on 6,000 feet of downtown beach in Montauk from late 2021 to 2023 is not what we had been promised and CCOM believes that ACOE should deliver what they promised, when they promised it. FIMP is an integral intermediate step in addressing the coastal resiliency of our vulnerable community and is part of a much larger, longer term comprehensive plan to protect the downtown area.

CCOM is a well-respected environmental organization, established in 1970 and based in Montauk that has been deeply involved in the development of a comprehensive solution to the issue of coastal resiliency and the impacts of climate change. On behalf of the 1,300 members and supporters of CCOM we are requesting that the ACOE ensure that our beaches are replenished in 2021 to protect our community and our environment.

Respectfully,

President

cc: Stephen Couch, US Army Corps of Engineers  
Matthew Chlebus, NYS DEC  
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