

MID-DESTIN BEACH RESTORATION UPDATE



This photo shows an April 2004 aerial of Holiday Isle. Overlaid on that, in yellow, is the March 2007 Global Positioning System (GPS) reading of the current shore line. This photo dramatizes how much erosion has occurred along Holiday Isle in just the past three years.

The City is currently conducting a sand search for the restoration of its western beaches (Holiday Isle to the western boundary of Henderson Beach State Park.)

Right now, the City has the money to perform the design, engineering, and permitting of the new beach, which will be initiated as soon as a source of sand is found (early summer). The permitting process takes 6-9 months. Under the best of circumstances, the soonest the City could build a new beach is Spring 2008.

Unfortunately, the City has no money available for the actual restoration of the beach, which is estimated at \$10,000,000. The City is working to find the dollars for the project by partnering with Okaloosa County and the Tourist Development Council, and Eglin Air Force Base.