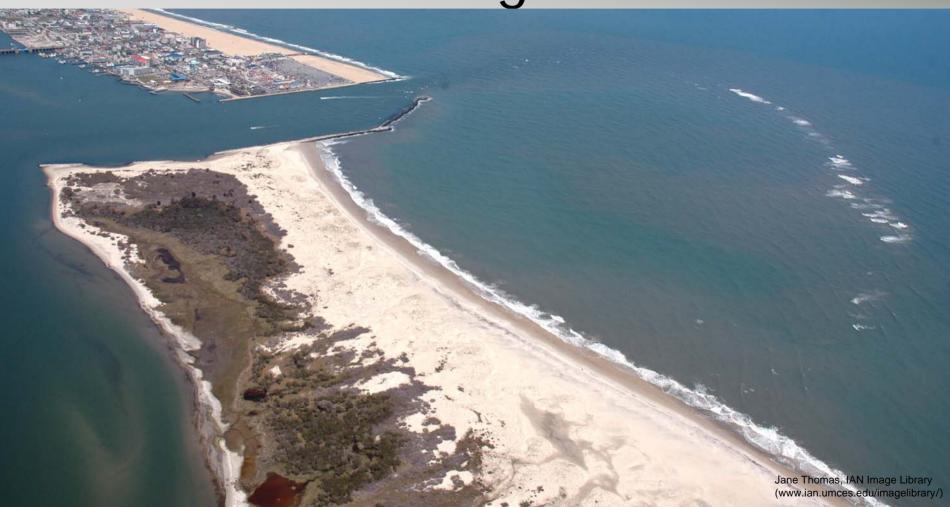
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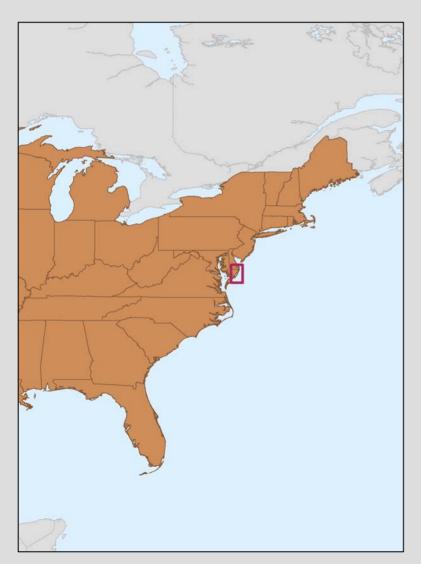




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1933 Hurricane: Creation of Ocean City Inlet



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1962 Nor'easter: Island-Wide Devastation





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### Natural Processes Interrupted



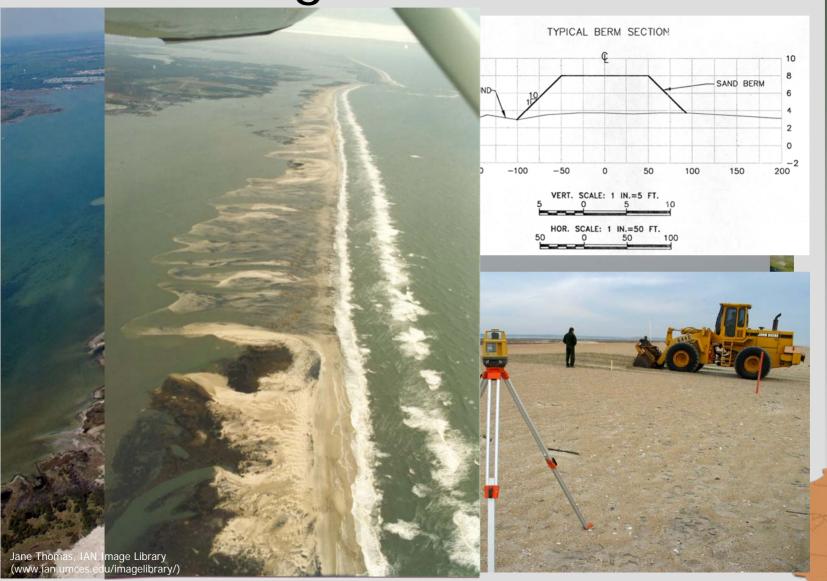


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### Mitigation Efforts





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#### Data

- Shorelines
- Cross-Island Elevation Profiles
- Lidar
- Aerial Photography
- Bathymetry
- Near-shore Profiles
- Biological Monitoring





