

BREAKING NEWS: Beach replenishment begins today in Harvey Cedars

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After more than a month of delays caused by permit delays and stormy weather, dump trucks loaded with sand rolled onto Long Beach Island on Tuesday to begin a long-awaited and much-needed \$500,000 beach replenishment project.

Contractors employed by Environmental Engineering and Construction of Maryland began building a firm pathway for the massive dump truck that will move sand in Harvey Cedars from Hudson Avenue to the project area about 200 yards to the south.

The area of beach scheduled for replenishment is a 900-foot stretch between jetties located at Cumberland and Salem Avenues.

Sam Davison, project manager, said 16,000 tons of sand will be carried from the Sahara Sand Pit on the Stafford-Eagleswood township borders.

Four trucks will deliver four loads, 25 tons of sand each, every hour. The trucks will run Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Davison estimated it would take 16 or 17 days to move all the sand.

Harvey Cedars beaches were badly eroded during two recent storms, which wiped out chunks of protective dunes, putting multimillion dollar homes in danger.

Once completed, project engineers said the beaches will be 50 feet wide from the dunes to the waterline. The beach will be eight feet above sea level at its highest point.

Engineers took a sample of each truck load of sand to make certain it had the same color and texture as the existing sand on the beaches of Harvey Cedars.

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