



CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, JOHN'S PASS SAND ISSUES – DREDGING REQUEST

The City of Madeira Beach has been requesting State of Florida assistance to continue to enhance our economic vitality and tourism-related activities specifically in and around the John's Pass Boardwalk and Village dining and entertainment district:

1. **DREDGING OF JOHN'S PASS** – remove sand constantly accumulating and clogging the north side of the John's Pass inlet and the northern shoal and utilize the removed sand for beach renourishment along other Pinellas beaches.

The unwanted addition of a significant amount of sand at the inlet has led to localized flooding damaging infrastructure, threatening public safety, and costing the City of Madeira Beach valuable tourism dollars. Additionally, the same amount of water traveling through a narrower inlet has increased the threats from the increased power of the currents posing significant public risks to recreational swimmers and commercial boaters.

Over the years, other nearby beach communities have received millions in county, state, and federal funds for beach renourishment/restoration and maintenance, while Madeira Beach has not. The City of Madeira Beach respectfully requests equal funding opportunities and distribution to allow for the much-needed dredging.



Images of Sand accumulation along northern edge of the John's Pass inlet.

Thank you very much for your attention and assistance. Please contact me with any questions.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin I. Gomez".

Robin I. Gomez, Madeira Beach City Manager