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## **ASBPA applauds proposed Long Branch beach design**

The American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA), founded in New Jersey in 1926, has expressed support for the planned experimental section of the Long Branch beach renourishment project to begin next month that strives to balance surfing, swimming and shore protection.

"ASBPA is pleased to see the incorporation of the kind of alternative design elements we encouraged during our 2006 National Coastal Conference in Long Branch as a test feature of this project," said ASBPA President Harry Simmons. "ASBPA's mission has consistently supported plan formulation that enhances America's beaches and elements that '...provide important quality-of-life assets within the reach of the largest possible number of people....,' as included in our association's mission statement.

"We congratulate Congressman Frank Pallone, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State of New Jersey, the Surfers Environmental Alliance and our other coastal partners for this dramatic and important advancement in beach design."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced plans for a \$9 million half-mile project at Long Branch, which will feature an innovative "feeder" beach that can also serve as a surf break, improving the waves for local surfers.

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### **ABOUT ASBPA**

Founded in 1926, the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) represents the scientific, technical and political interests along the coast in an effort to shape national research and policy concerning shore and beach management and restoration. The group strives to engage a factual debate on coastal issues and economics that will foster sound, far-sighted and economical development and preservation of our beaches; thereby aiding in placing their benefits within the reach of the largest possible number of people in accordance with the ideals of a democratic nation. For more information on the ASBPA, go to [www.asbpa.org](http://www.asbpa.org).

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