

## Ft. DeSoto Park Beach Restoration



The Ft DeSoto Beach Restoration Project was a cooperative effort between Pinellas County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material program. The Tampa Harbor Operations & Maintenance Project for Egmont and Mullet Key removed sediment from the Tampa shipping channel and placed beach-quality sand on the two islands.

The Tampa Harbor Operations & Maintenance Project was awarded to Bean Stuyvesant and Wilkinson & Jenkins in June 2006. The Ft. DeSoto segment of the project involved nourishment of 2500 ft of shoreline along the southwestern shoreline in front of the historic fort and rehabilitation of a granite erosion control structure (L-groin) that was originally constructed in the 1960's. The photo above shows the beach before construction in April 2006 and the inset shows the final rehabilitated L-groin.



The Tampa Harbor Operations & Maintenance Project was awarded the Future of the Region 1<sup>st</sup> Place Environmental Award in 2006 by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

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