



news from the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association

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## Kick Off the New Year by Attending the 2025 Tech Conference

Happy New Year! On behalf of the FSBPA Board of Directors and staff, we want to extend our sincere gratitude for your continued support throughout 2024. We are excited to collaborate with you again in 2025 as we work together to preserve Florida's breathtaking beaches.

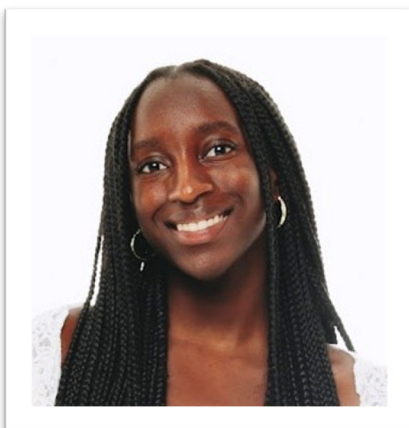
Looking ahead, our policy and educational agendas for the new year are off to a strong start. The policy agenda will focus on advocating for effective policies and securing adequate state funding to repair Florida's critically eroded beaches through the statewide beach management program.

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## Announcing FSBPA's New Communications and Events Specialist

It is with great pleasure that we introduce Ms. Alexis Brown as FSBPA's new Communications and Events Specialist. Alexis joins our team with a positive outlook and a strong background in media, marketing, problem-solving, and communication.

Alexis will play a key role in refining and enhancing our communication strategies, with a particular focus on strengthening our social media presence. She will also be instrumental in supporting the continued growth and improvement of our conference planning and operations.



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### Meet FSBPA's Newest Team Member!

Alexis Brown is a senior at Florida State University, where she is set to graduate in August with a degree in Communications and Media Studies. Originally from the Orlando area, Alexis enjoys Pilates, shopping, listening to music, and traveling to new places!

With experience in the non-profit sector, Alexis has assisted organizations in creating and maintaining websites, managing social media accounts, and designing promotional materials. She has also led marketing projects and campaigns and has been involved in providing administrative support for the organization and implementation of conferences and other events.

We are confident that Alexis will be a valuable asset to the FSBPA team and a great resource for all our members. Please join us in welcoming Alexis to the team, and we hope you get a chance to meet her at the Tech Conference in February.



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Happy  
New  
Year

We are kicking off the 2025 educational agenda with a dynamic program at the **38th National Tech Conference** in Panama City Beach, taking place February 5-7. The conference planning committee has organized an [exceptional program](#), featuring presentations from key agencies such as USACE, FEMA, FDEP, and FWCC. A few key topics will include:

- Coastal impacts of Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton
- A historical overview and current coastal projects in Bay County
- The Queen Conch ESA listing and its project implications
- Coastal modeling, structures, resilience, permitting, economics, and much more!



#### Additional Conference Highlights:

- **Pre-conference Workshop:** Join us for an Outlook on Florida Coastal Dredging.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Build invaluable connections with industry professionals.
- **Professional Development:** Earn up to **17 professional development hours**.
- **Student Engagement:** Meet 12 bright students competing for scholarships.
- **Social Events:** Network at the Welcome Reception on Wednesday and Bonfire on the Beach Thursday featuring live music, food, and drinks!
- **Exhibitor Engagement:** Visit exhibitors for a chance to win exciting door prizes.

**Early Registration:** Don't miss out on early registration rates! (See the next page for conference registration and hotel details.)

Don't miss this opportunity to engage with leaders, managers, and scientists in meaningful discussions about the latest advancements and challenges in beach management. We look forward to seeing you there!

Lastly, be sure to save the date for the annual Florida Resilience Conference at the Sunseeker Resort in Charlotte Harbor, September 17-19.

## Last Day for early registration and guaranteed hotel rates—January 7, 2025

To register for the conference, visit the conference website and **sign-up** [online](#).

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the conference hotel, the Embassy Suites. [Click here](#) to **make your reservation online**. We secured an amazing group rate of \$129 for a single or double room, plus tax. Valet parking is available at \$10 per day. **To ensure room availability, make your reservation early!** The hotel will honor the group rate as long as rooms remain in FSBPA's block or by **January 7, 2025**, whichever occurs first.

