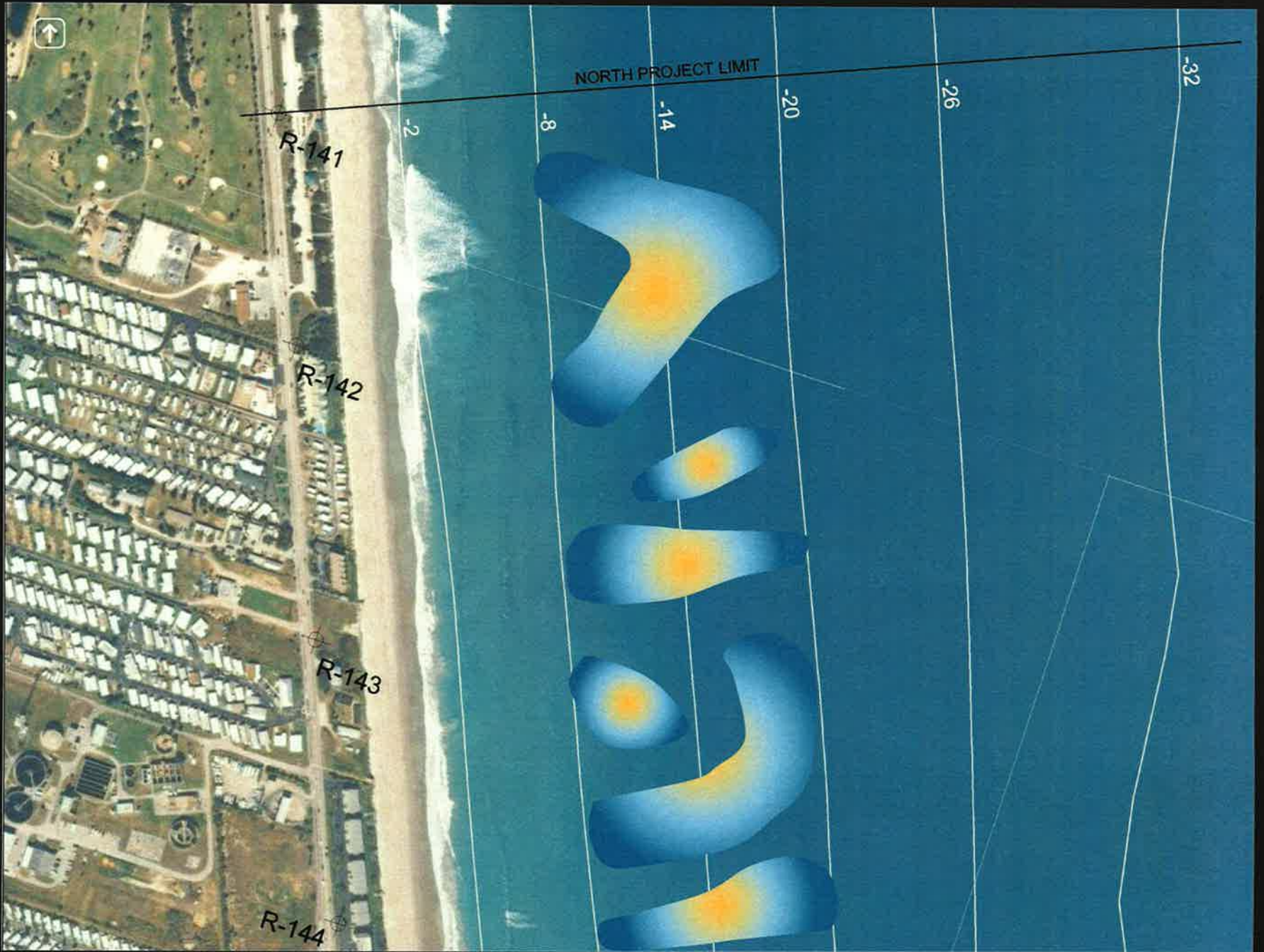


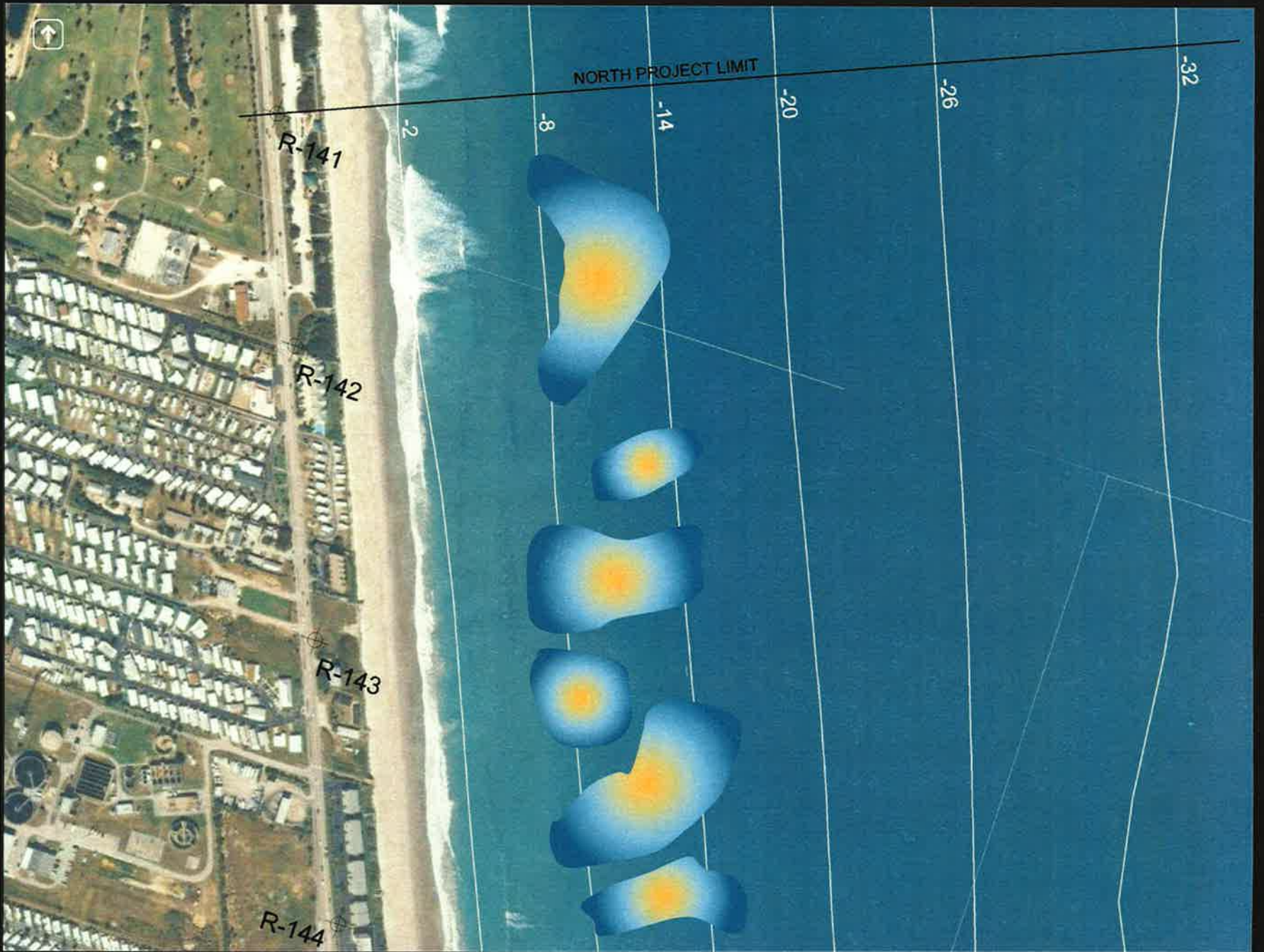


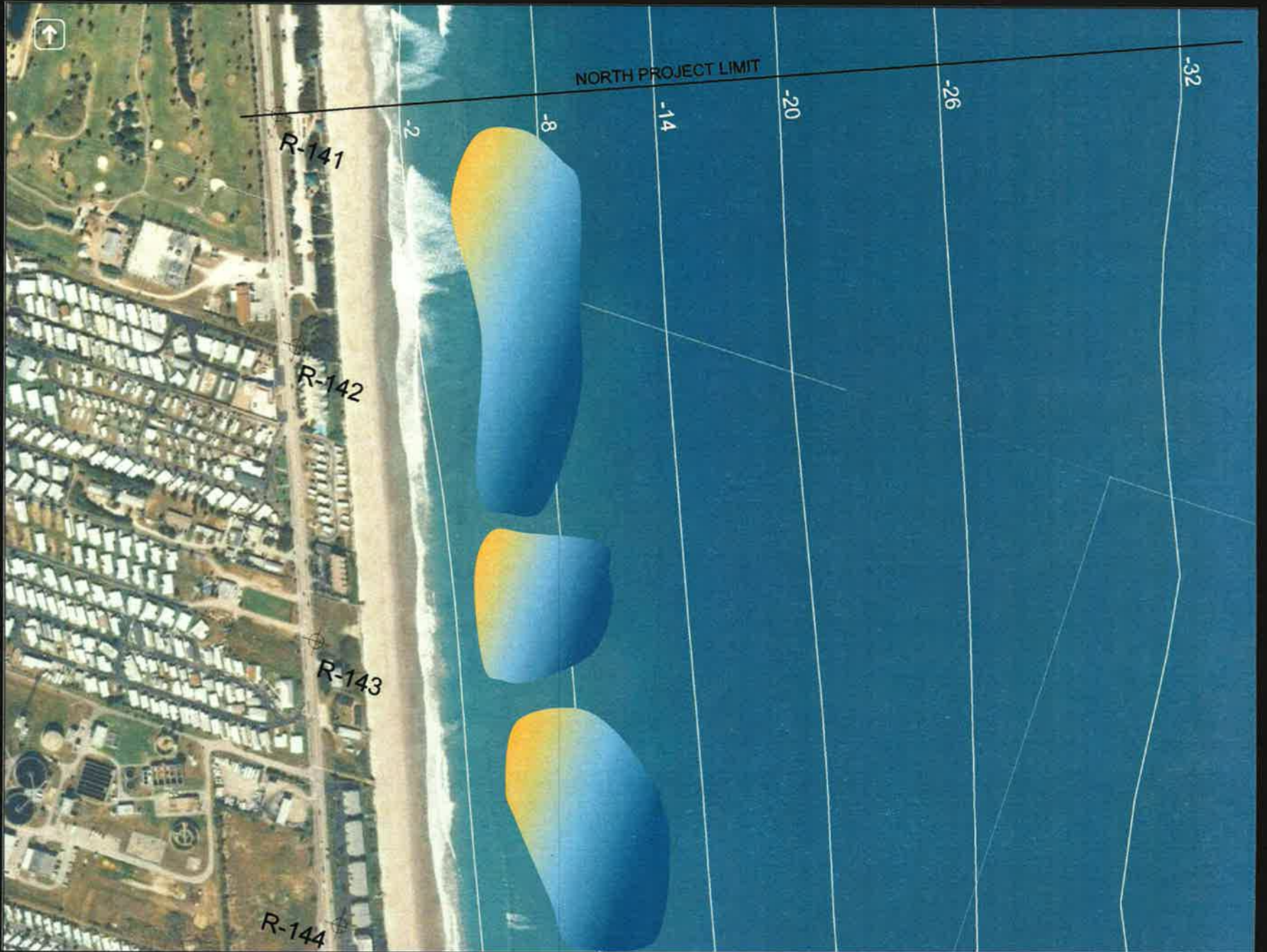
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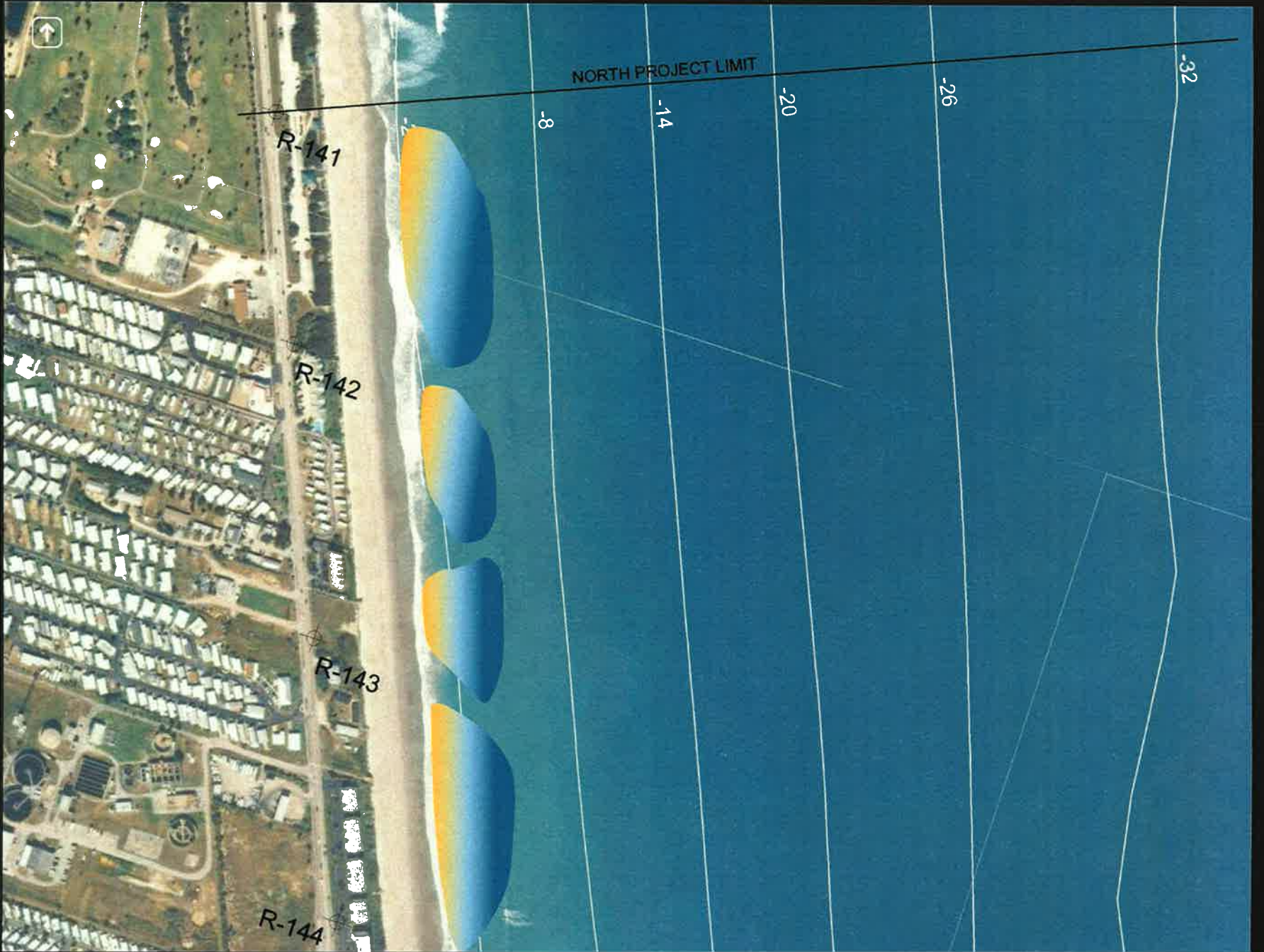


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An aerial photograph of a coastal town, likely in Brevard County, Florida. The town is densely packed with houses, many with red roofs, and is situated along a long, narrow beach. The ocean is visible to the right of the beach, with waves breaking. The sky is a clear, deep blue. The text "BREVARD COUNTY SOUTH BEACHES" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font on the right side of the image.

