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**ALL SYSTEMS GO: MASSIVE BEACH FILL PROJECT TO BEGIN IN APRIL**  
*270,000 cubic yards of sand to be placed on 16<sup>th</sup> - 31st street beaches*

(Avalon, NJ)—Avalon Mayor Martin Pagliughi announced that the Borough of Avalon will receive a very significant beach fill project during spring of 2011 that will result in a protective and recreational beach for 2011. It is anticipated that this beach fill project will begin during the second week of April and will conclude before Memorial Day weekend before the dredge moves to Stone Harbor for a beach fill project in that community.

“The federal and state governments will be financing most of this beach fill”, Pagliughi said. “In difficult economic times, this is tremendous news for residents and homeowners in Avalon. We will be getting one of our largest beach fills in recent years at a very minimal cost to the Borough”.

Under this plan, the United States Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a beach fill project in both Avalon and neighboring Stone Harbor. Avalon is scheduled to receive 270,000 cubic yards of sand that will be placed on the Borough’s beachfront between 16<sup>th</sup> and 31st streets. The total anticipated cost to the Borough will be in the neighborhood of only \$121,250.

The Army Corps will conduct an “emergency” federal project that will result in 120,000 cubic yards of sand to be placed on the Borough’s north-end beaches. This part of the beach fill comes at no expense to the Borough; it is being entirely financed by the federal government. The second part of this effort is a re-nourishment of the Borough’s beachfront that will result in 150,000 cubic yards of additional sand being placed on Avalon’s beaches. The federal, state, and local governments all partner in the costs associated with that part of the beach fill. The end result will be a new beach in Avalon with little expense to Borough government.

“Avalon certainly needs this beach fill project in the north end of our community”, Pagliughi said. “We have been able to successfully negotiate a very favorable project for Avalon that results in the Borough financing less than four percent of the overall costs of this big project”.

The beach fill project went out to bid during the winter. Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company LLC of Illinois was the successful bidder for the project. A pre-construction meeting involving officials from both Avalon and Stone Harbor will be held at the Avalon Firehouse on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. It is possible the dredge that will conduct this beach fill will arrive in Avalon on or about April 9<sup>th</sup>. By contract, the beach fill project in both Avalon and Stone Harbor must be completed within a 90-day time frame. This project will result in a hydraulic dredge removing sand from a “borrow area” in Townsend’s Inlet and depositing it onto Avalon’s beachfront. It is anticipated that Avalon will get its beach fill first, and Stone Harbor will go second.

The Borough of Avalon and the Army Corps of Engineers have been cooperatively studying the feasibility of a back passing project that could contribute to a long-term solution to the erosion problem on Avalon’s north end beaches and dunes. Sand that is eroded from the north end beaches and deposited on the south end beaches in Avalon would be “back passed” to the north end beaches. The federal government has been working with Avalon on the potential for back passing on Avalon’s beachfront.

“Our north end beaches have taken another hit thanks to coastal storms, most recently the Christmas weekend blizzard”, Pagliughi said. “Thanks to the hard work of Avalon’s council and administration, we have secured a very large beach fill at minimal cost to taxpayers. Once again, Avalon will have a very large beach that will provide protection for our community and recreation during the upcoming tourist season”.

“This is also another great example of Avalon’s proactive approach to shared service agreements that save considerable dollars”, Pagliughi continued. “By Avalon, Stone Harbor, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers working cooperatively, we are able to save taxpayers’ dollars while greatly enhancing the Avalon beachfront”.