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Experts available to media to discuss recovery in one year since Hurricane Sandy

BROOKLYN, N.Y. – In the 12 months since Hurricane Sandy struck the northeastern United States, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has completed repairs on 30 Sandy-damaged navigation channels and structures, completed restoration of six engineered beach projects along the coast, and is actively working nearly 200 other projects to reduce the risk of future coastal storm damage.

In the coming 12 months, the Army Corps will complete its remaining beach restoration projects and, in the Northeastern Atlantic Coast, start work on 18 new engineered beach projects that will complement the previously constructed beach restoration projects and provide risk reduction to areas that were vulnerable when Sandy hit.

Experts are available to discuss recovery progress the Corps has made in the first year after Sandy and how engineered beaches and dunes serve as vital defenses to severe coastal storms and reduce risk to property and infrastructure on coastlines.

The Army Corps' commanding general of the North Atlantic Division, Brig. Gen. Kent Savre, is overseeing the Corps' portion of recovery along the north Atlantic coast. His bio is available at <http://www.nad.usace.army.mil/About/Leadership.aspx>.

The civilian director responsible for the execution of more than \$4 billion in Sandy recovery and resilience to future storms is Joseph Forcina. His bio is available at www.nad.usace.army.mil/Sandy.

With the passage of the Disaster Relief Appropriation Act of 2013, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' scientists and engineers launched a collaborative study to determine how best to reduce flood and storm damage risks for people and communities along the North Atlantic coast. The Act requires completion of the study by January 2015. That effort is being led by Joseph Vietri, director of the National Planning Center of Expertise for Coastal Storm Risk Management. An interview with Joe Vietri is located at <http://www.weather.com/video/protection-against-a-rising-tide-38273>

Media are invited to contact the Corps' Hurricane Sandy Coastal Management Division with questions or to make interview requests by calling 347-370-4772, 917-371-0144 or e-mail dll-cenado-pa@usace.army.mil.

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