

We on Edisto Beach desperately need your help. We found out in the past week from two DHEC representatives (Barbara Neale and William Salters) that the 10 year analysis of Edisto Beach is requiring massive movement landward of the current baselines and setback lines in numerous areas of the beach resulting in a large number of properties being left seaward of these lines. This, for example, makes the undeveloped property from the 100 block to the 1200 block unusable and worthless. The only recourse is to apply for a special permit which is no substitute for being in the permitted zone which is where the property is now.

We questioned the DHEC representatives how this could be the case with the massive renourishment and groin improvement project completed this year. Their answer? We are not considering the benefits of this project in our analysis. If this is DHEC's position on this, then much of Edisto Beach is being rendered worthless and unprotected.

This is both illogical and unfair. We sincerely hope you and your colleagues can change this DHEC prohibition against using renourishment data results in their analysis. Please note we are not asking that the baseline be moved further seaward of its current location. Rather we are asking due consideration be given to the significant improvements from the recently completed renourishment and groin improvement project in determining the new baselines and setback lines.. Thank you for your help and support.

We look forward to hearing from you.