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### **Major Win for Montauk's Coastal Resiliency**

Today's announcement of 450,000 cubic yards of ocean dredged sand for Montauk's downtown beaches marks a milestone for the Montauk community and CCOM. After many decades of work in securing this \$11 million federally funded project in partnership with East Hampton Town and through CCOM's advocacy at the federal, state and county level this 30-year commitment to the protection of Montauk's beaches is a tremendous achievement. Using ocean dredged sand sourced from several miles offshore and compatible with the existing downtown beach sand, the sand will be pumped on to the downtown beaches ensuring they are both wider and more resilient to future erosion and storms. This Army Corp of Engineers project is part of the long-awaited Fire Island to Montauk Point (FIMP) plan and will commence in the coming months in association with beach restoration at Fire Island and Moriches Inlet (FIMI). The work will take several months and will be completed prior to summer 2024. The project also includes renourishment of the Montauk downtown beaches every 4 years with 400,000-450,000 cubic yards of ocean dredged sand for 30 years.

Concerned Citizens of Montauk Chairman David Freudenthal said, "CCOM, as the leading environmental organization in Montauk for the past 53 years, has been working with East Hampton Town since 2013 to develop a comprehensive long-term solution for Montauk's coastline (<https://www.preservemontauk.org/initiatives/coastal-resiliency/>), including development and adoption in 2022 of the Coastal Assessment and Resiliency Plan (CARP). Having fought for this outcome we are thrilled by today's announcement and the 30 year Montauk downtown coastal stabilization it will bring, although not a long-term solution to protecting our beaches, dunes, and community, it is a critical medium-term step to allow all stakeholders time to develop a more comprehensive response plan as outlined in CARP <https://ehamptonny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14239/Town-of-East-Hampton-CARP> and by CCOM (<https://www.preservemontauk.org/initiatives/coastal-resiliency/>).

For further information: <https://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Projects-in-New-York/Fire-Island-to-Montauk-Point/> .

**CCOM MISSION** is to preserve and protect the unique environment and ecology of Montauk through education, advocacy, and grassroots citizen action. Since 1970, CCOM has led the effort to protect Montauk's precious environment, successfully preserving over 70% of Montauk's land. Thanks in large part to the work of CCOM members and volunteers, we can all enjoy Montauk's trails, beaches, scenic vistas, and rugged beauty. Today, however, there are new threats to Montauk's environment. CCOM is focusing our efforts on addressing three urgent priorities: cleaning up Montauk's water, protecting its beaches and coastline, and advocating for sustainable development. We need your help to succeed. The outcome of our joint efforts will determine what our town is going to look like for generations to come. CCOM is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are 100% tax deductible. For more information visit [www.preservemontauk.org](http://www.preservemontauk.org).

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