Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today announced that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin beach nourishment projects in Fort Pierce Beach and Martin County.

“Severe erosion on these beaches not only threatens recreational use and tourism, which is critical to our local economy, but it also puts nearby infrastructure at risk,” Rooney said. “These beach nourishment projects will protect our shores from erosion and reduce the impact of future storms, saving federal funds in the long-term.

“My office has been working closely with the St. Lucie and Martin County Commissioners, as well as the Army Corps of Engineers, to ensure that these federally authorized projects receive this critical funding,” added Rooney, who met personally with officials at the Corps in Florida and Washington, DC on several occasions to urge them to fund the projects.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funds projects on a competitive basis. The Corps has allocated $6.1 million for the Ft. Pierce Beach project and $6 million for Martin County.

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