

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.

2024/2025 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 2024 update to the State of the Inlet Report
- Collected and analyzed data from the Sebastian Inlet wave and weather station

Inlet Maintenance Related Activities

- Bypassed approximately 135,000 cubic yards of sand under the 2024/2025 Sand Trap and Beach Placement Project
- Completed Phase 1 of the North Jetty Revetment Improvements Project
- Completed the Design of Phases 2 and 3 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 2026 Sebastian Inlet Bridge Replacement Project

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Grant Related Activities

- Applied for and was awarded \$95,002 in Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Resilient Florida Program for the Coconut Point Shoreline Resilience Project
- Applied for and was awarded \$4.6 million in FDEP Local Government Funding Requests (LGFR) for the Supplemental Truck Haul and Beach Placement Project and North Jetty Revetment Improvement Project
- Received \$385,436.21 from FDEP for partial reimbursement under grants 22IR2, 23IR1, and 24IR1.

Applied for and was awarded \$ 1 million in Legislative Funding for the Sebastian Inlet North Jetty (Phase 2 and 3)

Public Outreach Activities

- Maintained SID website for consistency with ADA and Florida Commerce compliance
- Continued the popular weekly Sebastian Inlet fishing report
- Continued to develop, disseminate and post relevant and newsworthy content for SID website, social media channels and targeted regional media outlets (setting District record on Facebook with a post that reached 318k people)
- Presented District projects and program updates at five separate speaking engagements, reaching 140 members of the public
- Continued the District online community with a focus on engagement across all District social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube)
- Continued promoting the District Mobile App, which has been downloaded more than 1,400 times
- Continued partnering with SISP and Coastal Connections, Inc., on quarterly and annual inlet cleanup events
- Hosted north jetty ribbon-cutting event with strong public attendance, robust media coverage and record-breaking social media engagement
- 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

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2025/2026 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
- Continue Sebastian Inlet wave and weather station data collection and analysis
- Complete the 2025 update to the Inlet Management Plan
- Complete the dredging phase of the 2024/2025 Sand Trap and Beach Placement Project

Inlet Maintenance Related Activities

- Complete the permitting 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 the Coconut Point Shoreline Resilience Project

Grant Related Activities

- Continue to apply for 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 and continue weekly fishing report
 - Continue to create 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