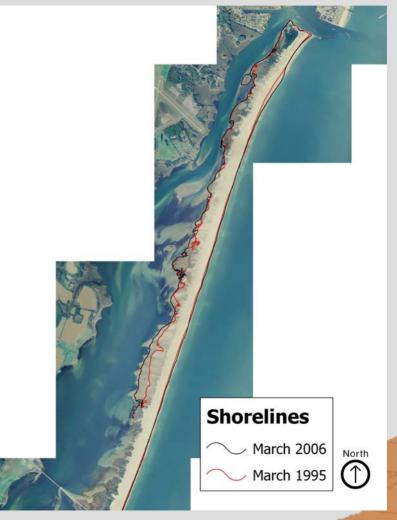
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#### Shorelines

- Ocean
  - ATV MountedTrimble ProXR GPS(sub-meter)
- Bay (Inlet to KM 9)
  - Backpack mounted





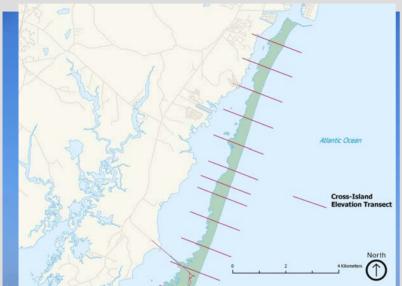


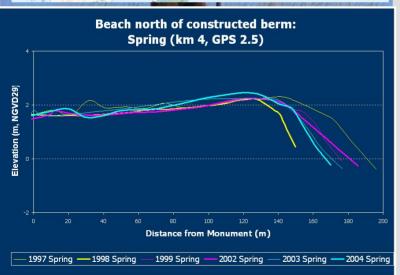
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#### Cross-Island Profiles





- Perpendicular to shoreline
- 23 Transects
- Total Station: 1993-2003
- Trimble 5700 RTK GPS: 2004 – present

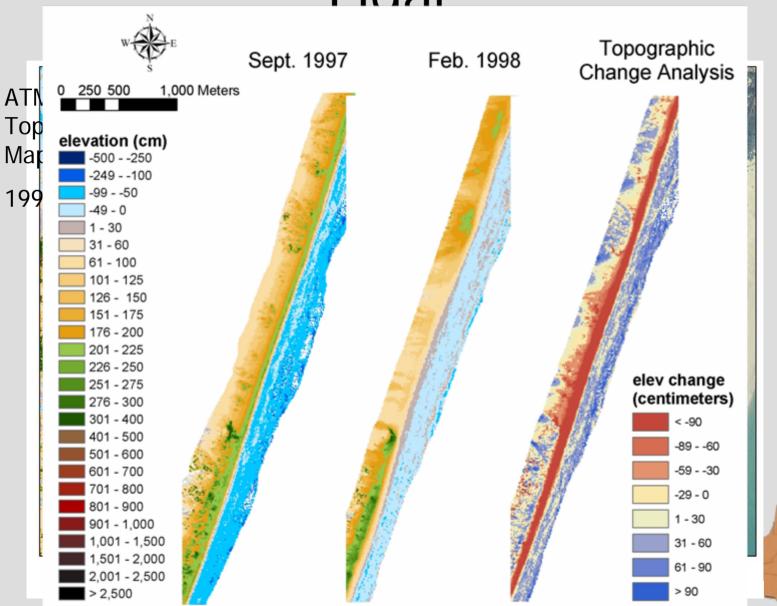


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# **Aerial Photography**

- True color
  - Collected October 2003
  - 0.25 m resolution
  - Low Tide
  - Shoreline Delineation
  - Geomorphic feature mapping





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# Aerial Photography (CIR)



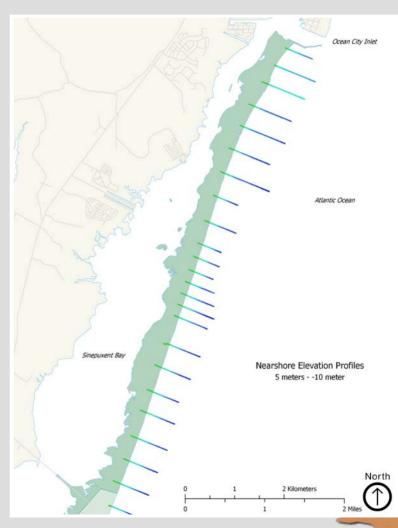


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# Bathymetry/ Nearshore Profiles

- Bathymetry collected near areas of sediment dredging
  - Once per dredge session (7 since 2003)
- Nearshore profiles
  - 2003-present
  - Once per year
- USACE





