Report to the North Carolina General Assembly Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Natural and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division



**Coastal Storm Damage Mitigation Fund** 

**Annual Report** 

**October 1, 2024** 

Division of Water Resources NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Pursuant to G.S. 143-215.73M

ROY COOPER Governor MARY PENNY KELLEY Secretary RICHARD E. ROGERS, JR. Director



October 1, 2024

Representative Jimmy Dixon, Co-Chair Senator Brent Jackson, Co-Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources 16 W. Jones Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27601 Re: Report on the "Coastal Storm Damage Mitigation Fund (§143-215.73M)"

To Whom It May Concern:

As per §143-215.73M, annually the Department of Environmental Quality is required to provide a report (see attached) on the projects funded from the "Coastal Storm Damage Mitigation Fund." The law appropriating these funds requires the Department make annual reports that include project type, project location, brief project description, entity receiving the funding, and amount of funding. Attached is the report including projects funded in FY 2019-2020, FY 2021-2021, FY 2021-2022, FY 2022-2023, and FY 2023-2024. All projects listed in the attached table have executed contracts that, funds encumbered, and funds have either fully been distributed or been scheduled to be distributed. The CSDM has a \$1 non-state match requirement matching over \$81,000,000 in local funds for Coastal Storm Mitigation.

This report was prepared by Kevin Hart with the Division of Water Resources in the Department of Environment Quality. If you have questions about this report, please contact Grace Dodge, DEQ Legislative Liaison, by email at <u>grace.dodge@deq.nc.gov</u> or by phone at 919-605-1951.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hart



