

Dauphin Island



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Dear Mayor Collier:

We are extremely fortunate that Tropical Storm Ida did not create major structural damages in our community when it passed over Dauphin Island on November 10. Nevertheless, the storm still exacerbated the coastal erosion problems that have plagued our Island for years. Sand eroded from the Gulf shoreline and the individual lots of our property owners was carried across the island and deposited in Bienville Blvd., the side streets, and in the town's various right-of-ways.

The Town is in the process of removing the sand accumulations from these areas and we are greatly appreciative for those timely efforts. It is our understanding that the Town intends to return as much of this sand as possible to the beach front areas, with the exact locations of the disposal sites to be determined in consultation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency after a decision is reached as to whether federal funds will be made available to assist in the clean-up. It is also our understanding that that decision will be reached soon.

As you are well aware, the integrity of Dauphin Island benefits from maintaining a healthy supply of sand in the littoral zone. Since natural processes cause this sand to be transported in a predominantly east-to-west direction, the Island's Gulf shoreline would benefit from the sand accumulations being returned to the Gulf beach as far to the east as possible. This would allow the sand to be gradually carried by the littoral drift processes along the shoreline to assist in replacing and replenishing the sand eroded by the storm. Accordingly, we request the Town to give every consideration possible to disposing of the sand in the manner requested to provide the greatest good in restoring our eroded Gulf shoreline.

The Dauphin Island Property Owners Association stands ready to provide whatever assistance is required by the Town in seeking the necessary permissions that may be required from the individual members of our organization to facilitate the implementation of this request. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

Bruce Jones, President
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