

The Sebastian Inlet District Commission

*A multi-county independent special taxing district
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Statement of Function

It is the duty of the Board of Commissioners to maintain the inlet between the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the waters of the Indian River Lagoon, situated between Brevard and Indian River Counties.

The opening and maintenance of such inlet or waterway is declared to be for public purposes necessary for the use of shipping, transportation and commerce, for the health, convenience, comfort and welfare of the inhabitants of the Inlet District.

The Commission of the Sebastian Inlet District, in coordination with the State of Florida, authorizes programs and projects for beach re-nourishment, erosion control, environmental protection, navigation, boating, recreation and public safety.

2023/2024 Accomplishments

Inlet Management Plan Implementation

- Conducted semiannual beach profile and inlet surveys pursuant to the Sebastian Inlet Management Plan
- Conducted permit required post-construction physical and biological monitoring
- Completed the 2023 update to the State of the Inlet Report
- Collected and analyzed data from the Sebastian Inlet wave and weather station

Inlet Maintenance Related Activities

- Completed the design for the upcoming 2024/2025 Sand Trap and Beach Placement Project
- Completed the design, permitting and bidding for Phase 1 of the North Jetty Revetment Improvements Project
- Maintained the DMMA pursuant to the DMMA Maintenance and Operation Plan
- Repaired and replaced damaged inlet channel markers
- Continued coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding the upcoming Sebastian Inlet Bridge Replacement Project

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Grant Related Activities

- Received \$690,000 (23IR3) in reimbursement from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Sebastian Inlet IMP Implementation. \$229,972.90 received in prior year (22IR2 and 23IR1)
- Applied for and was awarded grants, committing \$6,122,500 in reimbursable cost share from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Sebastian Inlet Management Plan Implementation
- Applied to Florida Department of Environmental Protection for funding for continued post construction monitoring, supplemental truck haul sand placement along Sector 2 beaches and Phase 1 of the North Jetty Revetment Improvements Project

Public Outreach Activities

- Maintained SID website for consistency with ADA and Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) compliance
- Continued the popular weekly Sebastian Inlet fishing report
- Continued to develop, disseminate and post relevant and newsworthy content for SID website (73k visits in one month), social media channels and targeted regional media outlets (setting District record on Facebook with a post that reached 318k people)
- Completed five speaking engagements to various community and civic groups — reaching approximately 225 people — to discuss District projects and programmatic success
- Continued the District online community with a focus on engagement across all District social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube)
- Developed and successfully implemented a District Mobile App, which has been downloaded more than 800 times so far
- Continuing to work with partnering agencies - including Sebastian Inlet State Park, FWCC and IRL National Estuary Program – by participating in public events and cross-promoting news and information on social media and the District’s website

2024/2025 Goals and Objectives

Inlet Management Plan Implementation

- Continue semiannual beach profile and inlet surveys
- Continue permit required post-construction monitoring
- Continue annual updates to the State of the Inlet Report

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- Continue Sebastian Inlet wave a weather station data collection and analysis
 - Complete the 2024 update to the Inlet Management Plan
 - Complete construction of the 2024/2025 Sand Trap and Beach Placement Project

Inlet Maintenance Related Activities

- Complete the construction of Phase 1 of the North Jetty Revetment Improvements Project
- Complete the design, permitting and bidding for Phases 2 and 3 of the North Jetty Revetment Improvements Project
- Continue DMMA maintenance
- Continue maintenance of channel markers as required by the U.S. Coast Guard
- Design, Permit and Construct maintenance project to the north jetty

Grant Related Activities

- Continue to explore potential grant opportunities to assist in inlet maintenance and public outreach

Public Outreach Activities

- Ongoing, regular updates to SID website re: SID programs and projects, environmental monitoring, Commission/Commissioners and to include Important Notices related to navigation and SISP
- Maintain and continue promoting popular SID webcam
- Consistently develop relevant and newsworthy content stream for press, the District Mobile App, web and social media
- Continue to build “online community” and SID presence on social media
- Continue building SID photo and video archive assets
- Continue to identify opportunities for public education through presentations to community groups and organizations
- Continue building partnerships with regional organizations, including the IRL Council, Environmental Learning Center, Marine Resources Council, chambers of commerce
- Continue the weekly fishing reports