**BREVARD COUNTY
SOUTH BEACHES**



Brevard County South Beaches



Storm Erosion along South Beaches



Post-Storm Dune Restoration



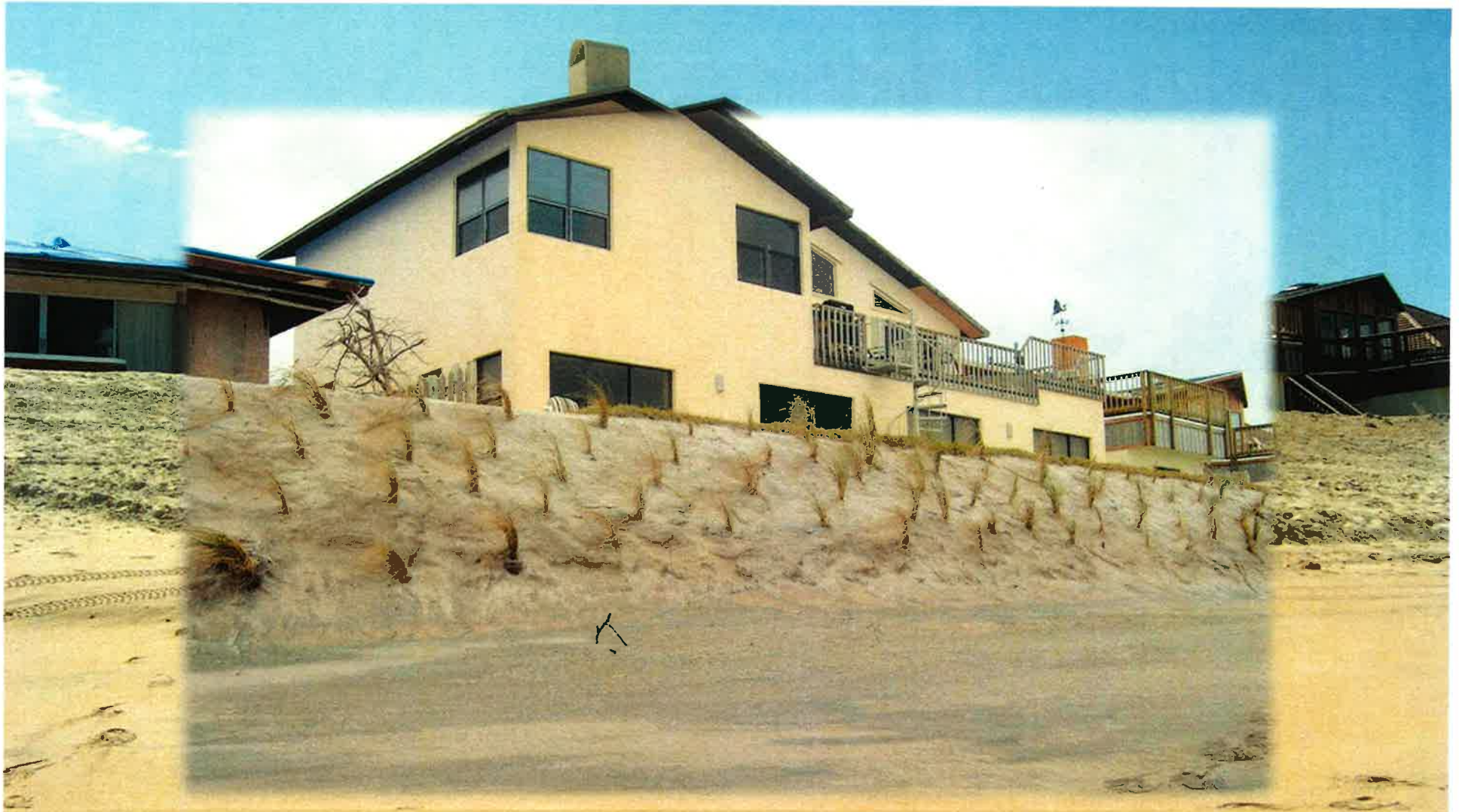
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Post-Storm Dune Restoration

South Beaches Project Area

- Mostly low-density, non-commercial development
- Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge
- Very high marine turtle nesting density (>600 nests/km)
- No nearshore hardbottom

Beach Management Options:

- No Action (leads to armoring)
- Beach Nourishment
- Dune Restoration (truck-haul)
- Strategic Acquisition (Managed Retreat)
- Submerged Bar / Beachface Renourishment