Project Sponsor	Session Law	Project Name	Funding Amount	Expenditures	Project Type	Project Description
Town of Holden Beach	S.L. 2019-224	Town of Holden Beach Dune Building Project	\$106,000.00	\$106,000	Sand Fencing	Place new sand fence along beach front.
Town of Duck	S.L. 2019-224	The Town of Duck Beach Nourishment Project	\$1,450,921.35	\$1,450,921.35	Beach Nourishment	Nourish 1.6 miles (20-foot wide dune elevation +20.0 feet NAVD.)
Town of Surf City	S.L. 2019-224	Surf City Post Florence Emergency Berm Restoration Supplemental	\$1,365,573.03		Beach Nourishment	Dune restoration of 32,641 lineal feet.
Town of Southern Shores	S.L. 2019-224	Town of Southern Shores Beach Management Project	\$1,408,247.19	\$1,408,247.19	Beach Nourishment	Beach fill project along the 19,712 feet of oceanfront.
Town of Oak Island		Town of Oak Island Renourishment Project Phase I & II	\$1,344,235.96		Beach Nourishment	Nourish nine miles of oceanfront shoreline with a dune crest elevation between 12.0 ft and 14.5, and width of 6 ft.
Town of Kitty Hawk	S.L. 2019-224	Town of Kitty Hawk Shore Protection Project	\$1,408,247.19	\$1,408,247.19	Beach Nourishment	Nourish 21,487' with 60' wide berm at 6' and variable dune w/ crest of 14'
Town of Kill Devil Hills	S.L. 2019-224	Town of Kill Devil Hills Shore Protection Project	\$1,450,921.35		Beach Nourishment	Beach fill OF 2.58 miles including a 15' wide dune at elevation +20.0 fronted by a 40' berm at elevation +6.0
Dare County		Buxton Maintenance/Storm Damage Repair 2021	\$1,557,606.74		Beach Nourishment	nourish 15,500', create ~10 acres of new dune habitat, and ~23 acres of new dry beach habitat.
Town of Nags Head		Town of Nags Head 10-Mile Beach Nourishment	\$1,408,247.19		Beach Nourishment	Planning, designing, permitting and construction of 649,220 cy of sand along 10 miles.
Town of Oak Island		Town of Oak Island CSDM Renourishment Project	\$3,157,377.00		Beach Nourishment	Place 1.5million cubic yards of sand along 9 miles of oceanfront.
Carteret County	S.L. 2018-138	Post Florence Renourishment Project Phases I, II, and III	\$15,342,623.00	\$15,342,623.00	Beach Nourishment	Nourish ~21 miles of oceanfront with ~8.8 Million cy of sand.
North Carolina Coastal Federation	S.L. 2021-180	Living Shorelines	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	Living Shorelines	Provide grants for living shorelines, oyster reefs, and marsh restoration to protect other coastal communities that are vulnerable to storm surge and tidal flooding.
Town of Oak Island	S.L. 2021-180	Town of Oak Island Beach Nourishment	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	Beach nourishment	Beach nourishment along 9 miles.
Pine Knoll Shores	S.L. 2021-180	Pine Knoll Shores Sand Fence	\$90,400	\$90,400.00	Sand Fence	Planning and installation of sand fencing along 4.5 miles.
Topsail Beach	S.L. 2021-180	Topsail Beach Dune Planting	\$109,100	\$109,100.00	Vegetation	Planting of native dune plants and removal of non-native species
Town of Nags Head	S.L. 2021-180	Town of Nags Head Dune Planting	\$300,000	\$300,000.00	Vegetation	Planning, layout, design, planting of native dune plants.
Town of Oak Island		Oak Island Beach Management Plan	\$965,000	\$965,000.00	Planning	Beach management plan to identify borrow area for 50 years.
Dare County	S.L. 2021-180	Northern Dare County Sand Planning	\$1,000,000	\$1,557,607.00	Planning	Regional Sand investigation for the northern Dare County beaches.
Dare County	S.L. 2021-180	Buxton Beach Nourishment	\$1,557,607		Beach Nourishment	Nourish 15,500 linear feet of ocean front beaches. Beach widened 50ft to 150ft.
Dare County		Avon Beach Nourishment	\$4,714,231		Beach Nourishment	Nourish 2.5 miles of beach with a berm to +7ft NAVD.
North Topsail Beach	S.L. 2021-180	North Topsail Beach Nourishment Phase 4 & 5	\$10,500,000	\$10,500,000.00	Beach Nourishment	Nourish 2.5 miles of ocean front widening the beach 100ft.
Carteret County1	S.L. 2023-134	Bogue Banks Master Beach Nourishment Plan Sand Search Phase 2	\$291,564.00	\$0.00	Planning	Sand investigation for sand source for future projects.
Dare County1	S.L. 2023-134	Dare County 4-Towns Beach Nourishment Project	\$7,532,600.00	\$0.00	Beach Nourishment	Nourish 11 miles of beach in Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk, and Kill Devil Hills
Dare County4	S.L. 2023-134	Southern Hatteras Island Offshore Sand Assessment Study	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	Planning	Sand investigation for sand source for future projects.
Town of Nags Head1	S.L. 2023-134	Town of Nags Head 2027 Nourishment Project Engineering Services	\$301,000.00	\$0.00	Permitting	Monitoring, planning and permitting for future project.
Town of Ocean Isle Beach2	S.L. 2023-134	Ocean Isle Beach East End Dune Construction	\$1,019,091.00	\$254,774.25	Beach Nourishment	Construction of 1 mile of 10ft wide base.
Town of Oak Island1	S.L. 2023-134	Town of Oak Island Dune Planting	\$440,000.00	\$0.00	Vegetation	Vegetation planting along 9 miles of habitat for dune stabilization.
Town of Topsail Beach3	S.L. 2023-134	Topsail Island Vitex Eradication Project	\$690,060.50	\$0.00	Vegetation	Vegetation control and planting along Topsail Island (North Topsail, Topsail, and Surf City).
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Total			\$81,760,654	\$71,712,661		

<sup>1</sup>Contracts are currently being processed.

<sup>2</sup>Contract is executed and partial payment has been made. <sup>3</sup>Awaiting final resolution to process contract. <sup>4</sup>Partial payments have been scheduled.