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Re: Mobile Harbor General Reevaluation Report (GRR)

The Town of Dauphin Island is pleased to provide IMPORTANT information about the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Alabama State Port Authority Study to widen and deepen the Mobile Harbor Ship Channel. This Study is expected to be completed within a couple of years. *Since the ultimate decision as to how the Ship Channel will be enlarged and maintained in the future will have significant long-term effects on our barrier island community, ALL property owners should stay informed about the Study.*

Our goal is to work with the Corps, Port Authority and other agencies to ensure that an improved dredged material disposal practice is incorporated into the project that will require ALL beach quality sand be placed at a location that will truly benefit Dauphin Island while countering our island's significant shoreline erosion problem.

You can take part in the Mobile Harbor Study in the following ways:

- Attend all public forums that will be announced on the Corps' Study website:<http://www.sam.usacc.army.mil/Missions/Program-and-ProjectManagement/Civil-Projects/Mobile-Harbor-GRR/>.
- Read the Corps "Biweekly Updates" on the study's progress that can be obtained via the following link: <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Programs-and-Project-Management/Civil-Projects/Mobile-Harbor-GRR/Biweekly-Mobile-Harbor-GRR-Update/>.
- Sign up and receive the Corps' Study "Quarterly Bulletins" that will be released beginning in February 2017. To receive the "Quarterly Bulletins", please visit the above Study website.
- Send comments to the Corps on issues you consider to be important. The Corps has committed to continually accept public comments throughout the process. All public comments will be added to the official record for the project. Comments should be emailed to:MobileHarborGRR@usace.army.mil.

Because of the importance of the Corps' Mobile Harbor Study to Dauphin Island, I encourage you to stay abreast of the Study and strongly recommend that you participate whenever

possible. The Corps Study provides a significant OPPORTUNITY for the eroding shorelines of our barrier island community to be restored. The Corps will hold at least three public forums during calendar year 2017. The first workshop is scheduled for March 16th at a time and location to be determined. I cannot stress enough how important it will be for Dauphin Island's interests to be represented by a large turnout. I hope that each of you will plan to attend the March 16th public workshop and remain engaged throughout this important process. The town will pass along pertinent information about the workshop and the Study as it becomes available from the Corps.

Respectfully,

Jeff Collier
Mayor