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Army Corps invites public comment on shoreline protection plan at Hagåtña

HONOLULU - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Honolulu District, in partnership with the Guam Department of Public Works is announcing the release of a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (IFR/EA) which identifies a proposed plan for shoreline protection along South Marine Corps Drive in East Hagåtña, Guam.

The tentative plan will address coastline erosion along a 2,100 foot stretch of Trinchera Beach along Hagåtña Bay, which runs parallel to South Marine Corps Drive (Figure 1). An existing seawall built to protect the roadway is on the verge of collapse due to erosion and undermining, leaving South Marine Corps Drive and public utilities along the roadway exposed to damage from wave attack and storm surge (Figure 2). Without protection, the road and associated public utilities will be at imminent risk of failure.

The East Hagåtña Emergency Shoreline Protection study is administered under Section 14 of the Flood Control Act of 1946, as amended, which authorizes USACE to study, design, and construct emergency streambank and shoreline works used to protect public facilities.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) USACE invites the public to comment on potential environmental effects of the shoreline protection project. Information regarding sensitive ecological, biological, historic and cultural resources is welcomed. USACE will use this information to meet other environmental laws and requirements including, but not limited to compliance with the Clean Water Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and National Historic Preservation Act.

A 30-day public comment period runs from **July 25 through August 24, 2023**. Written comments may be submitted as follows:

E-Mail: CEPOH-Planning@usace.army.mil
Postal Mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District
ATTN: CEPOH-PPC (Hagåtña)
230 Otake St.
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Comments received during this review period will be incorporated into the plan formulation, environmental assessment of effects, and the administrative record.

The public is invited to attend a meeting either in-person or virtually Tuesday, August 8, 2023, from 6 to 8 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time (ChST) at the **Sinajana Mayor's Office** (117A Chalan Guma Yu'us, Sinajana, Guam 96910) to ask questions and provide comments on the Draft IFR/EA.

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The Draft IFR/EA can be accessed at the study website located at:
www.poh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Civil-Works-Projects/East-Hagatna

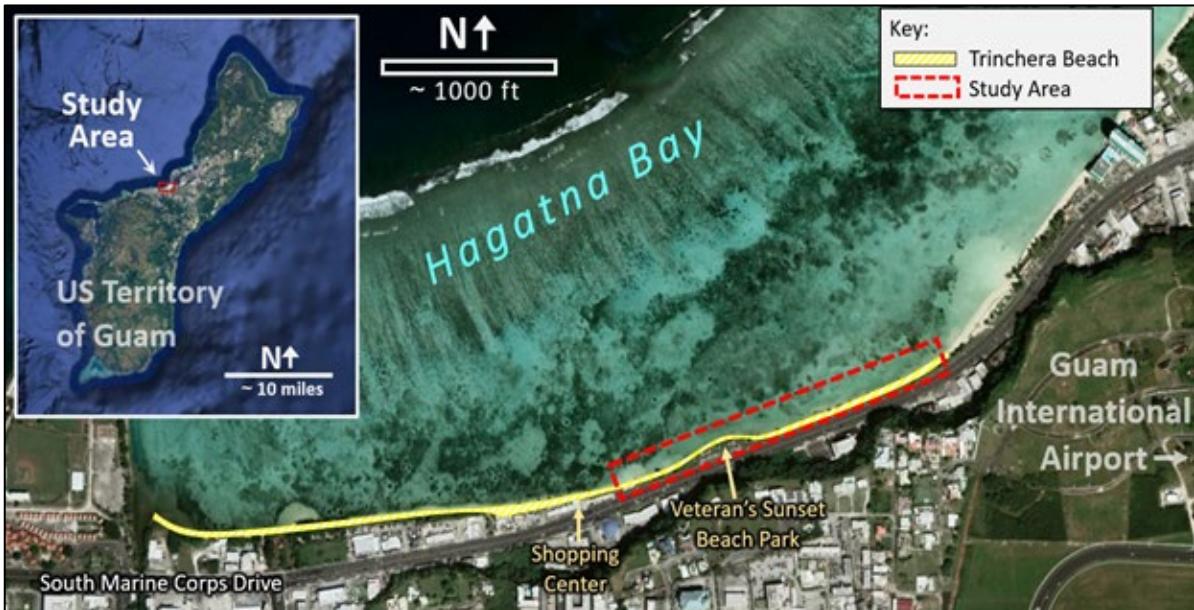
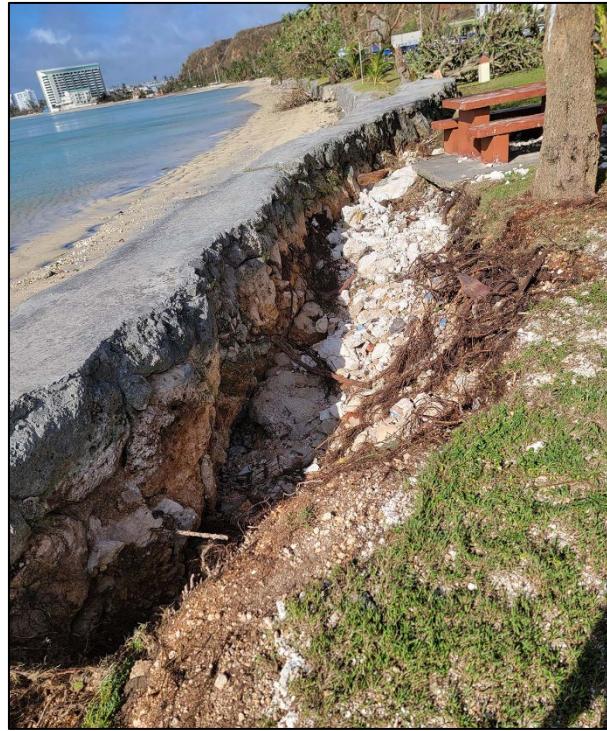
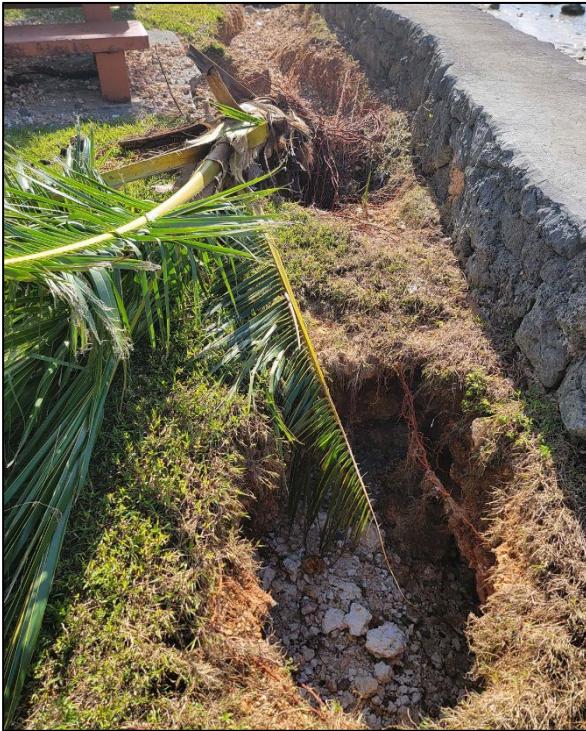


Figure 1: The study area runs along a 2,100-foot stretch of Trincher Beach at Hagåtña Bay, which runs parallel to South Marine Corps Drive. *Image courtesy of USACE, Honolulu District*



Figures 2 and 3: Erosion and undermining of the existing seawall built to protect the roadway is visible in within the study area. *Photos courtesy of The Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Government of Guam*

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