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Mr. Jason Brown
Indian River County Administrator
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January 29, 2018

Dear Mr. Brown,

The Town Council of Indian River Shores formally requests the County's help in support of petitioning the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to perform a study, as soon as possible, to determine if our shoreline (County Sector 4 R-51.3 – R-70) should be re-classified as a "Critically Eroded" Beach.

Pursuant to FAC, rule 62B-36.002 (5), it is the Town's position that the change rate has accelerated in this stretch of shoreline resulting in significant erosion and it has recessed to the point that some upland developments within Sector 4 are potentially threatened. Also, the Town is very concerned about the threat of these effects on our sea-turtle wildlife habitat. Our sea-turtle habitat is historically robust, and it is the Town's position that this important habitat is being directly threatened due to the elimination of typical nesting areas, especially during higher tides. At times, the surf literally reaches the vertical face of the dune.

We are aware that your office routinely assesses the shoreline of the entire County and that you are in possession of data that clearly supports this issue regarding the erosion of Sector 4. The Town would ask for that data to also be included in this request along with any sea-turtle data that may be helpful. I am also including some photographs of areas within Sector 4.

The Town Council would appreciate any assistance from the County regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted at the request of and on behalf of the Town Council of Indian River Shores,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Stabe Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert H. Stabe Jr.
Town Manager