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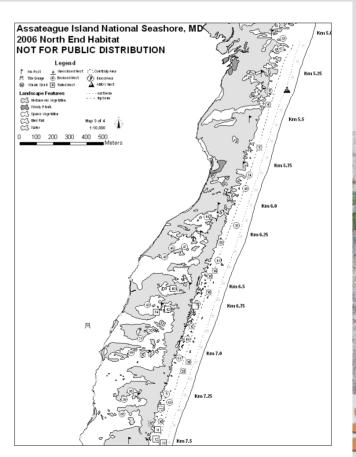
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### Biological Monitoring

- Piping Plover
- North End Vegetat

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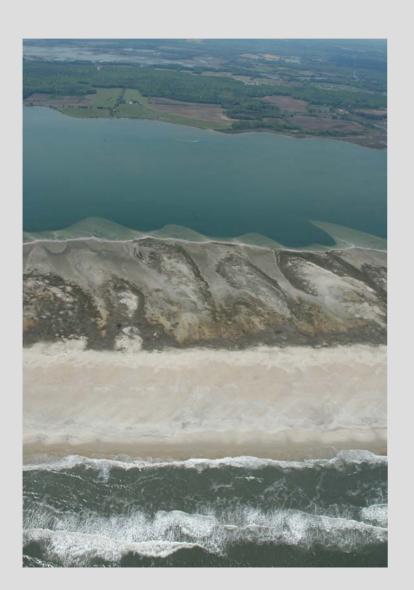


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#### **Application**



- Ongoing Sediment Bypassing
- Berm Alteration
- Shoreline Erosion
- Data Management/ Data Sharing



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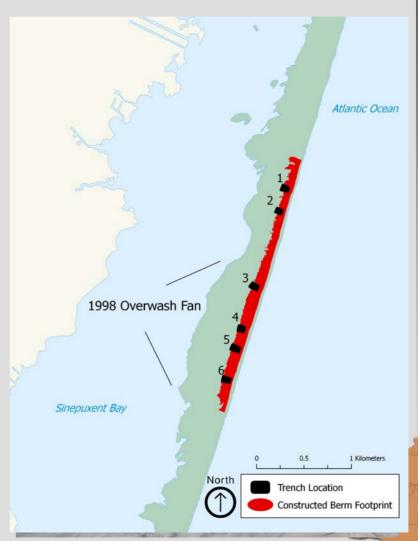
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#### Berm Alteration

- Piping Plover Monitoring
- Vegetation Monitoring





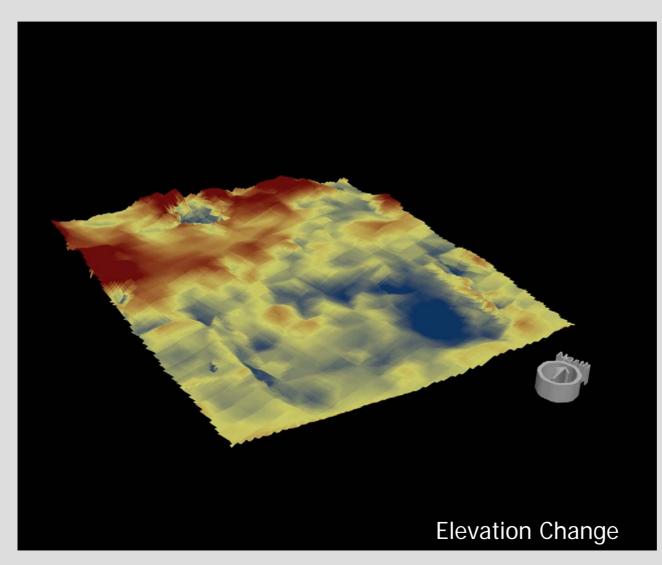


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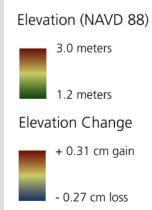
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#### Berm Alteration



