

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-_____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA,
AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY
APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR PARTIAL
FUNDING OF THE MANASOTA KEY BEACH
RESTORATION PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023**

WHEREAS, the beaches of Sarasota County are an important and valuable public resource that provides unique recreational opportunities for residents, attracts significant numbers of seasonal visitors and tourists with a resulting positive impact on the local economy, buffers upland development and public infrastructure from the effects of damaging storms and is the habitat for a variety of native wildlife and vegetation; and,

WHEREAS, the southern portion of Manasota Key has experienced severe and progressive beach erosion which has led to the erosion of the public recreational beach, threatened area roads and utilities, left residences vulnerable to storm damage, necessitated consideration of extensive coastal armoring and destroyed dune habitat, all to the extent that this portion of Manasota Key is designated as an area of Critical Erosion by the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, proactive management, restoration where necessary, and timely future maintenance of the beaches in Sarasota County is clearly in the public interest of all County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, authorized staff to partner with Charlotte County and to successfully undertake construction of the Manasota Key Beach Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, Section 161.101, Florida Statutes, as implemented by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Rules, authorizes the FDEP to pay up to 50% of qualifying costs associated with the development and implementation of erosion control, beach restoration and maintenance measures, depending on the degree of public access.

BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA in public meeting assembled that:

1. The Board of County Commissioners, as co-permittee with Charlotte County in the Manasota Key Beach Restoration Project, supports maintenance and monitoring of the recently restored beaches consistent with the requirements of Project permits, and supports Charlotte County's funding request submittal to the FDEP for its consideration under the FDEP Beach Management Funding Assistance Program for fiscal year 2022/2023.

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2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida, on the _____ day of September 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
CHAIR

ATTEST:
KAREN E. RUSHING, Clerk
of the Circuit Court and Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Board of County
Commissioners of Sarasota County,
Florida

By: _____
DEPUTY CLERK