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County and Cities to Kick-Off Beach Restoration

Media Invited to Attend Celebration

Broward County, along with partner cities Hallandale Beach, Hollywood and Dania Beach, will mark the beginning of restoring South Broward's eroded beach with a celebration and sand replacement ceremony:

Friday, May 6, 2005, 9:30 a.m.
The Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa
3555 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Fla.
South Palm Court, Oceanside

The Beach Renourishment Project (Segment III) will restore 6.2 miles of County shoreline in Hallandale Beach, Hollywood and Dania Beach. When completed, the width of these Broward beaches will be increased between 20 and 220 feet.

The event will be capped off with a sand replacement ceremony featuring: Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs; City of Hallandale Beach Mayor Joy Cooper; City of Hollywood Mayor Mara Giulianti; and City of Dania Beach Vice-Mayor Patricia Flury. Other invited guests include members of the Broward County Commission, state and federal officials, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The first phase of sand replenishment work began last week near Magnolia Street in Hollywood. The project will then extend southward to the Miami-Dade County line in Hallandale Beach. The project will then work its way north, replacing sand on Hollywood's northern beach, along with Dania Beach and John U. Lloyd State Park.

After completion of Segment III, the impact of the restored beach on marine resources will be studied over an 18-month period. Based on study results, Segment II of the beach restoration plan, which involves the restoration of beaches in Fort Lauderdale and surrounding communities, could begin in 2008.

More information, including weekly updates, is available online at www.broward.org/beachrenourishment.

Media is invited to attend the celebration at The Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa. This event will be an **excellent photo opportunity**.