

**We need you to write to our federal and state elected officials to request that our beach gets replenished in 2009.**

Winter storms have taken their toll on our beaches. Once again we are asking residents to write our elected officials to request support for replenishing the beach in Monmouth Beach. This issue is very important because in addition to the year-round recreational enjoyment it provides, we rely on our beach to protect our town. If our beach goes away our town would be placed at severe risk of devastating storm damage.

As you may know, Monmouth Beach is part of a 50 year Beach Replenishment agreement that was signed in 1989 prior to our beach being rebuilt in 1994. This agreement included a provision to replenish the beach every 6 years. Our beach was last replenished in 2003 and therefore is due to be renourished in 2009.

For your convenience, the reverse side of this document contains a sample letter that you may use and below is the contact information for our federal representatives, as well as our State Senator and Assemblymen. You may also access the Borough's website at [www.monmouthbeach.us](http://www.monmouthbeach.us) to download the letter.

If possible, a personal letter expressing your concern would be even more effective. Please remember to stress the need for immediate funding of the beach replenishment project for the entire shoreline in Monmouth Beach.

Please provide the borough (22 Beach Road) with a copy of one of the letters that you send so that we may keep track of the number of letters that are written.

We thank you for any help you can provide, and please know that we, Mayor Sue Howard, Commissioner Jim Cunniff and Commissioner Bill McBride, will be working diligently on our end to secure these necessary resources.

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Re: Beach Replenishment in Monmouth Beach, New Jersey

Dear

I am a resident of (your town) and a member of the Monmouth Beach Bathing Pavilion. My family and I are anxiously looking forward to spending many hours of fun and relaxation at the Pavilion this summer. However, we are very concerned about the severe erosion that is occurring along the entire beach.

I am writing to ask for your help to ensure that Monmouth Beach's 2009 sand replenishment program remains on schedule. (The sand replenishment is stipulated in the 50 year Beach Replenishment agreement that was signed in 1989 prior to the beach being rebuilt in 1994.) This agreement included a provision to replenish the beach every six years. The US Army Corps of Engineers contracted to replenish the beach in 2000 and again in 2003 (because of severe loss of beach in that year due to storm damage). Next year it will be six years since the beach was replenished. The need is now definitely as great, or more critical than in 2003!

Just north of the Pavilion, the beach has eroded considerably more than even the Pavilion beach and as you know, the seawall in front of The Shores and The Admiralty high rise condominiums was severely damaged during Ernesto in 2006. While I am pleased that funding has been approved to repair the seawall, I am very concerned that the sand that has eroded is now "sucking" the sand from the Pavilion beach to its' south. The engineers that prepared the plans for the seawall repair project, have indicated that the next logical step following the repair of the seawall is to replenish the beach in order to prevent future damage to the seawall.

Knowing that funding is limited and very competitive for sand replenishment at the Federal level, I urge your support in ensuring that Monmouth Beach is included in the upcoming beach fill project which will occur just south in the City of Long Branch. The extension of that beach fill north through Monmouth Beach will provide the level of protection that is necessary to stabilize our beaches. There would be a considerable savings in funding and time, if the work is done in conjunction with Long Branch. Combining the two areas must be done before the dunes that have taken years to establish are washed away along with all of the sand. I think this is a very efficient and cost effective way to achieve our objective and I hope that you agree.

While recreational enjoyment of this beach is important, the dunes along this beach have also served as a wildlife habitat to several endangered species such as the Least Tern and Piping Plover. After the beach was rebuilt in 1994, local Girl Scouts planted dune grass that allowed dunes to grow and to provide this habitat. However, NJDFW – Endangered and Nongame Species Program has recently notified Monmouth Beach that *there are currently no piping plover or least tern nests in Monmouth Beach and because of the severe erosion of the beaches it is unlikely there will be nests this year.* These dunes and this habitat are now at risk!

Even more importantly, beach replenishment is necessary to protect a State of New Jersey Highway which is a Coastal Evacuation Route and a primary commuter route. And, to protect the entire town of Monmouth Beach from the devastation that it was subjected to during the Nor'easter of 1992.

I am respectfully asking that you intervene as quickly as possible to modify the upcoming Long Branch beach fill project to include Monmouth Beach and formally request that you make a motion to fund this emergency appropriation.

Sincerely,