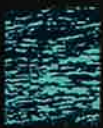


Project Objectives

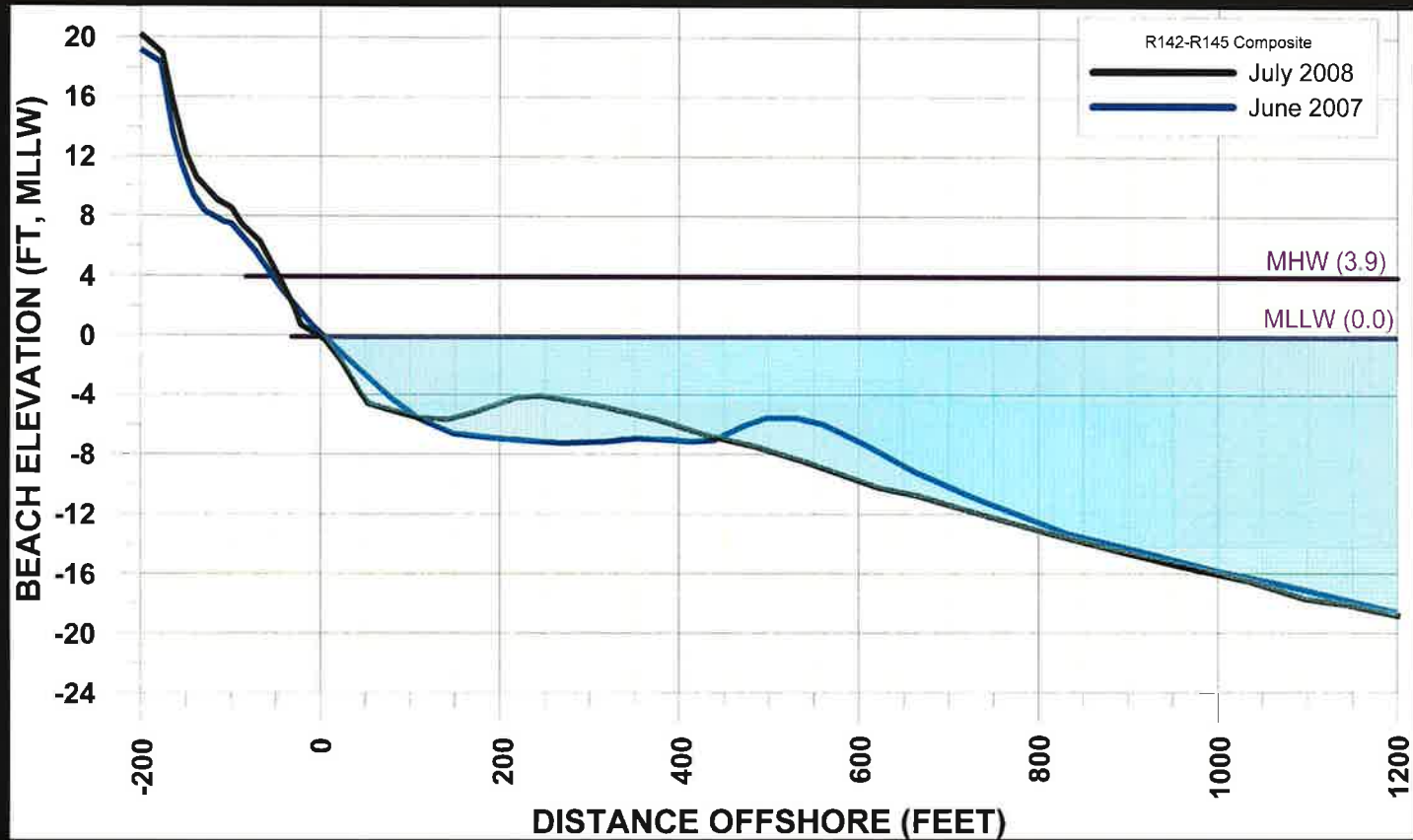
- Minimize Cost
- Minimize Impact to Nesting Beach
- High Quality Sand

Approach:

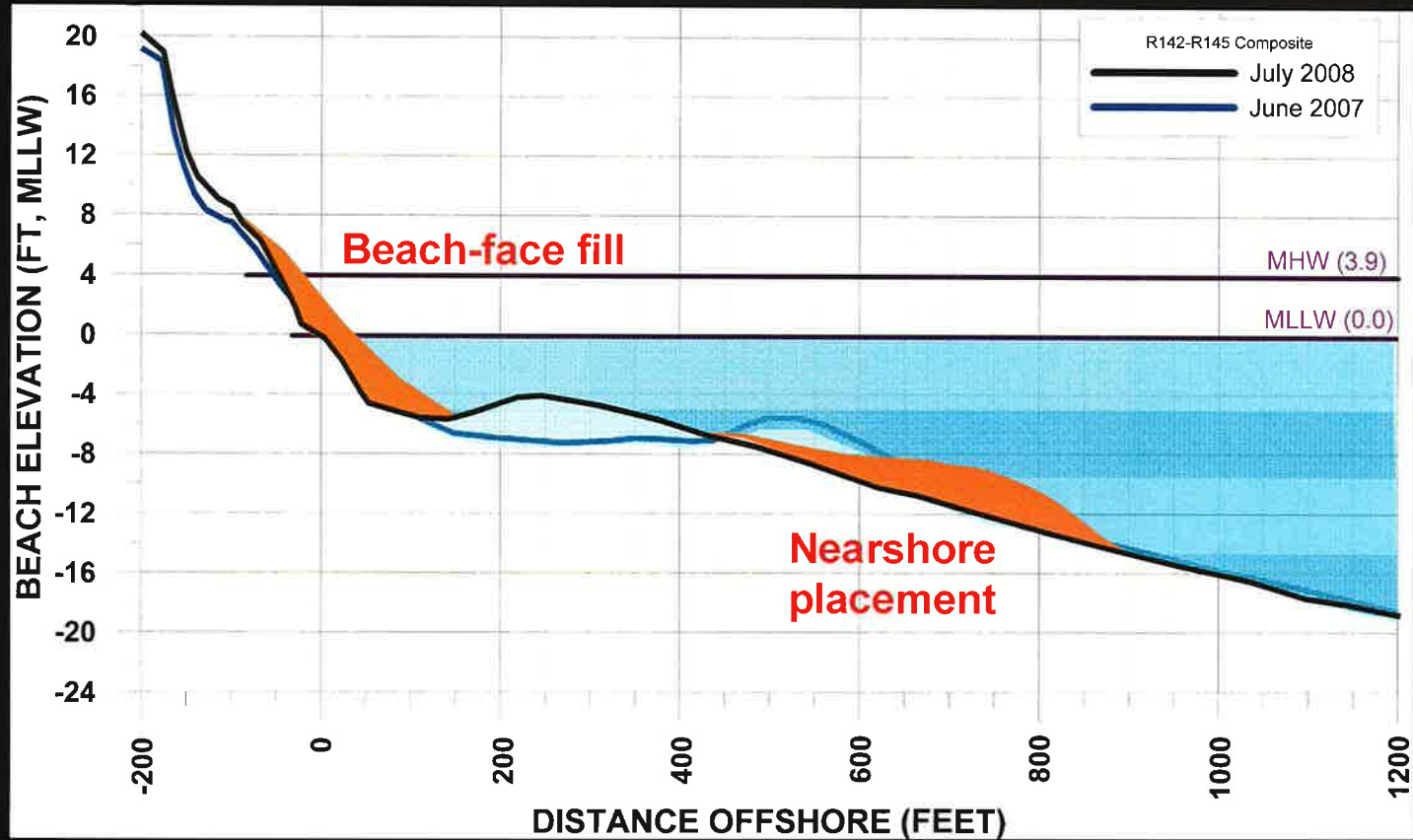
- Modest-scale sand renourishment (<20 cy/ft)
- Existing high-quality offshore sand sources
- Place sand to beach face or nearshore



