

Status Update – Construction of Sand Bag Revetment Wall

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The meeting with representatives from the Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Commission, the Village and the BHI Conservancy was held as scheduled on Monday. (The other two environmental agencies were not able to attend but have been updated by the Corps and the Village.) The main concern expressed by US Fish and Wildlife Commission was the potential threat to harm sea turtles, an endangered species, while using heavy equipment to move sand from one part of the beach to another to back fill behind a section of the sand bag revetment wall. As a solution, the Village offered to remove this sand relocation effort to expedite the issuance of the permit to allow the construction of the sand bag wall to begin.

As of today, the permit has not been issued by the Corps. The contractor stood ready to work this weekend had we received approval. We remain optimistic that the environmental agencies and the Corps will agree with the proposal presented by the Village and the BHI Conservancy and issue the permit next week. A possible start date for the construction remains unpredictable.