



South Carolina Beach Advocates
12th Annual Meeting: Partnerships to Advance Coastal Resilience

<https://scbeaches.org/2026-annual-meeting>

Monday, January 26 at 1:00 pm - Wednesday, January 28 at 12:00 pm

[The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa](#)

Two Grasslawn Ave, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

AGENDA

Monday, January 26, 2026

9:30 SC Beach Advocates Board of Directors meeting

10:00 Registration opens

Opening Plenary Session

Session Chair: Phillip Pounds, Chair, SC Beach Advocates, and Mayor, City of Isle of Palms

1:00 **Welcome to Hilton Head**
Mayor Alan Perry, Town of Hilton Head Island

Keynote Address
Governor Henry McMaster

South Carolina Coastal Tourism and Beach Nourishment
Duane Parrish, Director, S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism

South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR) Update
Ben Duncan, Chief Resilience Officer and Agency Head, and Alex Butler, Resilience Planning Director, SCOR

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Charleston District Coastal Update
Lt. Col. Todd Mainwaring, Commander & District Engineer, USACE Charleston District

2:00 **BREAK: REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS**
Sponsored by the **City of Isle of Palms**

Attendance qualifies for 10 hours of CECs from the SC Planning Education Advisory Committee (SCPEAC)
and the SC Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors
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Monday, January 26, 2026 (cont.)

2026 State Beach Management Updates

Session Chair: Crawford Moore, Vice Chair, S.C. Beach Advocates; Mayor, Edisto Beach

- 2:20 **S.C. State Beaches & Coastal Management Update**
Christopher Stout, Chief, Bureau of Coastal Management

2026 Legislative Session Update & Outlook for South Carolina Beaches

Moderator: Phillip Pounds, Chair, SC Beach Advocates; Mayor, City of Isle of Palms
Senator Tom Davis, District 46

Senator George E. “Chip” Campsen, III, District 43

Senator Stephen L. Goldfinch, District 34

Representative Lee Hewitt, District 108

Representative Spencer Wetmore, District 115

Representative Joe Bustos, District 112

Representative Mark Smith, District 99

Representative Bill Herbkersman, District 118

- 3:30 **COFFEE BREAK**
Sponsored by **Manson Construction**

- 3:50 **Most Pressing Beach Management Challenges for South Carolina Communities**

Moderator: Nicole Elko, Administrator, S.C. Beach Advocates

Panelists: S.C. Beach Advocates Board of Directors

Marc Orlando, Town Manager, Town of Hilton Head

J. Baldwin, Mayor, City of North Myrtle Beach

Bradley D. Belt, Mayor, Town of Kiawah Island

TBD or Janet Curry, Director of Public Works, City of Myrtle Beach

Douglas Kerr, City Administrator, City of Isle of Palms

Aaron Pope, Administrator, City of Folly Beach

Crawford Moore, Mayor, Town of Edisto Beach

Brian Henry, Mayor, Town of Pawleys Island

Joe Henderson, Administrator, Town of Sullivan’s Island

Bruce Kleinman, Mayor, Town of Seabrook Island

Blanche Brown, General Manager, DeBordieu Colony Comm. Assn.

- 5:30 pm **WELCOME RECEPTION**
Sponsored by **Marinex Construction**
Location: Westin

First Drink’s on Us, Sponsored by **TBD**



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8:00 am **BREAKFAST**
Sponsored by ATM, a Geosyntec company

8:20 am

Coastal Resilience Panel

Moderator: Brian Henry, Director, SC Beach Advocates and Mayor, Town of Pawleys Island

Building Coastal Resilience in Charleston: Adaptive Infrastructure Solutions for a Changing Climate

Kaylan Koszela, Director of Resilience, City of Charleston

Chris Mack, Director of Resilience and Coastal Solutions, JMT

Sullivan's Island Sea Level Adaptation and Resilience Plan: A Blueprint for Action

Rebecca Fanning, Director of Resilience, Town of Sullivan's Island

Kim Morganello, Weston & Sampson

Pawleys Island's Plan to Improve Long-term Coastal Resiliency

Daniel Newquist, Town Administrator, Pawleys Island

Aaron Akin, Seamon Whiteside

Enhancing Coastal Resilience Through Integrated Transportation Infrastructure Planning in North Carolina

Kurt Golembesky, Senior Engineering Project Manager, NCDOT

9:20 am **COFFEE BREAK**
Sponsored by Town of Edisto Beach

9:40 am

Coastal Roadways Vulnerability Panel

Session Chair: Janet Curry, Treasurer, SC Beach Advocates, and Director of Public Works, City of Myrtle Beach