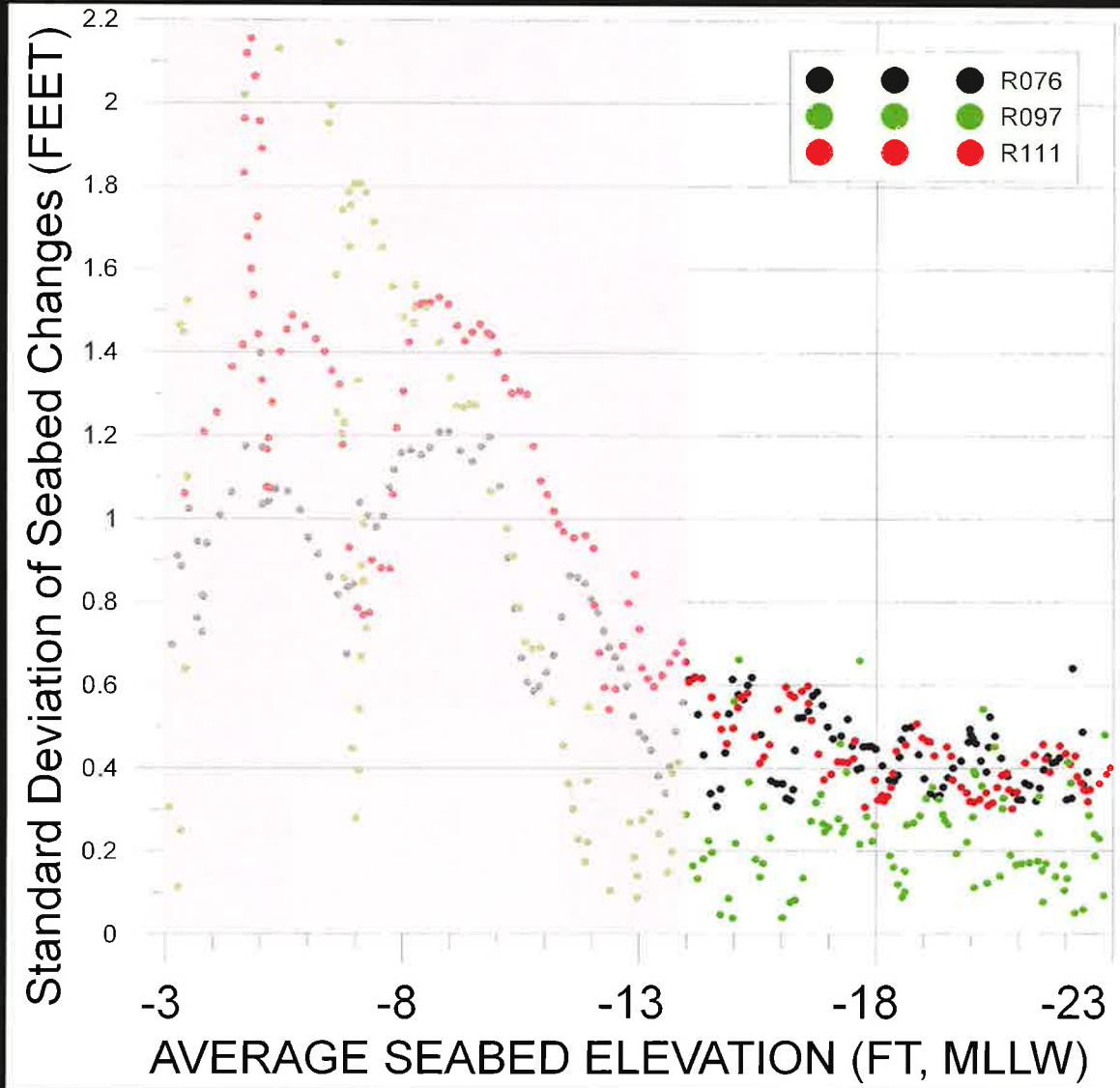
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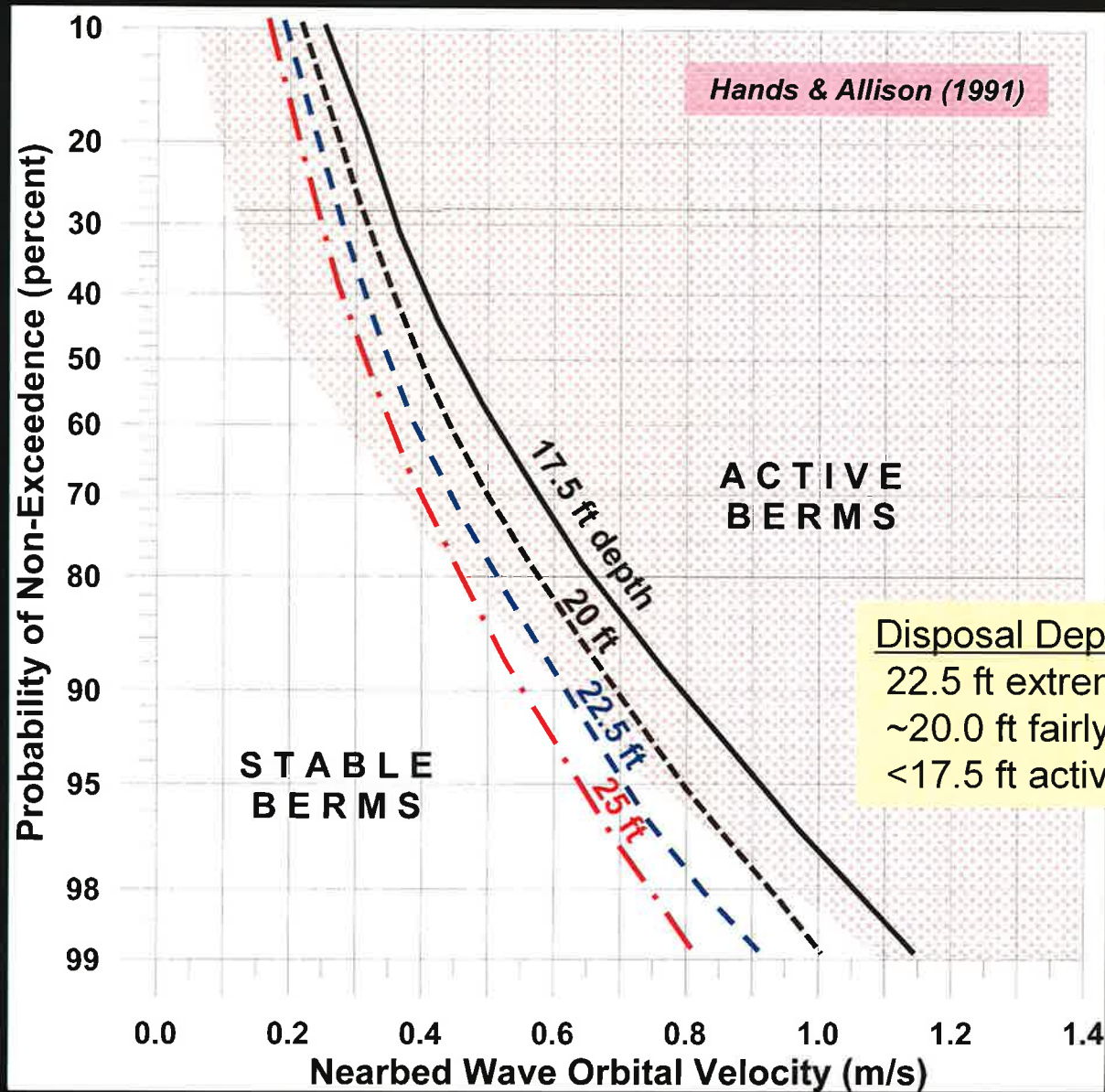
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Beach Profile Variations by Depth



Berm Stability v. Depth

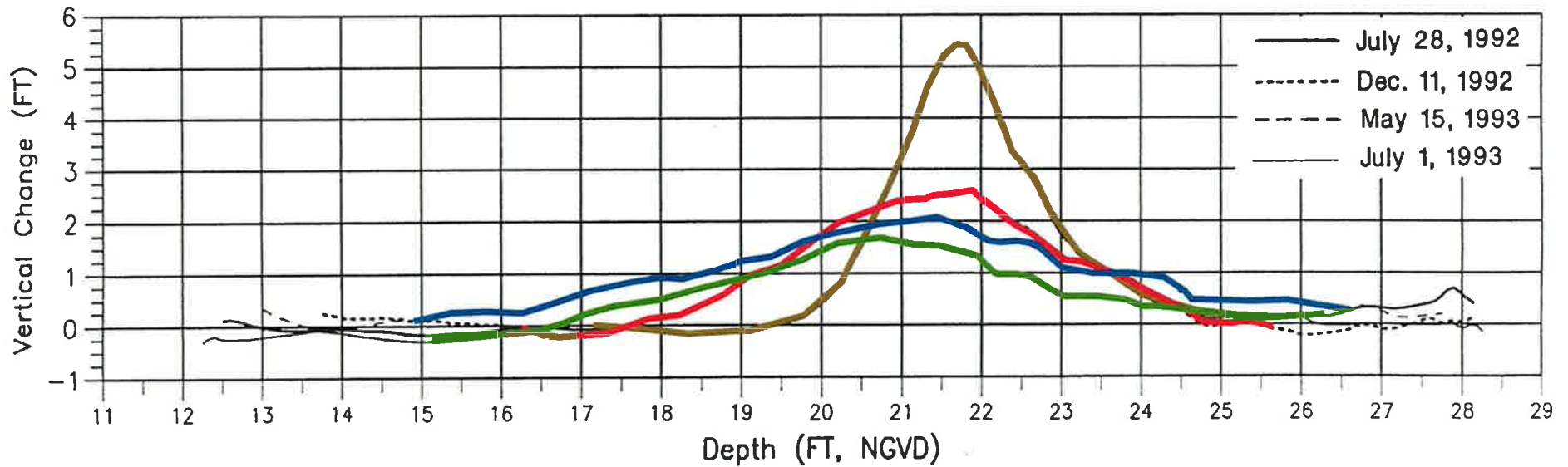


Disposal Depth Targets
22.5 ft extreme limit
~20.0 ft fairly active
<17.5 ft active

