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REGIONAL PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE *by Pam Castens - Senior Project Manager*

The SACS team has been working double-time as summer transitioned into fall to execute the final suite of 63 Focus Area Action Strategy (FAAS) workshops across the study area. These workshops are generating terrific strategies to reduce risk not only in focus areas, but for potential applications within high risk areas in each state and territory. District teams are honing in on the final draft FAAS documents, due in by mid-December. Interest in the study remains HIGH with over 200 participants on our quarterly webinar in October - and a series of technical products in the works are becoming available to our stakeholders and partners, beginning with the Sand Availability and Needs Determination report. Preparations are underway for a workshop engaging our military customers and stakeholders, scheduled for December. We value the contributions of all who have helped make this a truly collaborative effort!

OUTREACH *by Lisa Clark - Outreach Lead*

The SACS team has been very busy over the summer with a series of workshops and the momentum hasn't let up yet! The wrap-up sessions are scheduled through December. KUDOS to all! If you are interested in receiving more information on these workshops or a copy of our newsletter, please send an email to SACS@usace.army.mil!



A walk down memory lane - Pictured left to right: Lisa Clark, Gabe Todaro, Ashleigh Fountain, Idris Dobbs, Kelly Legault and Matt Schrader during the field workshops last September.



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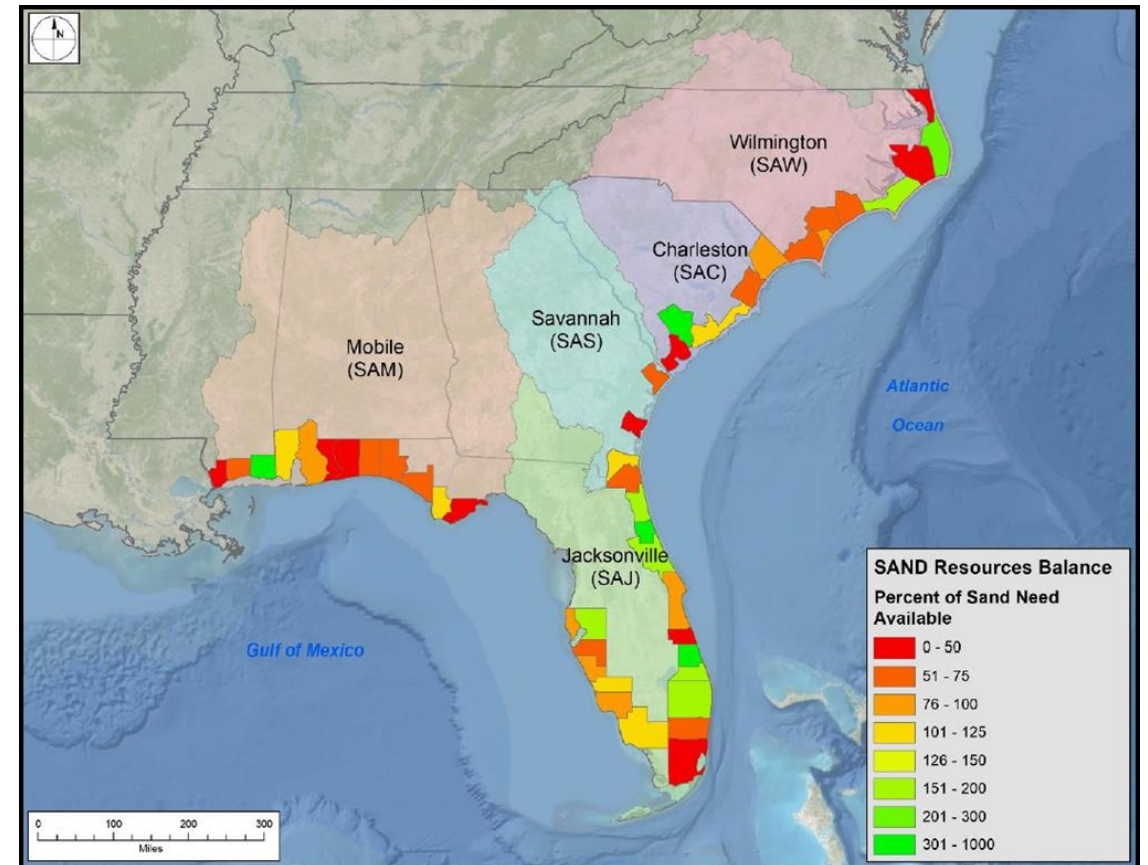
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SAND UPDATE *by Clay McCoy, PhD*

The Sand Availability and Needs Determination (SAND) study, the 50-year regional sand assessment, and the Dredged Material Management Area (DMMA) Offloading and Sediment Exchange Study were both completed in September and the final reports are available on the SACS website. Each study includes a comprehensive geodatabases that will be publicly available at the SACS website in the coming weeks. Both studies provide critical information and long-term solutions that support the objectives of the South Atlantic Coastal Study.