Determining Coastal Roadway Vulnerability in Beaufort County, SC

Bryan Bauer, Director of Engineering, Beaufort County

Cameron Weathers, Hydraulics Engineer, HDR

City of Isle of Palms Waterway Boulevard Flood Mitigation Project - Flood Mitigation Hidden in Plain Sight

Douglass Kerr, City Administrator, Isle of Palms

Richard Karkowski, Thomas & Hutton

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From Streets to Shores: Designing a Model for Resilient Stormwater Infrastructure on Folly Beach, SC

Jenna Stephens, Environmental Planner, City of Folly Beach
Kim Morganello and Christopher Pyman, Weston & Sampson

Edisto Beach Town-Wide Stormwater Planning Strategy

Crawford Moore, Mayor, Town of Edisto Beach
Michael Horton, Senior Engineer, Davis & Floyd

10:40 am **COFFEE BREAK**
Sponsored by the **City of Folly Beach**

11:00 am
Evolution of Beach Preservation
Session Chair: Angela Christian, Director, SC Beach Advocates and Administrator, Georgetown County

Local Government Emergency Operations Dashboard

Jessica Boynton, Coastal Services Division Director, SCDES, Bureau of Coastal Management

Beach Management Strategies with Shifting Baselines

Patrick Barrineau, Vice President, Coastal Science & Engineering
Steven Traynum, President, Coastal Science & Engineering

A 40 Year History of Beach Preservation on Hilton Head Island

Jeff Netzinger, Town of Hilton Head
Christopher Creed, Senior Coastal Engineer, Foth | Olsen

12:00 pm **ANNUAL LUNCHEON**
Sponsored by **TBD**

South Carolina Beach Advocates Membership Meeting
2026 Board of Directors Election

FIELD TRIP
Hilton Head's Ongoing Beach Renourishment Project
Sponsored by **Foth | Olsen**

1:30 pm Depart resort for field trip

5:00 pm **SUNSET RECEPTION**
Poseidon, 38 Shelter Cove Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Sponsored by **Town of Hilton Head Island**



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Community Monitoring Panel

Session Chair: Pat O'Neil, Director, SC Beach Advocates, Mayor, Sullivan's Island

From Data to Decisions: How SECOORA Supports Coastal Communities and Economies

Debra Hernandez, Executive Director, SECOORA

Coastal Flood Mitigation through Real-Time Monitoring in Palmetto Hall

Jeff Netzinger, Engineering & Projects Director, Town of Hilton Head

James Riddle, Program Director, Woolpert

Coastal Monitoring and Management with Unmanned Aerial Systems

Eric Kencel, GIS Specialist, AECOM

Strategic Seabed Mapping: Leveraging Advanced Bathymetric and Backscatter Analysis to Secure Sand Resources for Coastal Resilience

Gabriela De Oliveira, Hydrographic Production Manager, McKim & Creed

9:20 am

COFFEE BREAK

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9:40 am

Nature-Based Solutions & Cultural Preservation Panel

Session Chair: Alan Perry, Director, SC Beach Advocates, and Mayor, Town of Hilton Head

Rosemont Flood Plan: Community Strength and Climate Adaptation

Kaylan Koszela, Director of Resilience, City of Charleston

Kasey Henneman, Black & Veatch

Parks With Purpose

Scott Harris, Senior Project Manager, Town of Hilton Head Island

Brian Witmer, Witmer Jones Keefer, Inc.

Designing for Shoreline Resilience at U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island

Benjamin Carswell, University of Georgia Institute for Resilient Infrastructure Systems

Heidi Verran, Coastal Engineer, ATM, a Geosyntec Company

Hazard Mitigation in the Marsh – A Complex System...of Problems!

Erin Benford, Coastal Scientist at AECOM

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Closing Session

Session Chair: Blanche Brown, Ex-Officio Director, SC Beach Advocates, and Consultant, DeBordieu Colony Community Association

The S.C. Grant Consortium – Research Supporting Beach Communities

Landon Knapp, Assistant Director for Research and Partnerships, S.C. Sea Grant Consortium

Between Land and Sea: Legal Frontiers for Beachfront Management

Amy Armstrong, Executive Director and General Counsel, SC Environmental Law Project

Mary Shahid, Environmental Attorney, Maynardnexus

Emily Cedzo, Principal Consultant

Closing Remarks

12:00

Adjourn