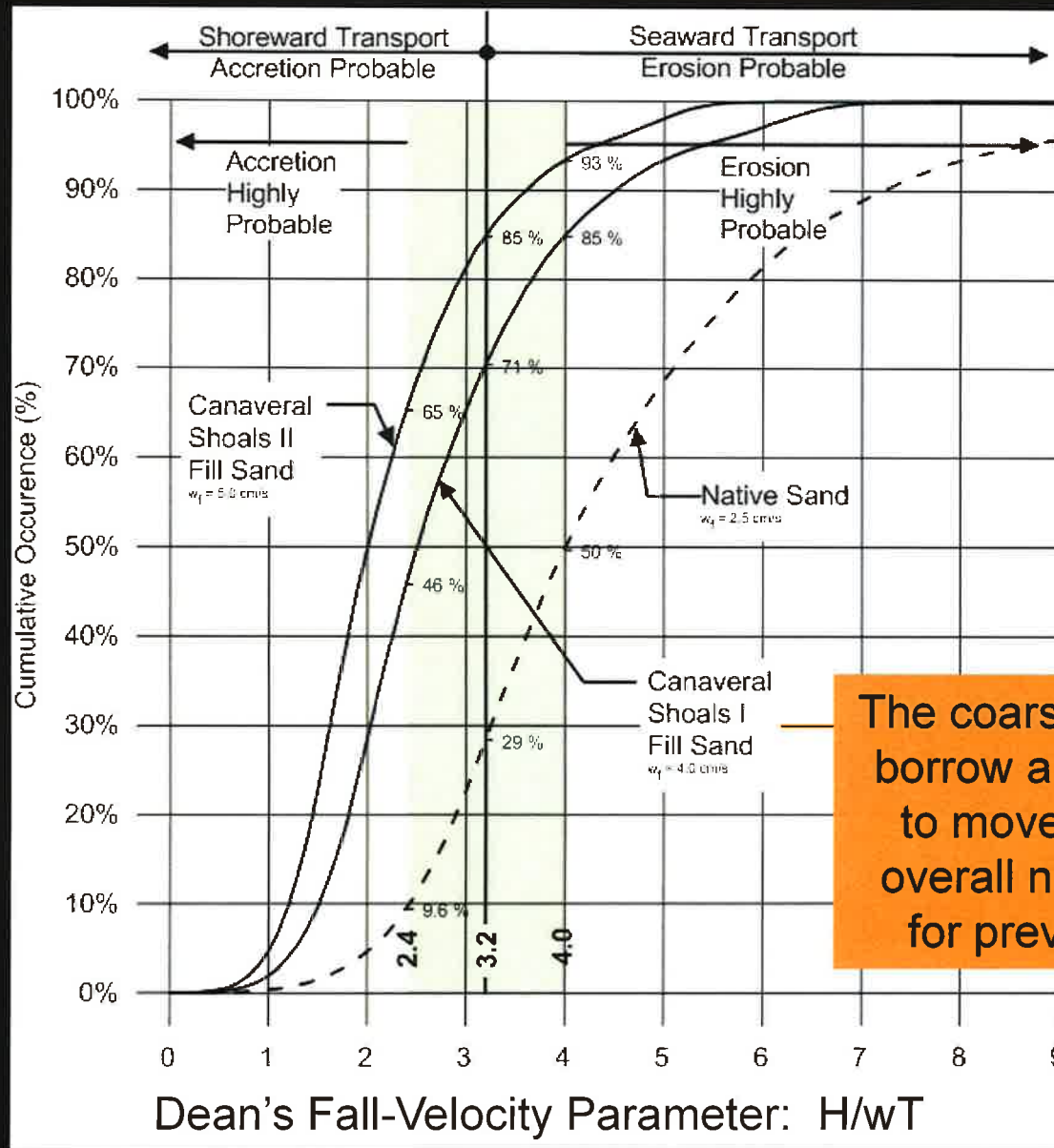


Prototype Experience

Nearshore Disposal from Canaveral Harbor Maintenance Dredging (Cocoa Beach, c. 1992-93)



Prediction of Onshore/Offshore Transport



The coarser sand from the offshore borrow area is 3 times more likely to move onshore relative to the overall native beach profile sand, for prevailing wave conditions.



Predicting Fill Placement Depths

Mathematical Model

- 19.5 Dredge Depth (loaded)
- 9.5 Dredge Depth (light)
- 4 Min. keel clearance allowed (loaded)
- 4 Min. keel clearance allowed (light)
- 180 Median rainbow distance
- 70 bottom slope
- 2.6 Depth difference at rainbow
- 20.9 Water depth at rainbow (dredge loaded)
- 10.9 Water depth at rainbow (dredge light)

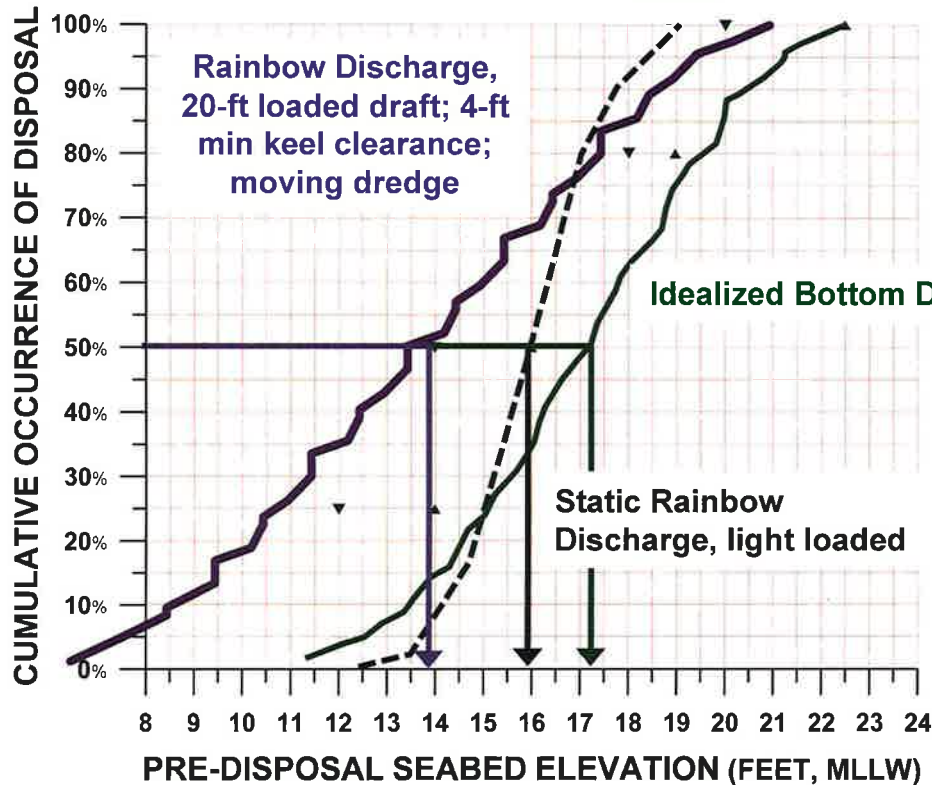
Tide levels	Range	Occurrence	
0	< 0.5'	0.15	100%
0.75	+0.5' to +1	0.12	
1.5	+1' to +2'	0.23	
2.5	+2' to +3'	0.22	
3.5	+3' to +4'	0.21	
4.5	+4' to +5'	0.07	

Example
A2

Nearshore Placement
-20 to -10 ft MLLW

Assumes rainbow discharge with dredge ideally advancing to shallow water as load lightens.

Result
Weighted Avg Disposal
Depth (MLLW)
13.9 ft



- ▼ Alt A2 requirements
- ▲ Alt A1 requirements



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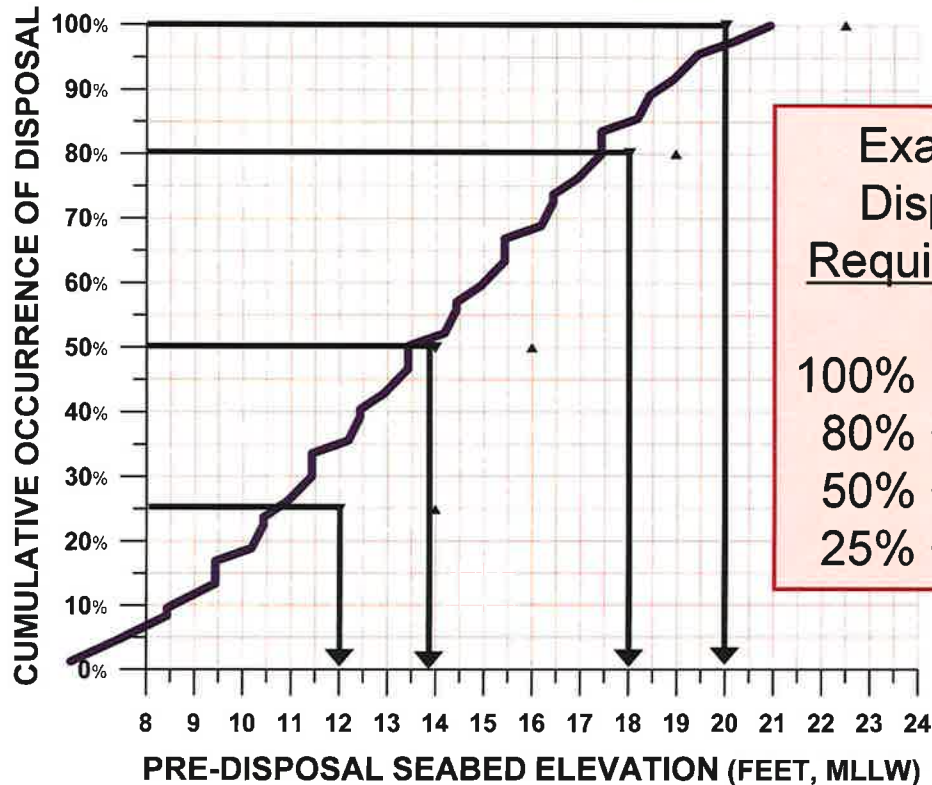
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Example Disposal Requirement:

