



# PLUMB BEACH – JAMAICA BAY, NY

## Beneficial Uses of Dredged Material

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### Description

Located in the borough of Brooklyn, along the north shore of the bay just east of Knapp Street, Plumb Beach is a popular recreational site for sunbathers, wind surfers, hikers/bikers, nature watchers and others. Partly within Gateway National Recreation Area and partly under the jurisdiction of NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, the beach has been subject to excessive erosion since the area was filled during construction of the Belt Parkway in the 1930s.

This erosion now threatens critical infrastructure, including a major emergency route for New York City, significant buried utilities, as well as a popular bike path. Wave action from a storm event in the fall of 2009 destroyed portions of the bike path, and came within 25 feet of the Belt Parkway, forcing New York City Parks to award a contract to temporarily repair the eroded area with sandbags to prevent further losses that would threaten the parkway and utilities.



*Plumb Beach, located in Brooklyn, N.Y., has been the site of serious erosion over the years, especially as a result of a storm event in the fall of 2009. (File Photo)*

In the wake of the recent erosion, the USACE has developed an interagency team, including New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of State, the National Park Service, the City of New York Department of Parks and Recreation, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and the New York City Department of Transportation. This interagency team has agreed that a comprehensive solution must be developed that will afford long-term protection to this vital area and its adjacent infrastructure, while balancing the environmental and recreational impacts to Plumb Beach and the vicinity.

### Authorizations

1992 WRDA, as amended (33 U.S.C. 2326)

### Status

The Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, received funding to initiate a Feasibility study for this project in 2010. The Feasibility Report was completed in 2011. Execution of the Project Partnership Agreement is expected in early 2012 with construction initiating once Federal funding is secured.

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