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STONE HARBOR COMPLETES DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN AND PLANS TO COMMENCE DREDGING FALL 2015

Stone Harbor is taking the necessary steps to perform maintenance dredging of the Stone Harbor Lagoons now and in the future to serve the boating community, residents and those utilizing the waterways. The undertaking will incorporate approximately 185,000 cubic yard of dredging within the 9 lagoons that abut the Intracoastal Waterway. The project is currently underway applying for permits with the Department of Environmental Protection. The dredging is planned to commence Fall 2015 with an estimated duration of 2-3 years due to environmental restrictions and volume of dredged materials.

Stone Harbor has retained marine and coastal engineering firm, Ocean and Coastal Consultants (OCC) for dredging and dredged material management engineering services. Together the team has been working with key stakeholders to identify the needs of the community including proposing a preliminary ranking for lagoon dredging based on volume, number of users affected, navigational risks and levels of contamination, if applicable.

In this process the team has completed a Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP), which serves as a guide to manage navigability of the waterways for Stone Harbor. The DMMP was critical in applying for streamlining the regulatory and engineering process prior to beginning dredging.

The DMMP identified Stone Harbor's dredging demand, alternative dredged material placement options, and an implementation plan to conduct maintenance dredging of the Stone Harbor Lagoons. The DMMP provides an implementation plan to address the current dredging needs and to also monitor the waterways and pursue alternative placement options for future needs. Stone Harbor plans to monitor the waterways with annual hydrographic surveys that will allow the Borough to track water depths and better plan for future dredging events.

The project is being coordinated through OCC's Gibbsboro, NJ office and the Borough of Stone Harbor. Questions and comments can be directed to Jill Gougher, Borough Administrator of Stone Harbor.

About Ocean and Coastal Consultants:

Ocean and Coastal Consultants (OCC) is a leading provider of waterfront engineering services across the United States and Canada. OCC has been providing dredging solutions to public clients since 1983 and as part of the COWI North America group offers a wide range of marine engineering services. Effective January 1, 2015, OCC will merge with sister company Ben C. Gerwick to form COWI Marine North America providing excellence in waterfront engineering solutions across the United States.