100% < 20 ft
80% < 18 ft
50% < 14 ft
25% < 12 ft



Potential Construction Methods

Spill Barge



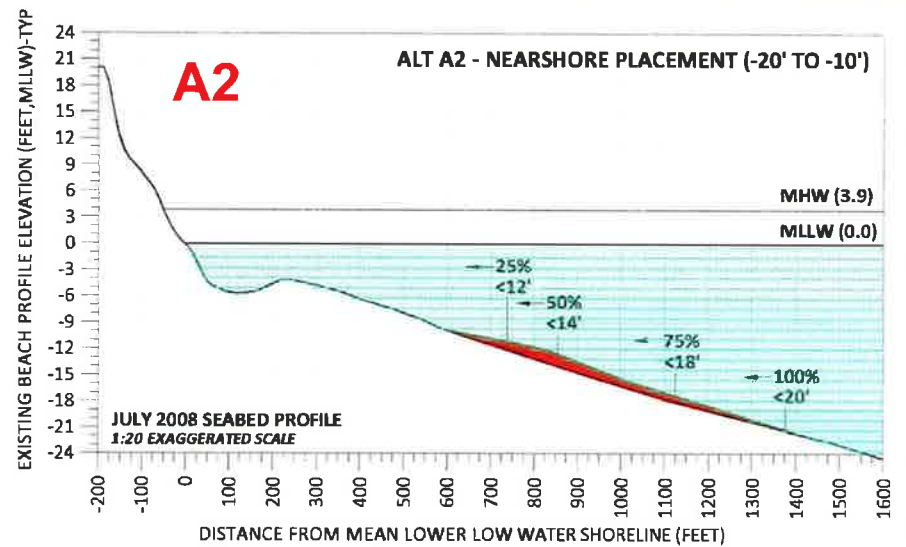
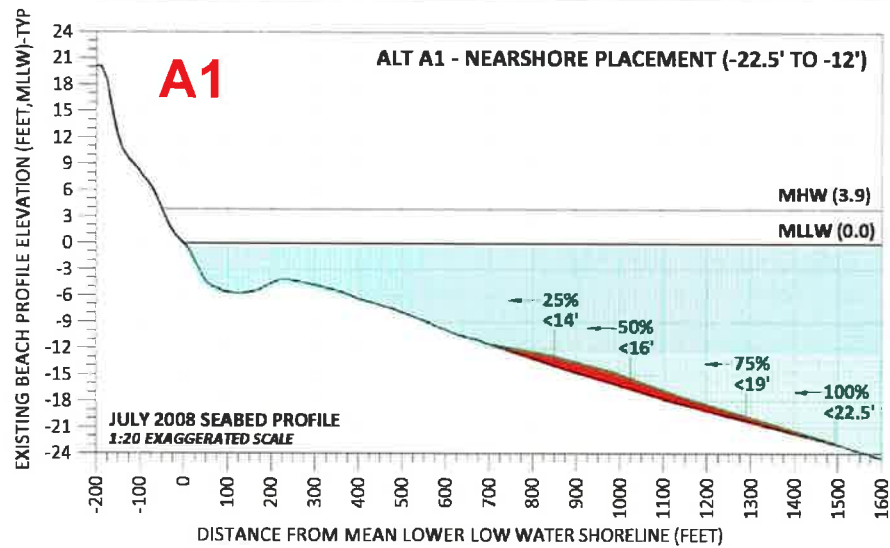
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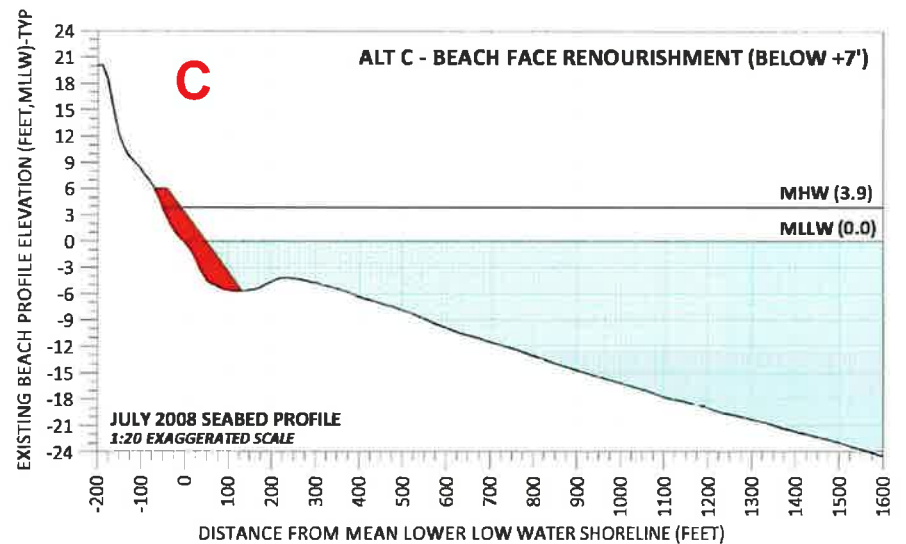
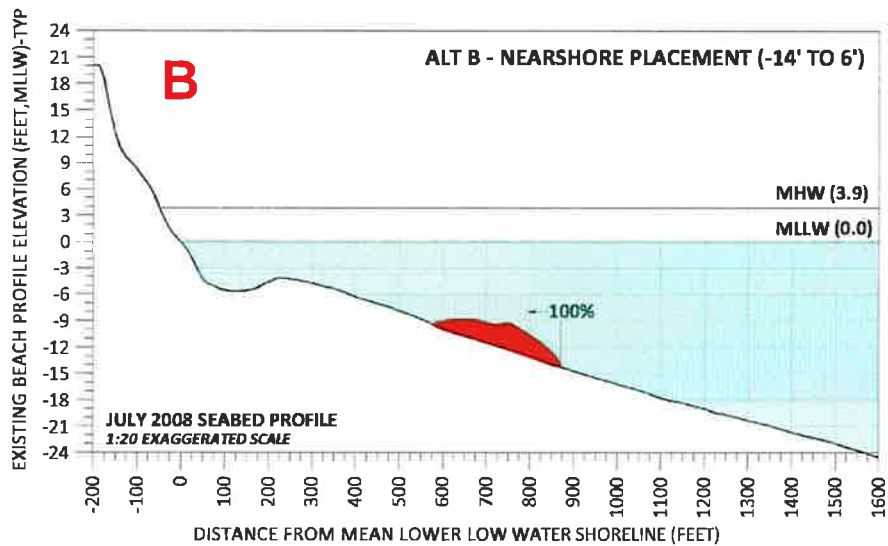


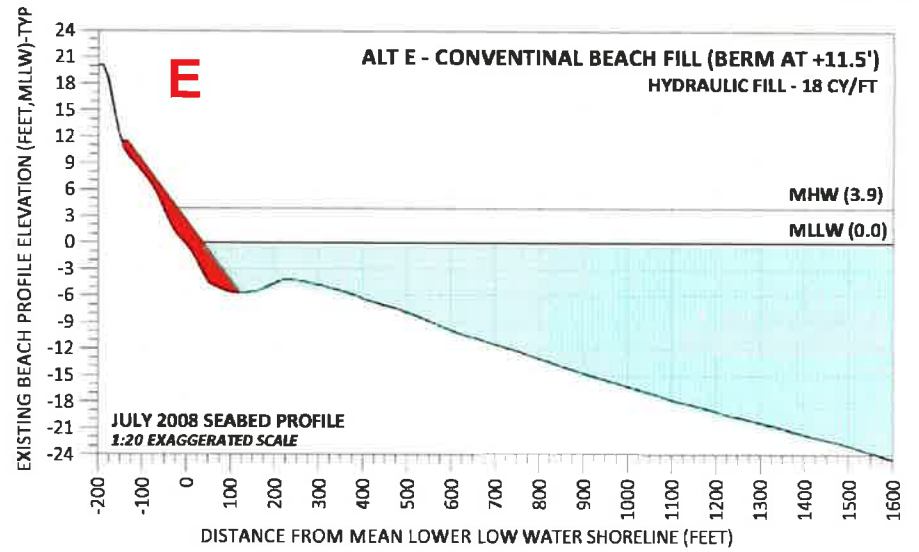
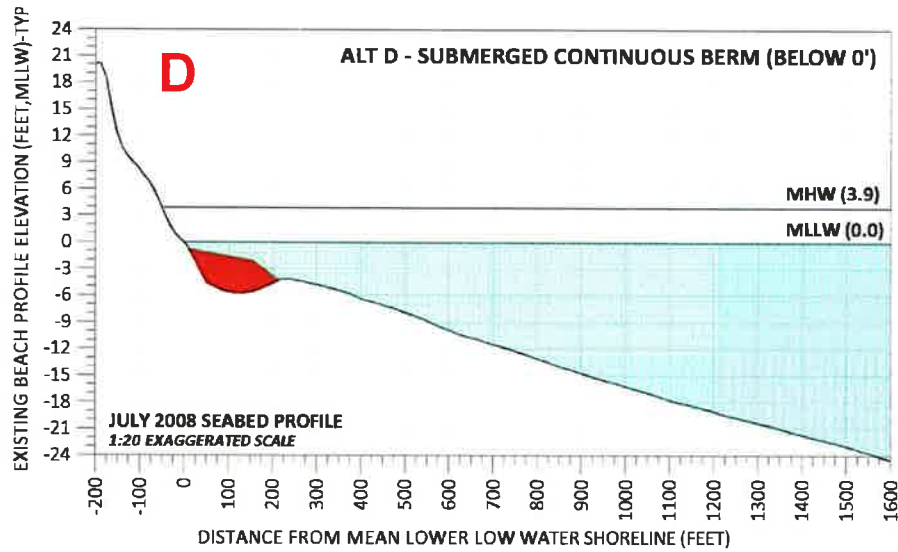
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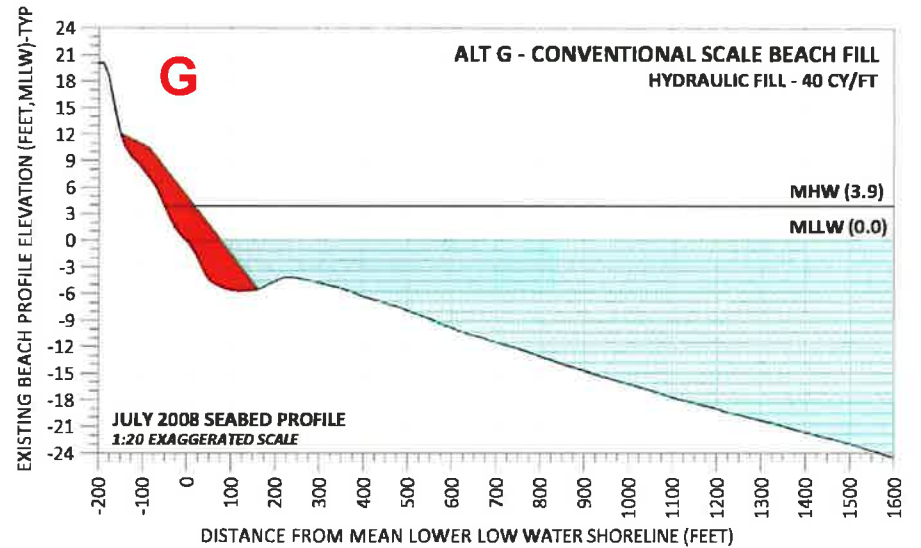
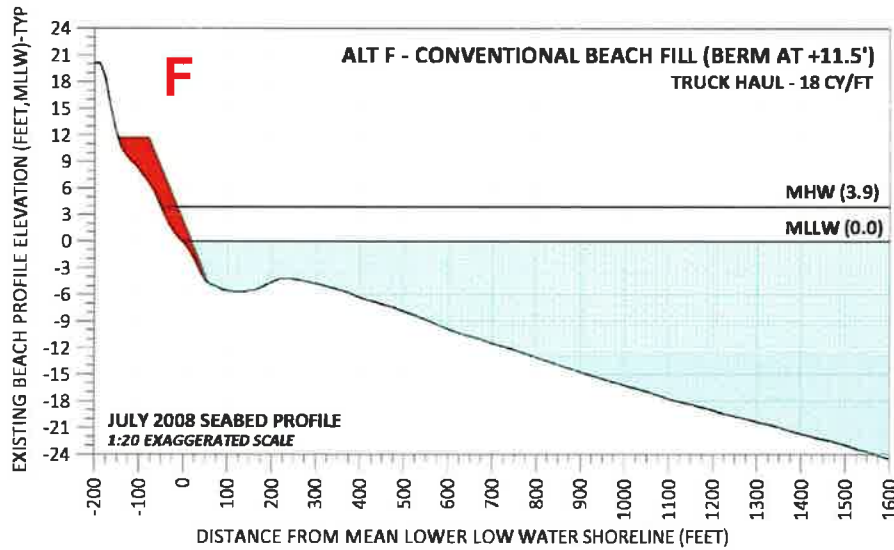