**Register Now!**

**Hotel Reservations**

You will find the most up-to-date **full conference program** [online](#). A list of the conference sponsors and exhibitors are available on the following pages.



**Join us on Thursday evening, February 6, for a bonfire sponsored by the Visit Panama City Beach.**



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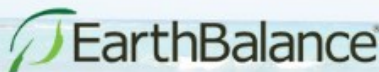
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Thank you to our 2025 Tech Conference Exhibitors



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## Sixth Canaveral Harbor Sand Bypass Event Underway

**By Christopher Ren, Senior Project Manager,  
Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**



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of Engineers®**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Jacksonville District, awarded a \$40.6 million contract on September 20, 2024, to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock, LLC., of Houston, Texas, for the sixth iteration of the Canaveral Harbor Sand Bypass project.

USACE is providing 100% of the total funding to dredge and bypass approximately 1.5 million cubic yards of sand from the shoreline immediately north of Port Canaveral for placement along two segments of critically eroded shoreline in Brevard County, Florida. The first segment runs along approximately 3.3 miles of shoreline starting just south of Jetty Park in the City of Cape Canaveral to about Shepard Park in the City of Cocoa Beach. The second segment runs along approximately 3.7 miles of shoreline from just south of Lori Wilson Park in Cocoa Beach to the northern border of Patrick Space Force Base.

The placement of sand on the beach is expected to begin in mid-January and be completed by mid-April 2025 to ensure all equipment is off the beach before the start of the sea turtle nesting season. Approximately 57,000 feet of pipeline is being used to transport sand from the dredge area to the beach fill segments with the majority of the pipeline being placed offshore.

The Canaveral Harbor Sand Bypass project is a federally authorized project designed to mitigate for downdrift erosion damages caused by the Canaveral Harbor Federal navigation project. Previous bypassing efforts were completed in 1995, 1998, 2007, 2010, and 2019, which pumped a combined total of over 4.7 million cubic yards of sand onto Brevard County beaches.

The USACE-led project is being executed in partnership with the non-Federal sponsor, Canaveral Port Authority, Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department, their costal engineering consultant Foth/Olsen, and U.S. Space Force Space Launch Delta 45 to ensure the project is delivered efficiently, safely, and on schedule.



Overview of the sixth iteration of the Canaveral Harbor Sand Bypass project dredge and placement areas.

Credit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers





Installation of a section of submerged pipeline under the Canaveral Harbor navigation channel on December 20, 2024 in preparation to begin the Canaveral Harbor Sand Bypass project

Credit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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## *Save the Dates for Ocean's Day and Reception*

Oceans Day 2025 will take place from Monday, March 31 to Tuesday, April 1, in Tallahassee. The event will commence with the FOA Luncheon at the Governors Club on Monday. On Tuesday, the day's activities will feature the FIO's Member Exhibits and Fish Fry at the Capitol Plaza, followed by the Mote Legislative Reception at 5:30 p.m. at the Historic Capitol later that evening. Florida Oceans Day is an annual event focused on convening members, stakeholders, officials, and legislators united by a shared commitment to the preservation of Florida's marine and coastal resources and their critical contribution to sustaining a robust ocean economy. This year's conference will focus on *Florida's Ocean Economy: Building a Sustainable Future*, emphasizing the ongoing efforts to ensure long-term health and vitality of the state's oceans. Florida Oceans Day is organized and hosted by the, Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, and the Florida Ocean Alliance.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****FSBPA Events**

**February 5-7, 2025**

**38th Annual  
National Conference on  
Beach Preservation  
Technology**

**Embassy Suites by Hilton  
Panama City Beach, FL**



**September 17-19, 2025**

**4th Annual Florida Resilience Conference  
Sunseeker Resort, Charlotte Harbor, FL**

**Other Events**

**March 25-27, 2025**

**2025 ASBPA Coastal Summit  
Washington, DC**

**March 31 - April 1, 2025**

**Florida's Oceans Day  
Tallahassee, FL**

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