



## 64th Annual Conference - Sincere Thanks

Two weeks ago, FSBPA held the 64th Annual Conference at the Opal Grand Beach Resort and in Zoom. It was our 3rd hybrid affair and quite an event. With nearly 250 attendees, more than a dozen hours of educational credits, and extremely generous sponsors and exhibitors, the conference was an overall success!



Welcome Address by Palm Beach County Mayor,  
Dave Kerner



Andy Studt leads the site visit to the South Lake Worth Inlet Sand  
Transfer Plant  
(photo by Chris Creed)

the entire PBC Environmental Resource Management team for their warm welcome and contributions to the program and field trip.

We appreciate the support and commitment from our members and guests who attended the conference during this unpredictable time of Covid-19. Truly, thank you to everyone who participated. A special note of appreciation is also in order for Palm Beach County Mayor, Dave Kerner, Delray Beach Mayor, Shelley Petrolia, and

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In addition to the remarkable attendance and sponsor support, there were several other important highlights from the conference to celebrate. FSBPA welcomed Colonel Booth for his inaugural USACE Jacksonville District Commander's Update, partnered with Resiliency Florida for the 1<sup>st</sup> Florida Resilience Conference, honored Virginia Barker with the association's highest award - the Stan Tait & Deborah Flack Award, and bestowed the title of President Emeritus on Deborah Flack. The 2021 Annual Conference was an especially memorable event.

The program was also robust with interesting and innovative speakers. Their presentations were recorded and will be available for conference attendees to download. We expect to have copies of the presentations posted on our website later this month to assist viewers where the video quality is low.

Please make plans to join us for our next professional conference, February 2 – 4, 2022. Until then, feel free to reach out to the FSBPA team with your questions or comments. We hope to see you next year.



**Colonel Booth delivering his inaugural update to attendees**



**The BMA Panel:**

**Lainie Edwards, Rob Weber, Robin Trindell, Cheryl Miller, and Mike Jenkins**



**Beautiful Delray Beach, Florida**



## 64th Annual Conference Awards Winners

The 2021 Awards Banquet was a memorable evening filled with laughter, great food, new and old acquaintances, and a charming ambience. FSBPA members and guests joined together to recognize the extraordinary work of our colleagues, Virginia Barker, Andy Studt, and Rob Weber. Earlier in the day, FSBPA surprised Mayor Gail Coniglio with the FSBPA Public Service Award for her tireless work on beach preservation in the Town of Palm Beach. Jeff Littlejohn and Herschel Vinyard nominated Gail Coniglio for her admirable work and contributions to beaches. FSBPA wishes Mayor Coniglio a happy and healthy retirement.

Enjoy the photos of the Awards Banquet in our album at the following link, <https://fsbpa-my.sharepoint.com/:f/p/teri/Er0AkGaTdpBAiyA4u5WL34oBUf3S0ZAMSMoagnXijz98aA?e=rY3fu8>



### Public Service Award

*In recognition of your distinguished career in public service and visionary contributions to the Town of Palm Beach and its beaches*

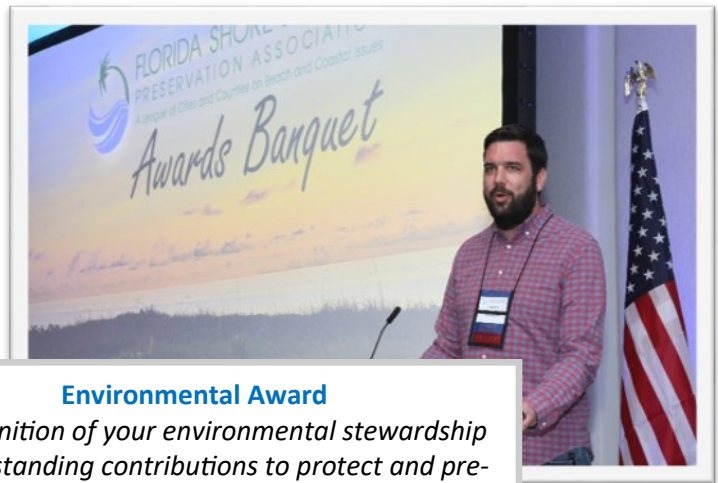
Presented to

**Gail Coniglio**

September 16, 2021

Delray Beach, Florida

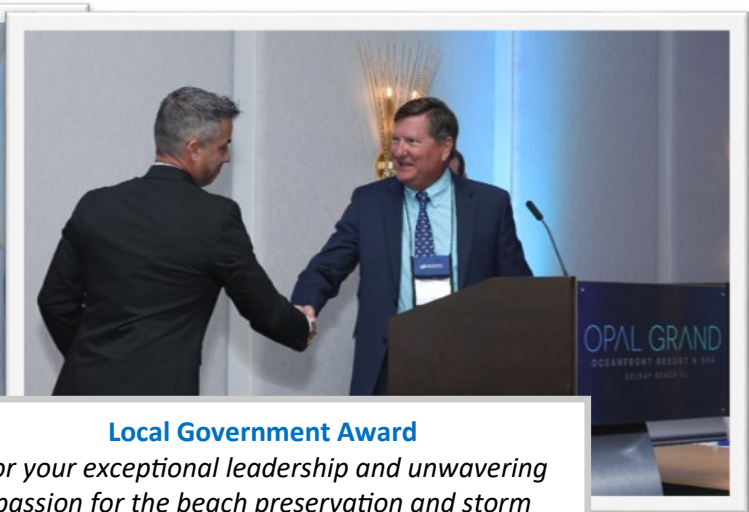
The evening's Awards ceremony began with Stacy Buck and Tara Brenner presenting Andy Studt with the Environmental Award for his for his exceptional work on regional shore protection projects throughout the County's 47-mile Atlantic coastline.