Beach Fill Placement Alternatives





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Estimated Probable Costs of Construction

162,000 cubic yards along 1.7-miles shoreline (18 cy/ft)

Alternative		Construction Cost	Unit Sand Cost (per cubic yard)	Presumed Littoral / Shore Protection Benefit (est'd)
A1	Nearshore Disposal (Deeper: -22.5' to -12' MLLW)	\$ 2,083,100	\$ 12.86	55% to 70%
A2	Nearshore Disposal (Less Deep: -20' to -10' MLLW)	\$ 2,771,600	\$ 17.11	70% to 80%
F	Truck-Haul Beach Fill Upland Source - 18 cy/ft ^φ	\$ 4,236,750	\$ 26.15	100%
C	Beach Face Nourishment (Below +7' MLLW)	\$ 4,241,300	\$ 26.18	100%
D	Submerged Continuous Berm (Below 0' MLLW)	\$ 4,472,900	\$ 27.61	95%
E	Conventional Beach Fill - 18 cy/ft (Berm at/below +11.5' MLLW)	\$ 4,698,125	\$ 29.00	100%
B**	Nearshore Disposal ** (Shallow: -14' to -6' MLLW)**	\$ 5,656,400	\$ 34.92	90%
G	Conventional Beach Fill <i>40 cubic yards per ft alongshore</i>	\$ 7,488,880	\$ 20.80	100%

^φ Includes 15% bulking allowance (20.7 cy/ft truck-haul measure = 18 cy/ft hydraulic-dredge bin measure).

** This alternative is not considered feasible for November-April construction window.

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Alternative	Construction Cost	Unit Sand Cost (per cubic yard)	Presumed Littoral / Shore Protection Benefit (est'd)	Effective Total Unit Cost for Sand (\$ per cu.yd)	Nominal Storm Event Protection*	
A1	Nearshore Disposal (Deeper: -22.5' to -12' MLLW)	\$ 2,083,100	\$ 12.86	55% to 70%	\$18.37 to \$23.38	3 yr
A2	Nearshore Disposal (Less Deep: -20' to -10' MLLW)	\$ 2,771,600	\$ 17.11	70% to 80%	\$21.39 to \$24.44	4 yr
F	Truck-Haul Beach Fill Upland Source - 18 cy/ft ϕ	\$ 4,236,750	\$ 26.15	100%	\$ 26.15	7 yr
C	Beach Face Nourishment (Below +7' MLLW)	\$ 4,241,300	\$ 26.18	100%	\$ 26.18	6 yr
D	Submerged Continuous Berm (Below 0' MLLW)	\$ 4,472,900	\$ 27.61	95%	\$ 29.06	5 yr
E	Conventional Beach Fill - 18 cy/ft (Berm at/below +11.5' MLLW)	\$ 4,698,125	\$ 29.00	100%	\$ 29.00	7 yr
B**	Nearshore Disposal ** (Shallow: -14' to -6' MLLW)**	\$ 5,656,400	\$ 34.92	90%	\$ 38.80	5 yr
G	Conventional Beach Fill <i>40 cubic yards per ft alongshore</i>	\$ 7,488,880	\$ 20.80	100%	\$ 20.80	20 yr

* Approx. level of storm return period for which alternative may provide protection from bluff-erosion. Relative values only.

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Summary Cost Conclusion

162,000 cubic yards along 1.7-miles shoreline (18 cy/ft)

Nearshore Disposal ~ \$2.0 to \$2.8 M

~ \$13 to \$17 / cy (construction cost)

~ \$18 to \$24 / cy (net effective cost)

Truck Haul or Dredge Nourishment along Beachface

~ \$4.2 to \$4.5 M

~ \$26 / cy (construction & net eff. cost)

Beach Fill along berm ~ \$4.7 M

~ \$29 / cy (construction & net eff. cost)

Conventional Beach Fill (40 cy/ft): ~ \$7.5 M

~ \$21 / cy

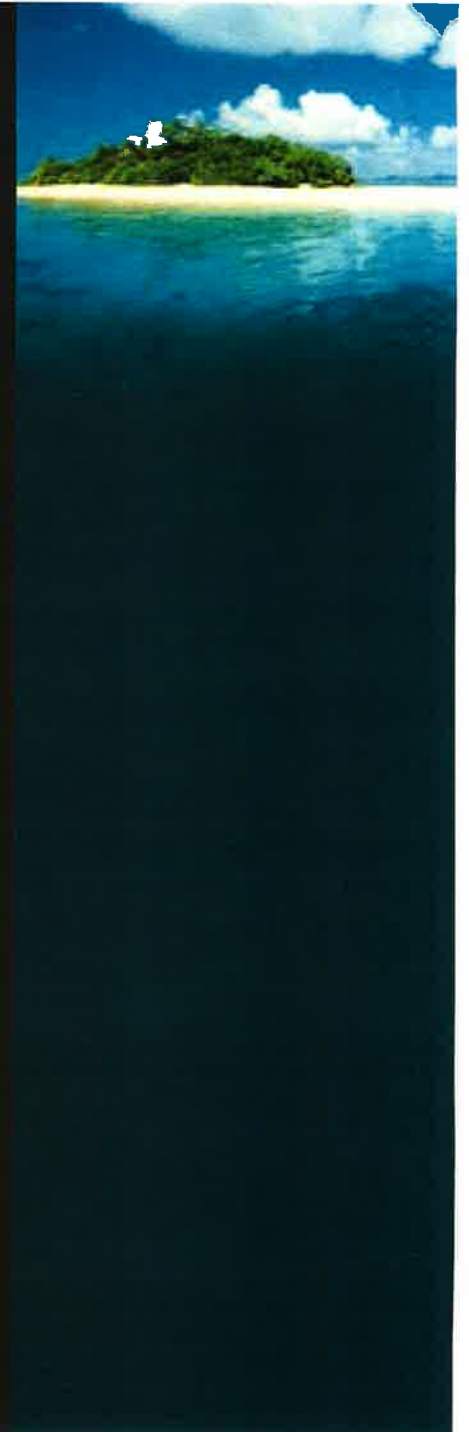
Very Shallow Nearshore Disposal: ~ 5.6 M

~ \$35 / cy



Practical Contract Considerations

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 - Measurement by in-hopper volume (not by survey).
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- Specified Placement Requirements:
 - Cross-shore:
 - > 100% shallower than 20' MLLW
 - > 80% shallower than 18' MLLW
 - Example* > 50% shallower than 14' MLLW
 - > 25% shallower than 12' MLLW
 - Along-shore:
 - ~1000-ft acceptance sections
 - Distribute total fill among each acceptance section uniformly $\pm 15\%$
 - Cross-shore depth requirement must be satisfied across total job, with tolerance within each accept. section.



Practical Contract Considerations

- Assessing conformance with Placement Requirements
 - Disposal requirements are by pre-project seabed elevation.
 - Method 1: Report times & locations of discharge
 - Method 2: Seabed surveys (Assess relative, not absolute, volume placement)
 - Employ both methods; agree upon approach prior to construction.

Monitoring

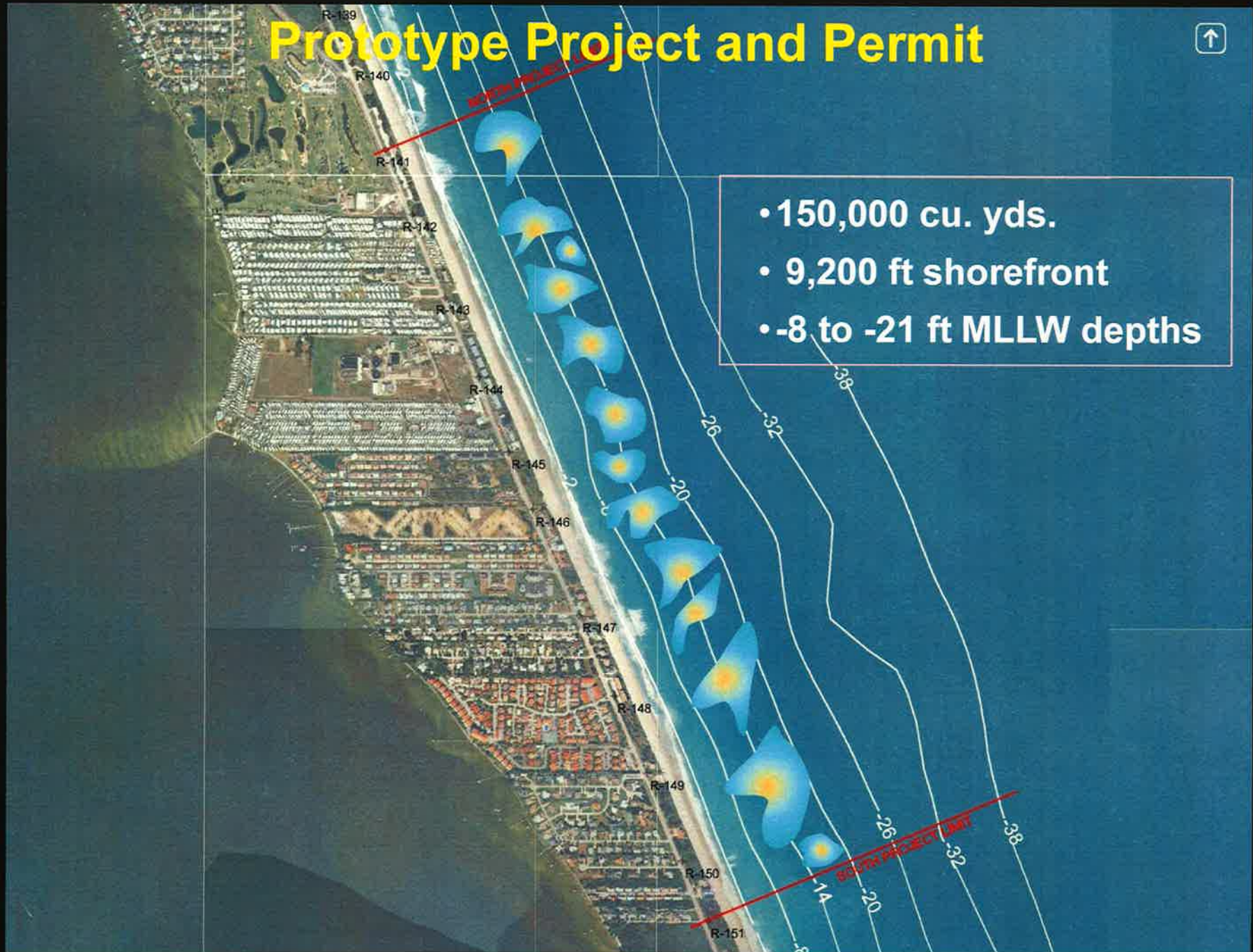
- Physical surveys to include project area and adjacent control area. 1000-ft spacing plus 250-ft spacing along tighter study area.
 - Pre-construction (<30 days pre)
 - Post-construction (<10 days post)
 - 1 month post
 - 3 months post
 - 12 months post



