Charleston District FY24 AIWW Beneficial Use Sediment

Re-handling at Breach Inlet

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

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- The Atlantic Intercoastal Waterway (AIWW) • is a Federal project, constructed and maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Authorized in 1937)
- ~235 miles total length in S.C. (212 is maintained by Charleston District)
- 12' Depth and 90' Wide along its length.
- Periodic maintenance dredging is conducted where shoals exists to maintain navigation at those dimensions (subject to appropriations)
- Breach Inlet Shoal (in AIWW not inlet) is regularly dredged.





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- Breach Inlet Shoal is periodically dredged, with material being placed in upland placement areas adjacent to AIWW.
- Sites are then dewatered. When full, dikes are raised using the dredged material to create capacity for future dredging needs.
- In past, the Federal standard for disposal has been to dispose of dredged material at lowest acceptable cost.
- Regulations now allow consideration of life cycle costs and environmental benefits in the Federal standard broadening opportunities for beneficial use of dredged material (in this case SAND!)





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PROPOSED BENEFICIAL USE PROJECT US Army Corps of Engineers® **OVERVIEW**

- Primary purpose of the project is to regain . capacity in several upland dredge placement areas along the AIWW by removing in-situ sand.
- Material will be beneficially used by placing the sand on nearby beaches at Sullivan's Island and IOP.
- Estimated 175,000 CY (17,500 Dump Trucks) of sand placed on Sullivan's Island.





WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Three placement locations on eastern end of the island at Breach Inlet
- Placement will be below mean high-water in the Surf/Swash Zone.
- Limited heavy equipment and lighting on the beach, managing pipeline, limited grading, etc.
- 24/7 Operations
- 1 2-month operation at Sullivan's Island
- Construction period between JAN 2024 JUN 2024









- Award Contract: December 23*
- Construction JAN 23 JUN 24*
- Estimated 1–2-month placement operation at Sullivan's Island.

*dependent on successful bids





- Project expectations (beneficial use placement vs. beach renourishment)
 - Material quality, finer sand with some silt
- USACE Future Beneficial use Plans for AIWW Breach Inlet dredging.
- Questions?