



## MARGATE CITY - STORMWATER UPGRADES; THEN BACK TO THE BEACH

*We are pleased to present the latest update on resolution of the stormwater issues at the Margate City beach, in the following article.*

The federal government has agreed to clean up the mess it created on a New Jersey beach, where flooding from a dune construction project forced beachgoers to wade through vile water or take blocks-long detours to reach the ocean.

Jordan Rand, the lawyer for Margate told the Associated Press that the town and federal governments filed an agreement with U.S. District Court last Tuesday night.

It calls for construction of an underground pipe system to prevent water from collecting between the dunes and the town's wooden bulkhead.

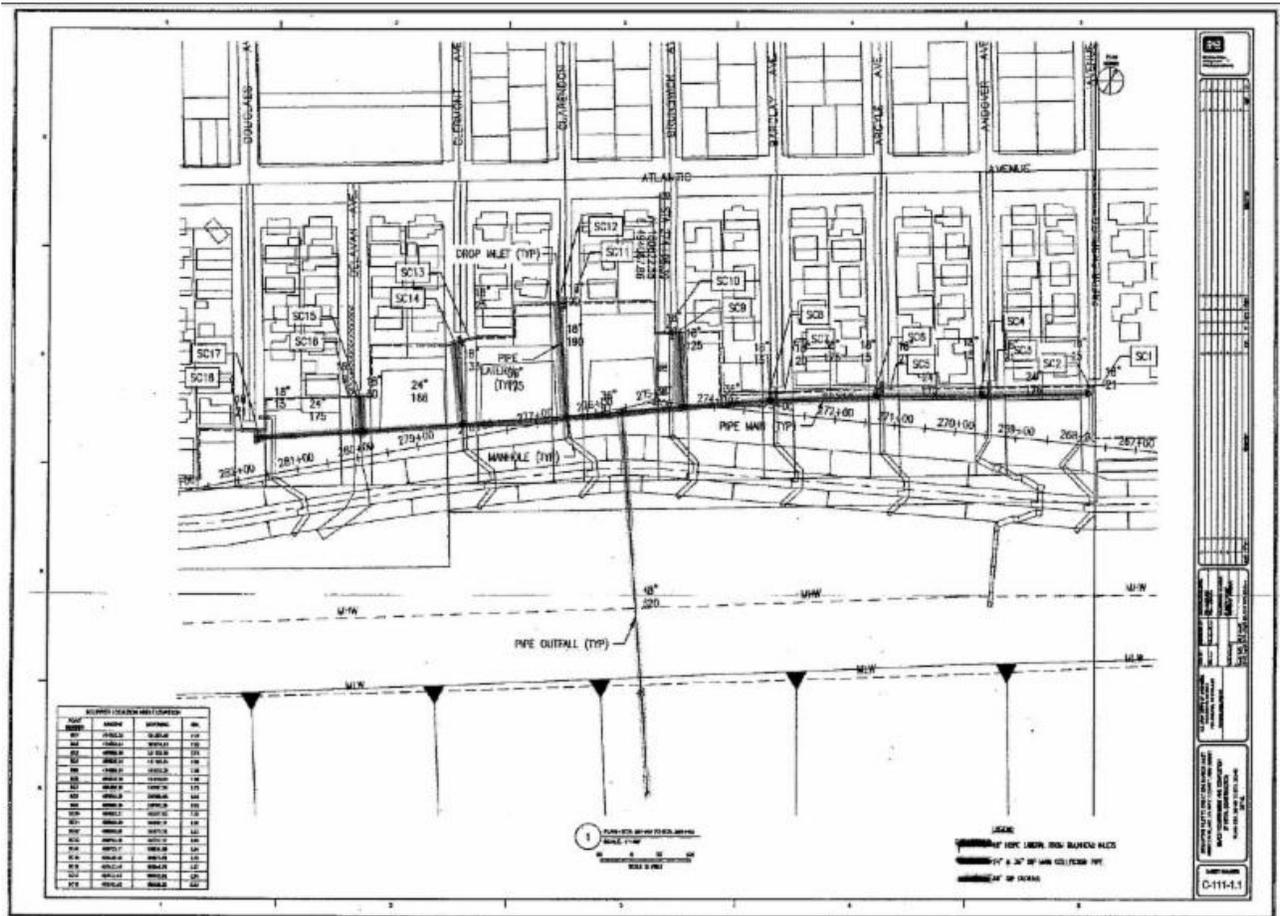
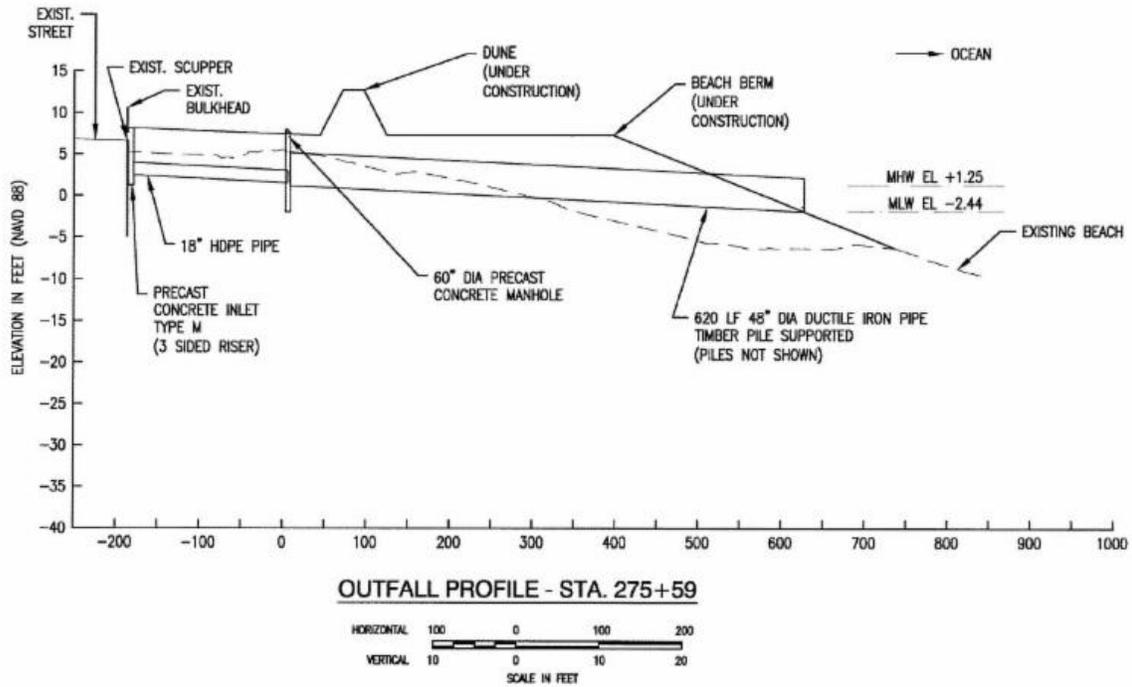
The plan was signed Wednesday by a federal judge. "This should eliminate the problem," said Rand, who unsuccessfully sued the federal government on behalf of homeowners and then the town to try to block the dune construction project. The lawsuits predicted in minute detail almost exactly the type of flooding Margate feared would occur if the dunes were built. Margate, an upscale shore town south of Atlantic City, argues that its wooden bulkhead provides adequate protection against ocean storm surge, and says most of its Sandy damage came from bay flooding on the other side of town.

The solution agreed upon Tuesday night will involve the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers installing pipes underground, running parallel to the beach to collect water that otherwise would have ponded on the beach. Every few blocks, outfall pipes will carry that water back out to the ocean, Rand said. The government will pay the entire cost of the project, which has not yet been calculated, he said.

Representatives of the Army Corps did not immediately respond to requests for comment Wednesday. A consent decree filed Tuesday night shows both sides in agreement with the plan, including that it "will be paid for with federal funds allocated for the federal project."

(by Wayne Parry, Associated Press - 9/14/17)

*Gary R. Brown, P.E., RT's President represented Margate City in federal court to draw attention to an inappropriate engineering design issue, involving open pooling stormwater from street runoff in a public recreation area. The drawings below show the new stormwater upgrades, which are in keeping with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's continued push for implementation of proper Stormwater Best Management Practices throughout New Jersey. We at RT and Gary, who grew up in Margate, are very pleased that this issue has been appropriately resolved so that those who enjoy the Jersey Shore and Margate's beautiful beaches can enjoy sunbathing and swimming with confidence that stormwater issues will be appropriately managed.*





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