**Environmental Award**  
*In recognition of your environmental stewardship and outstanding contributions to protect and preserve Palm Beach County's beaches and coastal systems by balancing resource protection with stakeholder needs*

Presented to  
**Andy Studt**

Rob Weber was presented the Local Government Award by Tom Pierro for his significant contributions to beach preservation and enhancement and leadership on the Town's Beach Management Agreement.



**Local Government Award**  
*For your exceptional leadership and unwavering passion for the beach preservation and storm protection efforts of the Town of Palm Beach and your commitment to pilot Florida's first regional, comprehensive beach management program*

Presented to  
**Robert Weber**



Deborah Flack and Mike McGarry presented Virginia Barker with the FSBPA Stan Tait & Deborah Flack Award for her outstanding contributions in the preservation of Florida's beaches over many years. Virginia is one of Florida's fiercest advocates for beach preservation and her long career of achievements and leadership on the FSBPA Board of Directors was honored by Debbie, Mike, the Board of Directors and everyone in attendance. Virginia graciously accepted the award and gave an endearing response with a dash of humor. Her speech was touching, and her words evoked many happy memories and gratifying thoughts about why we do what we do every day. Thank you, Virginia, for your exquisite acceptance speech.



**Stan Tait & Deborah Flack Award**

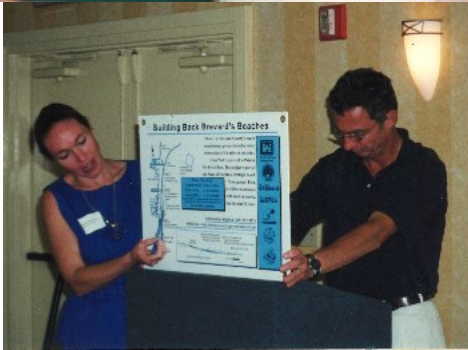
*In recognition of your unwavering support for the statewide beach program, outstanding commitment to the preservation of Brevard County's beaches, and immeasurable contribution to this association*

Presented to  
**Virginia Barker**

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Virginia, a leader in beach preservation for 20 years.



**Deborah Flack, FSBPA President Emeritus**

Before ending the evening's festivities, Don Donaldson made one final announcement. With Debbie and Virginia still on stage, he announced that the Board of Directors unanimously approved bestowing the title of FSBPA President Emeritus to Debbie Flack. This title is most fitting to honor Debbie for her 30+ years of tireless work on influencing and shaping the policies and programs that have made Florida's beach management program into the success that it is today.

Don closed by letting Debbie know that she will always be part of the FSBPA family. Thank you, Debbie.





## Thank you to our Conference Exhibitors

**Athena Technologies, Inc.**  
**AVS, A Marine Division of Amdrill, Inc.**  
**CSA Ocean Sciences Inc.**  
**Cummins Cederberg, Inc.**  
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## 2022 Tech Conference Call for Abstracts Deadline extended until October 11, 2021

We welcome abstracts on the topics listed below:

- Shore Protection Projects and Coastal Management
- Coastal Research and Environmental Science
- Coastal Resilience, sea level rise, and nuisance flooding
- Sand source availability and regional sediment management
- Regional comprehensive coastal studies
- Beach and nearshore hydrographic surveying advancements and drone technology
- Dredging technology
- Coastal hazard and infrastructure management
- Coastal management policy decisions and lessons learned
- Living shorelines, seagrass and habitat creation
- Coastal pier construction projects
- Beach operations and maintenance
- Red tide and other Harmful Algal Blooms
- Storm surge modeling



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Please submit abstracts **not to exceed two pages in length**, in PDF or Word format, [using this form](#), by the abstract deadline mentioned above. The abstract must include name, affiliation, and contact information, including email address. The National Conference on Beach Preservation Technology Planning Committee will evaluate all abstracts. Abstract submittals shall describe the content of the proposed presentation and why it may be of interest to conference attendees. Abstracts shall include discussion on objective/motivation, methods/approach, results/findings, and conclusions/lessons learned.

