

# BAL HARBOUR


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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 170-2019

To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 

Date: November 15, 2019.

Subject: **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Public Scoping Meetings for the Proposed Dredging and Beach Placement in the Vicinity of Bal Harbour**

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to provide you with information regarding the upcoming Public Scoping Meetings for the Proposed Dredging and Beach Placement In the vicinity of Bal Harbour, Florida on **Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the** Northeast Dade Aventura Library, 2930 NE 199th St Aventura, FL 33180 1(305) 931-5512.

- 1st Public Scoping Meeting  
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
- 2nd Public Scoping Meeting  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

As you are aware, the Village is scheduled to receive approximately two hundred forty thousand (240,000), cubic yards of sand along Bal Harbour Beach in the summer of 2020 to replace beach sand lost to annual down drift and recent hurricane storm events. The following information was obtained from the Miami Herald Public Notice, published on November 12, 2019.

In preparation for this work, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District (Corps) will hold public scoping meetings pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), regarding the potential sand sources that could be utilized to provide sand for the proposed re-nourishment of the Bal Harbour Beach segment of the Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project (BEC-HPP) for Dade County, Florida. Potential sand sources include dredging from Baker's Haulover Inlet (BHI) flood and ebb shoals, dredging from the Intracoastal Waterway (IWW) BHI channel, plus sand truck hauled from upland mines.

The Corps will give a brief presentation at 12:15 pm and at 6:15 pm during the scoping meetings. There will be open discussion with project team members following the presentations. Poster boards summarizing the purpose and need for the project, project locations where tire dredging will occur, the location of the beach placement area and other relevant points of the proposed action will be openly displayed. Fact sheets and comment cards will be available for public and stakeholders to provide their input for the record.

The Corps will accept written comments regarding the proposed project at the meetings and through December 21, 019 via email to [Kristen.L.Donofrio@usace.mil](mailto:Kristen.L.Donofrio@usace.mil) or by mail to 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207. For media inquiries, please contact the Jacksonville District's corporate Communications Office, Ms. Erica Skolte at (561) 340-1527. For further information, please visit the Corps website: [www.saj.usace.army.mil](http://www.saj.usace.army.mil)

If you have, any questions please feel free to contact myself or John Oldenburg directly.

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