

At the Beach Protection District meeting on May 3rd, Beach Engineer Clay Bryant opened his presentation with a photographic update of the Town's beaches. He noted that April was a favorable month for the beach. The seas were up a little, but the winds were from the southeast and not a big threat to Town beaches. The north end beaches did not change much and still have a good slope, although the area from 151 to 133 North Beach is very thin. The area from the Public Beach to the Beach Club has a good, long, sloping beach with no scarping; and the Beach Club is beginning to accrete sand again. The beach in the vicinity of 167 South Beach remains stable, benefitted by a good sandbar offshore. A little further to the south, in the vicinity of 181 to 189 South Beach Road, the beach remains very thin, but improves and straightens itself out in the northern section of the 200 block. The beach weakens again from 233 to 285 South Beach, although the beach returns to satisfactory width by 301 South Beach; and from there to Blowing Rocks, the beach is wide with nice, long slopes and healthy dunes.

With regard to the Town's next renourishment project, currently scheduled for November 2010 following the close of sea turtle nesting season, Clay reported that the areas of concern comprise only 20% of the Town's seven and a half miles of sandy beach. He anticipates receipt of construction bids in August with an acceptable contract being let in late September/early October.