The Village’s present-day shoreline management plan is predicated on the long-standing Wilmington Harbor Sand Management Plan (WHSMP). BHI received its last channel-maintenance federal disposal of sand on the Island in 2015, prior to the terminal groin construction. The next channel maintenance federal disposal event was scheduled for last winter. However, in the absence of Congressional funding, the project was rescheduled for this winter with sand placement on Caswell Beach and Oak Island. Without a taxpayer supported supplemental fill next winter to fill "hot spots," the earliest BHI might receive federal-channel-maintenance sand is in 2021.

**Bond Referendum**

**Important Dates**

- February 20th – Introduction of bond order, set public hearing
- March 16th – Public hearing, adoption, set referendum date
- March 19th – Absentee (early voting) ballots available*
- April 19th – One-stop absentee (early) voting in Bolivia
- May 1st – Last day to request absentee (early voting) ballot
- May 8th – Absentee (early voting) Ballots must be postmarked on/ before this date
- May 8th – Primary Election (polls open 6:30am to 7:30pm)
- May 18th – Canvass of election results

*Absentee (early voting) Ballot Applications are available at Village Hall or online at elections@brunswickcounty.nc.gov

**Financing**

- Approved 2009 Shoreline Protection GO Bond: $9,500,000
- Referendum to be Voted on: $6,000,000
- Total to be Financed: $15,500,000

**Bond Term** – One (1) year interest only
- Six (6) years interest and principal @ 3.5% (est.)

**Bond Repayment Tax Impacts**
- To be paid over six years beginning in 2018-2019 with the final payment due December of 2025
- $0.02 increase to base rate for all property owners
- Additional $0.01 tax increase for MSD A property owners (total increase $0.03)
- Additional $0.005 tax increase for MSD B property owners (total increase $0.025)

The permit for the terminal groin requires the fillet, the area between the beach and the exposed end of the terminal groin, always be filled with sand. When this structure is full, it ensures permeation of sand to “feed” West Beach. Since the installation of the terminal groin, the fillet has hosted a number of the Island’s wildlife species including sea turtles and birds.