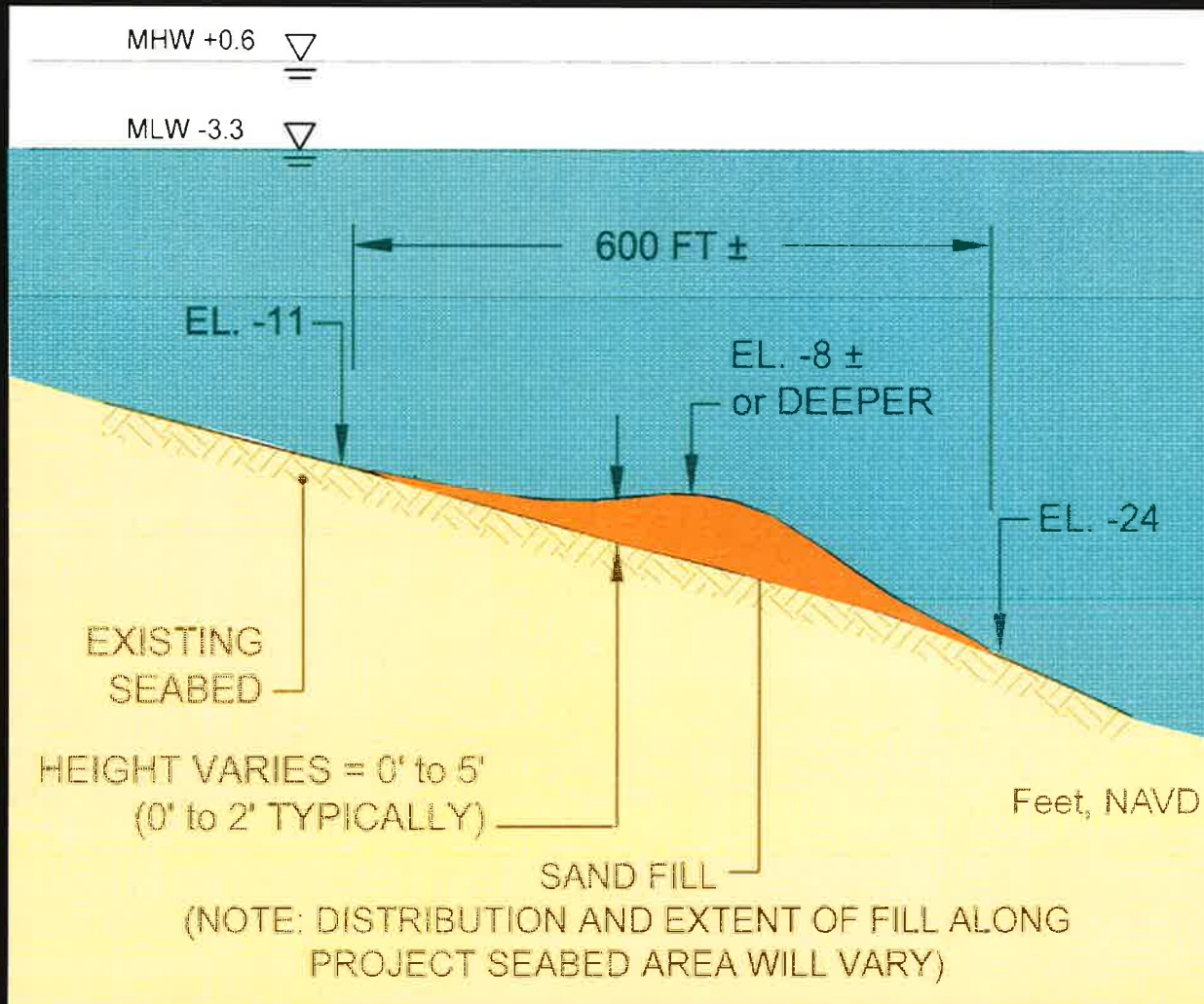
Prototype Project and Permit



- 150,000 cu. yds.
- 9,200 ft shorefront
- -8 to -21 ft MLLW depths



Typical Section





Project Status

Permits mostly complete – pending resolution of cultural resource survey requirements

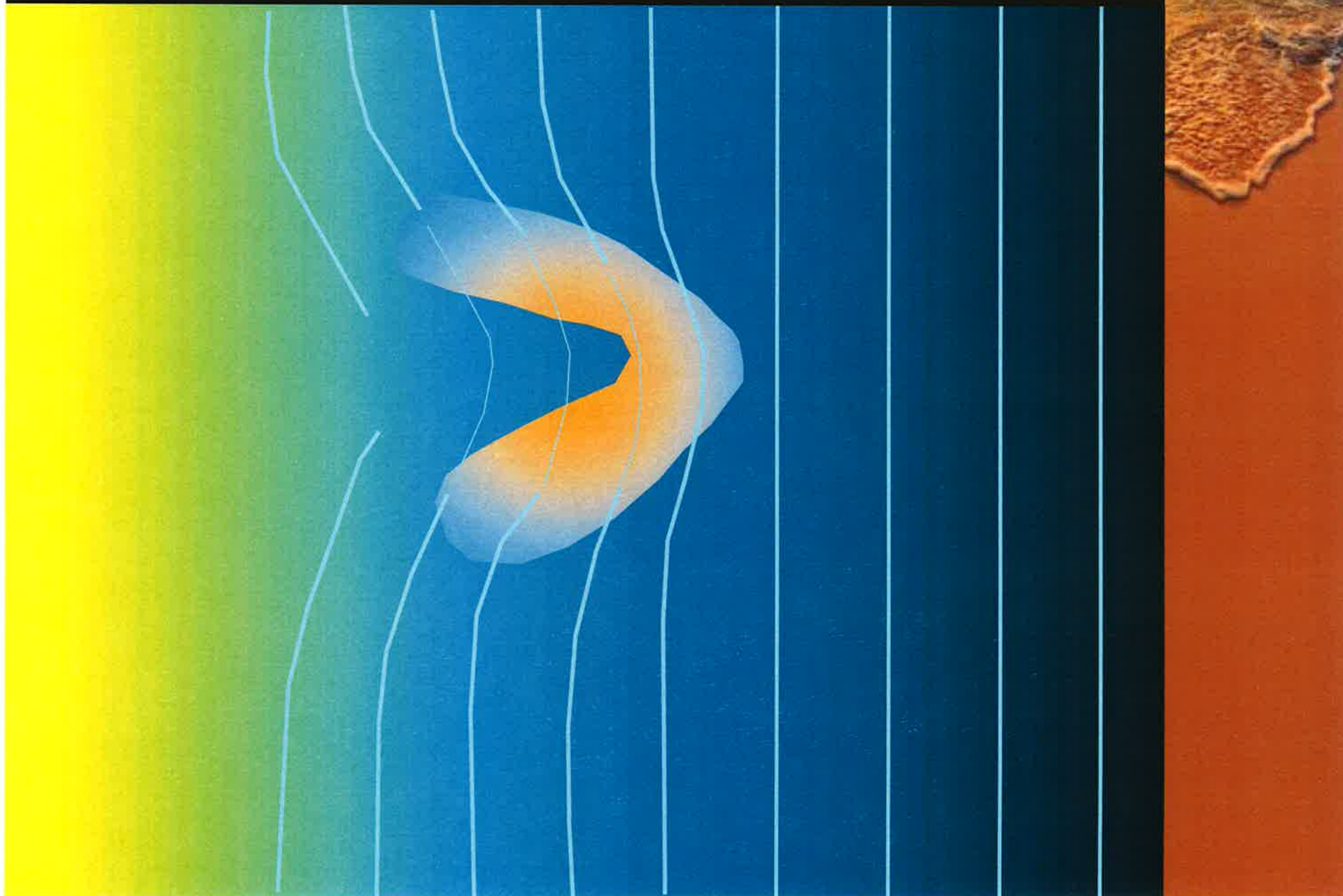
Funding not yet identified;
Construction schedule not established.

Alternative Nourishment Placement Concepts

Mayport Naval Station,
Jacksonville Beaches (1972)



Alternative Nourishment Placement Concepts





Wider Applicability

- Lower-cost alternative for beach replenishment (for smaller volumes); avoids costly shore mobilization, and is an alternative to truck-haul
- Potential application for small-volume renourishment work (where there is no hard-bottom)
- Less impact to subaerial beach
- Potential short-term benefit to surfing recreation



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