

To: Plum Island Foundation
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From: Marlowe & Company
Re: Monthly Update
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Congressional Appropriations Update

Congressional Appropriations Committees began holding hearings and committee meetings to discuss the budget limits set by the President, including the implementation of new policy and ethic procedures. The Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Energy and Development, which has oversight of Army Corps of Engineers programs, are scheduled to hold their hearings in the coming weeks. Marlowe & Company staff plan to attend these events on behalf the Town of Newbury.

Rest assured that we will continue to update you on future developments of the Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations process.

Army Corps of Engineers Update

Marlowe & Company was recently successful in securing federal funds to initiate the Plum Island Beach Renourishment Study. This funding will allow the Corps to begin to study the effects of placing sediment along the coastline of the Island now, rather than wait for Congress to appropriate funds later. As you know, Marlowe & Company submitted an appropriations request to your Congressional Delegation for the Plum Island Renourishment Study. The appropriations process is expected to last until early 2009.

Marlowe & Company staff also recently organized and moderated a conference call to discuss immediate solutions to the erosion issue on Plum Island. Participants included officials from the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), including representatives from environmental and coastal organizations, private sector engineers, local elected officials and community leaders.

The conference call was effective and very informative. In fact, Corps officials identified a proven beach technology method that is currently being utilized in other areas of the country. Local and state coastal officials are currently discussing this technology with coastal engineers to better utilize this capability on Plum Island.

In addition, Marlowe & Company staff and the Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Planning Center of Expertise are currently planning a tour of Plum Island in the coming weeks. An official visit from senior Corps officials will help strengthen our request for federal involvement and define the workplan that will best achieve the needs of the community.

Conclusion

Howard Marlowe, President of Marlowe & Company, traveled to Newbury to speak at a fundraiser to help raise awareness of the beach erosion issue. The event was a success and brought out elected officials, community leaders and local residents.

We at Marlowe & Company are working everyday to support the Town's beach restoration and Army Corps of Engineers initiatives. As always, please contact us should you have any questions.