



Strathmere Beaches Summer of 2025



Please hold all questions until the
“public comment on agenda items
portion of the meeting.”

Purpose of Presentation

- Introduction
- Timeline
- Visuals of Damage
- Actions Taken
- Final Takeaway



Introduction

- On January 3, 2025, Upper Township Committee had three new committee members sworn into office (Casaccio, S. Palombo, & Z. Palombo).
- On January 3, 2025, Mayor Corson spoke of the importance of protecting the beaches and properties of Strathmere.
- Strathmere now has five committee members that are committed to preserving beaches.

Past Revetment / Replenishment Project Costs

2008 Rock Wall Revetment	\$	930,000.00
2009 Beach Replenishment	\$	1,235,000.00
2019 Beach Replenishment	\$	650,400.00
2023/2024 Beach Replenishment	\$	1,337,500.00

The Value of Strathmere to Upper Township



Strathmere Tax Assessed Value in 2024

\$322,937,800

County Tax	0.277	894,537.71	12.47%
County Library	0.041	132,404.50	1.85%
County Open Space	0.016	51,670.05	1.03%
School District	1.558	5,031,370.92	70.15%
Local Municipal District	0.294	949,437.13	13.24%
Fire District	0.035	113,028.23	1.58%
		\$7,172,448.54	100.00%

The Cost of Keeping Strathmere Beaches during the Summer (2024)

Portable Toilets	\$	11,000.00	
2024 Beach Maintenance Salary	\$	5,000.00	5 Hrs/Day @ 3 Days/wk
2024 Beach Patrol Salary	\$	389,300.00	
2024 Beach Patrol Operating Expenses	\$	38,400.00	
2024 Parking Enforcement	\$	26,750.00	
2024 Parking Enforcement Operating Expenses	\$	3,500.00	
2024 Pump Station Installation (3)	\$	430,000.00	
Sewer Study - Ongoing began 2024	\$	400,000.00	
2024 Shore Protection/Beach Survey	\$	35,000.00	
2024 EMS Services - OC Provides	\$	10,400.00	



Timeline since the swearing in of the 2025 Upper Twp. Committee

Timeline

January 3, 2025 - Mayor Corson addressed the public about the concerns of the erosion occurring on the north end of the island.

March 7, 2025 - Mayor Corson, Public Works, Bill Handley (UTBP), SVFD, and Committeeman Z. Palombo met with representatives of the DEP in what can be done to move forward with beach replenishment. We were not given any specifics other than to document as much as possible.

March 8, 2025 - Drone video recording the damage that was done on the north end and was part of public record at our March 24th meeting.

April 14, 2025 - The erosion damage is now all the way to Tecumseh Ave.

April 15, 2025 – Committeeman Casaccio and Z. Palombo, went to a celebration for Cub Scout Pack 79 and spoke to Congressman Jeff Van Drew about our current situation; followed up with correspondence from each of the committee members to his office.

Timeline

April 18, 2025 – Committeeman Z. Palombo surveyed and photographed latest damage, (Six days past the April Full Moon). [Pictures to be displayed later in the presentation]

April 28, 2025 - Township engineer filed for emergent permits in the hopes that something could be done by the summer.

May 5, 2025 - Mayor Corson has a meeting with Joe Verruni, Bill Handley (UTBP), Mike Jones (UTPW), Ryan McNeil (Engineer), Bruce and Brian Riordon (SVFD), and Committeeman Z. Palombo (via FaceTime). To discuss what the township can and cannot do to the closed beaches. Dunes constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers need to have federal permits to reconstruct.

May 12, 2025 – **TODAY** – Township Committee Meeting to discuss the ongoing issues in Strathmere. Today, also marks our scheduled FULL MOON which will cause higher than normal high tides and possibly more beach erosion.



Visuals of the Damage to Strathmere Beaches

Photos from April 18, 2025





*Photos from
April 18, 2025*



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Actions Taken Prior to Summer of 2025

- From the May 5, 2025, Meeting
- **NJDEP Emergency Authorization Permit Issuance:**
 - Anticipating within the next two weeks to complete crossover modifications
- **Emergency Vehicle Access Points:**
 - Willard & Sumner will be modified by Public Works to allow for emergency vehicle access
- **Pedestrian Access Points:**
 - Tecumseh, Vincent, & Webster will be modified to allow for pedestrian access
 - Modifying pedestrian access (4-5 FT path) at Williams will be re-evaluated over the next few weeks
- **All other access points (includes Whittier and north of Williams) will be closed for the season**

Final Takeaways

- Surveying of potential damage to beach after tonight's Full Moon.
- Still awaiting decision on emergent filing and potential guidance.
- Resolution #30 on Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract
 - Renting of a bulldozer for the summer to be used by UTPW to help sculpt pathways.
 - To be parked and stationed at 1400 Commonwealth Ave. in Strathmere.
 - Communication between the UTBP and UTPW regarding what pathways need be resculpted.
 - Residents/Patrons need to be aware of possibility of bulldozer use during the optimum times (High and Low Tide schedule) for resculpting.

**Thank You
Submitted to be part of the
Upper Township Committee Agenda
05/12/2025**