

FIMI Stakeholders Call Held September 7, 2017 MINUTES Sent 11-3-17

Members of the FIMI Project Team on the call: NYSDEC (Sue McCormick, Andy Fera, Lynn Lindskoog); Suffolk County (Gail Lolis); US Army Corps of Engineers (Robert Vohden)

The following representatives were on the call:

- Elected Officials:
- Fire Island Association: Suzy Goldhirsch
- Fire Island Emergency Services:
- Year-Around Residents Association: Dawn Lippert
- Town of Brookhaven: Tom Carrano
- National Park Service:
- Communities: Those who indicated they were on the call were: Marsh Hunter (Kismet); Cathy Bimberg (Dunewood); Jay Van Cott (Atlantique); Don Sussman (Corneille); Tom Ruskin (Seaview); Karen Kee (Ocean Bay Park); Jeff DeJarnette (Point O' Woods); Jay Pagano (Fire Island Pines); 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:

The County's FIMI website can be found at 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 and answers given on the call have been updated to reflect recent changes.

There are six (6) 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. **UPDATE:** Contract 3B1 may be split into two contracts – see below.

Contract 1: Smith Point County Park (SPCP): Work is 100% complete. The Operations and Maintenance Manual was completed and the project was officially turned over to the State and County in May 2017.

Contract 2: Robert Moses State Park (RMPS), Lighthouse Tract, Kismet and Saltaire: Work is 100% complete. The Operations and Maintenance Manual was completed and the project was officially turned over to the State, NPS and the County October 2, 2017.

Contract 3A: Fair Harbor to Seaview:

- All sand placement and dune crossovers are complete.
- The warranties are now in place on the dune crossover structures and no modifications should be made for one year.

- The single house relocation in Dunewood is complete and awaiting a Certificate of Occupancy. The septic work in Atlantique has been issued to Great Lakes Dredge and Dock (GLDD) and should be completed in the next few weeks.
- The Corps has agreed to install hand rails on all stairs on the crossovers. Uncertain of start date for this work at this time.
- O&M: The draft O&M Manual is not ready yet.

Contract 3B1: Relocations, Demolitions, Deck and Pool Modifications: This contract will include all of the house demolitions, site clearings and relocations and some of the deck, pool and wall modifications in all communities in 3B (OBP, POW, CG, FIP, WI, DP). It will also contain the work on Cayuga in Ocean Bay Park. This contract award is expected in winter 2017/18.

UPDATE: This contract may be issued as two contracts as the demo work is ready to go to bid and we need to get that done by May 1, 2018. So the contract would be split into one for demo and work on Cayuga, and a second for relocations.

Contract 3B2: Sand Placement, Dune Crossovers and the remaining Deck and Pool Modifications: This contract will include all sand placement, construction of all dune crossovers and the modification of any remaining deck, pool and wall modifications not done under 3B1, for all 3B communities. This contract award is expected in early 2018.

Contract 3C: This contract involves the relocation of the Village of Ocean Beach well. We do not currently have a schedule for this work as we are concentrating on 3B1 and 3B2. We will not continue to track this contract in the Stakeholder's call as it only involves the Village whom we are in contact with regularly.

Modifications to dune crossovers: NEW INFORMATION:

Army Corps Section 408 policy is not a permit program. It is an authorization required from the Corps. Nothing can be done to alter a Corps constructed project if it impairs the project's future function or usefulness unless the Corps authorizes it. This requirement is not related to the warrantee on the crossovers. In order to obtain a Section 408 authorization, one must send plans of the proposed work to the Corps through Suffolk County and the DEC. If authorized, one would receive permission from the County, permits as appropriate from DEC and a Section 408 authorization from the Corps. (May also require permits from your local building department.) This cannot be done until the final turnover of the project to the County. This process does not apply to sand fencing and dune grass.

Status of real estate and engineering:

Contract 3B1:

RE: The appraisals are almost complete. Remaining offers are being made as approvals are received from the Corps. All relocation offers have been extended and the County is beginning to receive the executed agreements. As offers are extended for impacted properties, the County is obtaining permits for issuance to the owners. The County is working with owners who have received offers and who wish to perform their own modifications, including demolition work, in advance of the issuance of the 3B1 contract in hopes of expediting the completion of this work during the offseason.

Engineering: Engineering is predominantly complete. Construction documents for all demolitions, Cayuga Work in Ocean Bay Park, and relocations, whether house, pool or deck, are very close to being finalized. Engineering work in Water Island which involves relocation of septic systems, artesian wells and flagpoles is underway. The design plans are now moving to a second round of reviews at the Corps.

Contract 3B2:

RE: Appraisals are predominantly complete. There are still some outstanding offers for easement only parcels which will be made as appraisals are approved by the Corps. All fee acquisitions have been completed and the County has obtained possession of all of those properties.

Engineering: Design work is ongoing by the Corps for the dune and beach template. The DEC and County are working with communities on the designs for the pedestrian dune crossover structures and have completed the evaluation of vehicle access points with emergency services. Andy has recently reached out to all community representatives to confirm the selected crossover designs are correct. The Corps has a draft set of plans for this contract that DEC is reviewing.

Questions:

Question #1: What is the process to get approval to install hand rails on the crossovers?

Response #1: **UPDATE:** The Corp is now planning to install hand rails on the stairs of the dune crossover structures in Contract 3A. The contractor is currently having these fabricated.

Comment #2: On the landward side of the crossovers where they meet the existing walks, there is a slight separation which is a tripping hazard. Can this be fixed and do we need a permit to do so?

Response #2: Go ahead and make repairs. It is considered maintenance. Please check with your Town to see if this work requires permits.

Question #3: Please give more detail on the schedule for Contract 3B2.

Response #3: The plans and specifications are being developed now at the Corps. The start of work will be dependent on Contract 3B1 being complete so the estimated start is now in the March/April 2018 timeframe. We won't have more specific dates until 3B1 has started and we see how it is progressing. Issuing Notice to Proceed doesn't mean that work will start. The dredger will need to have equipment available and we have no way of knowing that now.

Question #4: What will be the direction of sand placement?

Response #4: Generally the Corps specifies east to west, but it will depend on the 3B1 work being complete. Due to the large spaces between communities, there may be places the dredger can start right after Notice to Proceed while waiting for 3B1 to finish. He will need several landings of pipe to build the whole project which will give him that flexibility. There are 2,500,000 CY of sand to pump which should take ~8 months with good weather and no equipment failures.

Question #5: Are we getting extra grass?

Response #5: Yes in October. Planting cannot begin until the plants go dormant after the first frost. **UPDATE:** Since we haven't had a frost yet, it will be November at the earliest.

Question #6: Is there anyone at the Corps looking at work in hindsight, like the groins in Ocean Beach to evaluate the impact of FIMI?

Response #6: Yes. We are all evaluating lessons learned in the first three contracts and trying very hard not to repeat those issues. Under the FIMP project, the groins in Ocean Beach are being re-evaluated now that FIMI is complete in that area. The Corps is retaining consultants to go over the FIMP elements for fine tuning before the report is finalized.

Statement #7: Will there be extra sand placed at Rothberg and Heaton in Dunewood?

Response #7: Yes, under Contract 3B2. We don't know the timing now.

Comment #8: We had a great summer. People loved the beach and are grateful. At the last FIA meeting there were no complaints!

Response #8: Thanks!

Next Call: The next call will be **Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 3:00 PM.**