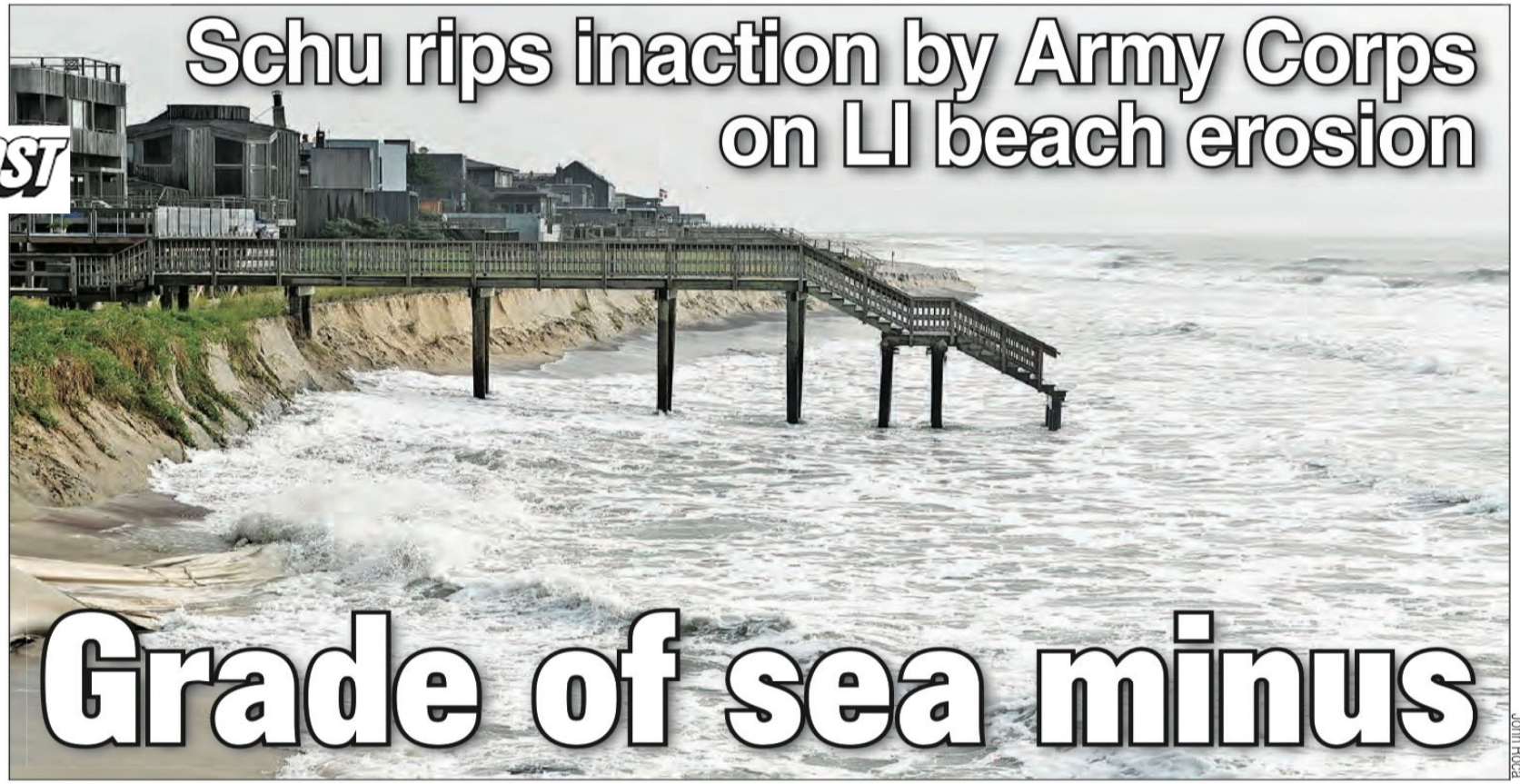
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Schu rips inaction by Army Corps on LI beach erosion



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SWEPT AWAY: Sen. Charles Schumer is demanding the Army Corps of Engineers replenish worn-away beaches such as this one on Fire Island.

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Parts of Long Island's prized beaches and nature reserves literally have been washing away, and the Biden administration has done nothing to stem the erosion, Sen. Chuck Schumer has warned.

New York's Schumer, the Senate majority leader, blasted the Army Corps of Engineers, which walloped with 7 inches of rain last week, also slams the agency for failing to fix similar damage in Long Island's Montauk and the Shinnecock Inlet.

"Major erosion also occurred along Fire Island's beaches, and emergency repair is particularly needed in the eastern Fire Island communities where the beachfront has diminished and USACE assist[Corps] to provide a robust, more-permanent restoration," Schumer added.

Homeowners and visitors on Fire Island have also demanded answers for months as they've watched beaches be swept out to sea.

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looked this bad in the 25 years I've been coming out here."

He also emphasized that Fire Island has a history spanning decades as a safe summer haven for gay and lesbian beachgoers.

"The Pines is a predominately LGBT community, it has a very significant history as part of the gay rights movement, it was perhaps the first safe haven," he said.

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Fire Island gets $3.5 million in federal repairs for storm damage on eastern end



Beach erosion is seen at Fire Island Pines after a December storm. Credit: Town of Brookhaven

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has approved $3.5 million in federal funding in advance of doing emergency repairs on eastern Fire Island following a series of devastating winter storms that washed away dunes and coastline beaches.

State and federal officials announced Monday that the Army Corps' New York district office has approved the request for an "emergency storm" determination for the barrier island.

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