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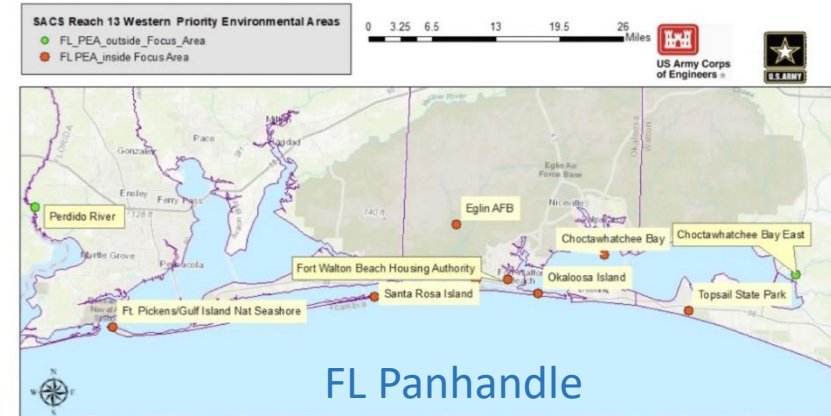
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CULTURAL UPDATE by Kristina May

An environmental webinar was conducted on September 30th for federal and state resource agencies, tribal governments, non-governmental organizations, and academia. 87 stakeholders participated in the webinar. The environmental team presented the priority environmental areas in each state and territory, and explained the criteria used to identify the priority environmental areas. The team has identified 153 priority areas using the SACS environmental resources risk inundation web map and other regional and local data and resources. Justin Bashaw presented the priority environmental areas in North Carolina, Bethney Ward presented South Carolina, Steve Fox presented Georgia, Paul DeMarco and Darren Pecora presented peninsular Florida, Kat McConnell presented panhandle Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, and Kristina May presented Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Valuable feedback was received from stakeholders and will be considered in the environmental team's ongoing identification of the priority areas.

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Savannah District (SAS)

Savannah District - April Patterson

The Savannah District team continues to develop focus area action strategies based on feedback during the two webinars with stakeholders, risk areas, appropriate measures, and screening level cost estimates. The Savannah District will reconvene (Webinar #3) on 2 November with stakeholders from the Chatham County/Savannah/Tybee Island Focus Area and the Glynn Co./Brunswick/St. Simons/Jekyll to review and refine draft strategies for inclusion in the Draft SACS Report, Georgia Appendix and FAAS Appendix this winter. The SACS is also planning a webinar with the installations across all districts to provide information related to our study risks and tools for use in installations products and if installations have information to share with the SACS team.



Farewell and thank you April for your contribution to the SACS Study and best of luck in your new position with the Jacksonville District!





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*Mobile
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Jacksonville District
Ashleigh Fountain

The SAJ Team is knee-deep in the Focus Area Analyses. We kicked-off the last round of Focus Area workshops, beginning with Northeast Florida, on 10/21. We will be holding at least one workshop a week through the week of 11/16. As we are processing information received at our Strategy Development Workshops, we may reach out with some quick questions. We really appreciate the continued interest in these efforts and are very excited to hear how these analyses are already planning to contribute to our shared visions!



Mobile District
Meredith Ladart

The Mobile District team is working through the Focus Area Action Strategies. The PDT had a follow-on meeting with Mississippi Environmental Focus Group last week. The last round of workshops will be held from November 30th -December 8th. We are looking forward to continuing to engage with our stakeholders in developing these strategies that will allow us to address coastal storm risk now and into the future.





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Charleston District

Diane Perkins

The Charleston District team is currently working with information from the August stakeholder FAAS workshops to prepare the FAAS reports. We will meet with FAAS stakeholders on Dec. 1 & 2 to gather additional input towards their completion. Additionally, environmental held a follow on workshop on September 30th to further support completion of the State Appendix and Focus Area Action Strategies.



Wilmington District

Lisa Bishop

Welcome, Lisa Bishop, Interim Project Manager, for the remainder of 2020. She and her team have been conducting follow-up coordination calls to capture current strategies and build upon those works already in progress. Follow-up meetings provided an opportunity to have more in-depth conversations and identify needs that may align with other agencies. The environmental team has identified 14 Priority Environmental Areas and over 50 Cultural Resource Priorities. Completion of the SAND product provided a 50-yr overview of sand resource needs and availability finding that Onslow, Pender, New Hanover, and Brunswick counties faced potential future deficits. The team is continuing to work with the information and available products to complete the Focus Area Action Strategies.