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## Public Comment Period

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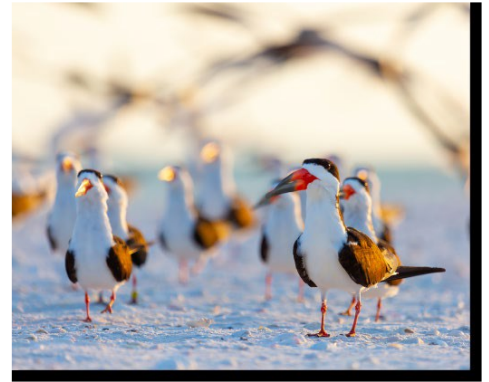


Photo by Britt Brown, FWC

### Species Guidelines Development

FWC is currently seeking public comments on draft Species Conservation Measures and Permitting guidelines for 4 species of imperiled beach-nesting birds in Florida's Imperiled Species Management Plan, including American oystercatcher, blackskimmer, snowy plover, and least tern. These guidelines outline biological background, recommended survey methodology, and voluntary conservation practices designed to improve conditions for these species. The guidelines also include options for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation, along with information on the permitting process.

### Webinars offered during the public comment period

Key information included in the Guidelines will be presented at four public webinars. The webinars also offer an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. Each webinar will offer the same information.

Participation in the webinar will require access to the internet. You may also view the public announcement of these meetings in the Florida Administrative Register.

Webinars are scheduled for the following dates:

**Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00am to 10:00am (ET)**

The webinar will be broadcast online as a Microsoft Teams Meeting OR For audio-only, dial **(850) 270-2928** Conference ID: **657554240#**

**Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 3:00pm to 4:00pm (ET)**

The webinar will be broadcast online as a Microsoft Teams Meeting OR For audio-only, dial **(850) 270-2928** Conference ID: **59137545#**

**Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm (ET)**

The webinar will be broadcast online as a Microsoft Teams Meeting OR For audio-only, dial **(850) 270-2928** Conference ID: **882838135#**

**Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm (ET)**

The webinar will be broadcast online as a Microsoft Teams Meeting OR For audio-only, dial **(850) 270-2928** Conference ID: **377263995#**

### How to comment on draft Guidelines

Draft Guidelines are available for review online at: <https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/species-guidelines>

Written comments will be accepted between **September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Please email comments (using Adobe's comment feature or in the body of an email) to [Imperiled@MyFWC.com](mailto:Imperiled@MyFWC.com). If you would like to comment but are unable to do so in the specified timeframe, or if you require an alternate format in which to comment or review the draft Guidelines, please contact [Imperiled@MyFWC.com](mailto:Imperiled@MyFWC.com).

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## FSBPA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Geosyntec Expands Coastal, Waterfront, and Water Resources Services with ATM Acquisition



Geosyntec is excited to announce that Applied Technology and Management (ATM), an engineering and consulting firm focused on coastal, waterfront, and water resources projects, has joined Geosyntec.

The acquisition provides our clients increased access to experts in the United States and Dubai to create innovative, high-value solutions for coastal and inland resiliency and adaptation. Additionally, this partnership provides ATM's clients with the expanded capabilities of Geosyntec's worldwide team of multi-disciplinary experts.

"The addition of ATM's specialized expertise in the coastal and waterfront disciplines complements Geosyntec's core capabilities," said Peter Zeeb, Ph.D., P.G., President & CEO of Geosyntec. "The combined team's capabilities offer preferred-provider solutions for resiliency and adaptation of natural and built environments in the vicinity of coastal and inland water bodies for our clients in the United States and internationally. Very importantly, ATM and Geosyntec have shared values and company cultures, and are unwavering in our commitment to practice leadership and client service."

ATM will operate as "ATM, a Geosyntec Company." ATM's team brings an expanded range of complementary capabilities to Geosyntec, and working together allows us to provide even more robust solutions to our valued clients in coastal resiliency and adaptation, waterfront development and redevelopment, and other adjacent markets such as offshore wind, offshore pipelines and conveyances, and ports and harbors.

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# Miami-Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project, Sunny Isles Segment Construction Update



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The Miami-Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project (BEC & HPP) is comprised of two segments. The Main Segment extends from Haulover Beach Park in the north to Government Cut in the south and was initially constructed starting in 1975. The second segment is the Sunny Isles Segment which was added to the project under a separate authorization and initially constructed in 1988. The Sunny Isles Segment extends from Terracina Avenue in the north to Haulover Beach Park in the south. The 2021 construction of the Sunny Isles Segment is the 3<sup>rd</sup> large-scale renourishment of the project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the first since 2017.

The ongoing construction project began on 18 May 2021 and is expected to be concluded in October 2021. The project includes the entire 2.4-mile length of the authorized Sunny Isles project area. The total expected volume of material to be placed is approximately 280,000 cy. The sand for this project was procured from the Garcia Mine in Hendry County, FL and is trucked from the mine to the project area. Beach fill placement north of the pier was completed on 6 August 2021 and work is continuing on the south part of the project.



Figure 1: Construction Project Map from 2 September 2021

The contractor on the project is Eastman Aggregate Enterprises, LLC of Lake Worth, FL, who was awarded the contract with a bid valued at approximately \$14 million on 26 January 2021. The project is 100 percent federally funded via the Flood Control and Coastal Emergency Act (Public Law 84-99) and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-123).

For updates on the ongoing construction please visit the USACE project site (<https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/SunnyIslesBeach/>)

or Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonvilleDistrict>).

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