- Monthly Survey
- 4 meter interval
- No significant elevation change



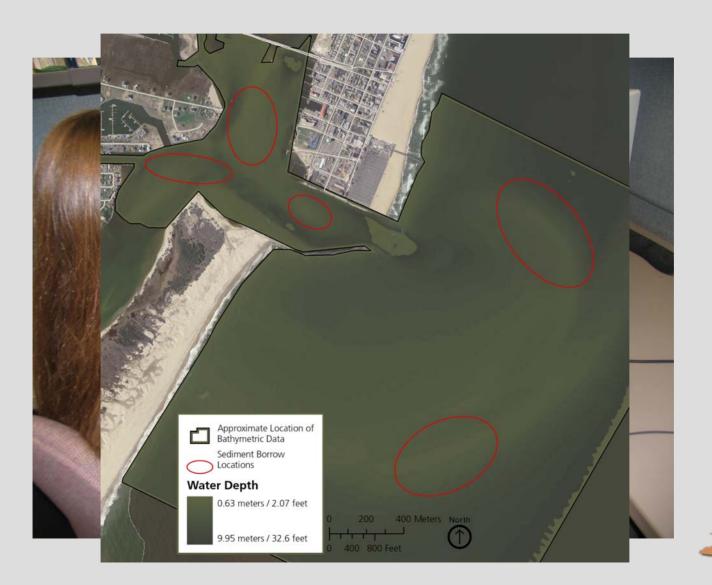


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# Sediment Bypassing



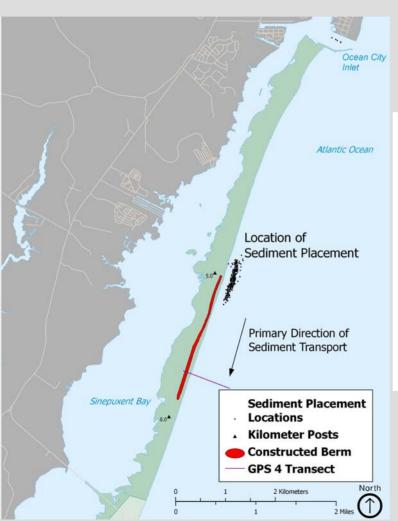


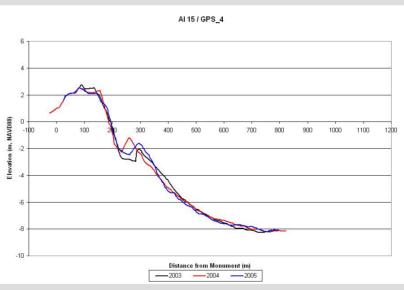
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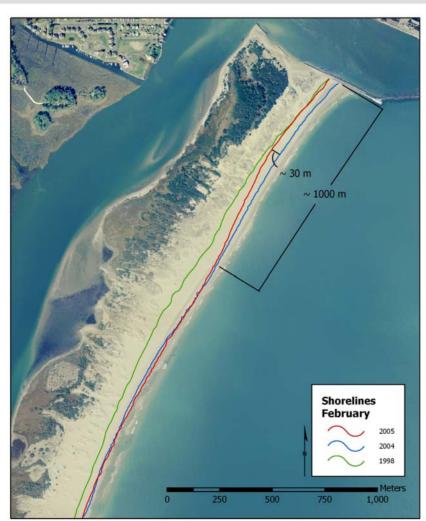




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#### **Shoreline Erosion**





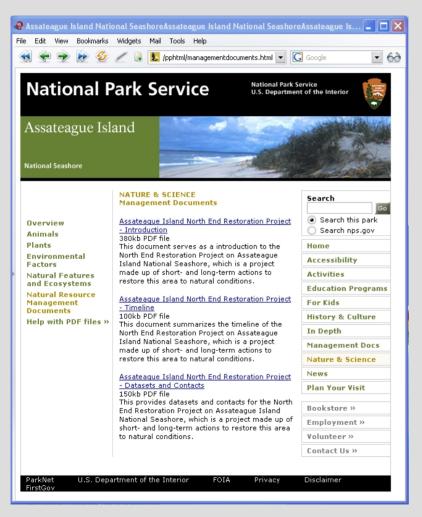


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#### Data Management / Data Sharing



Northend Restoration Project Website

- Introduction
- Timeline
- Datasets and Contacts



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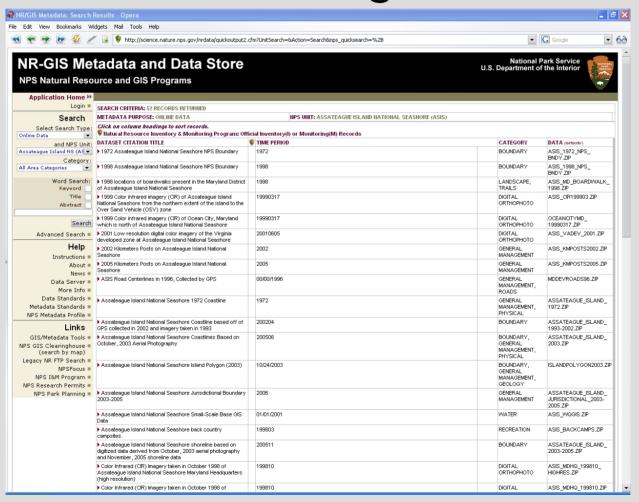
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