

Carper and Castle Tour Replenished Beaches in Sussex County -- May 8, 2006

Sussex County, DE -- Senator Tom Carper and Congressman Mike Castle today toured beaches in Sussex County to see completed beach replenishment work and announce funding for future replenishment projects. Representatives from DNREC, The Army Corps of Engineers, and local officials from each town all joined Carper and Castle for the celebration. Delaware's congressional delegation, including Carper, Castle and Sen. Joe Biden, recently secured \$4.275 million in federal funds in fiscal 2006 for beach projects.

They first stopped at Fenwick Island, where construction is finished. The delegation helped secure \$1.275 million in 2006 for their replenishment project. From there, Carper and Castle headed over to Bethany and South Bethany Beaches, which received \$3 million this year. Following the beach replenishment events, the Senator and the Congressman headed to Rehoboth to commend the Army Corps of Engineers and DNREC for receiving the Top Restored Beach Award, given by the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, in recognition of their efforts on the restoration of Rehoboth and Dewey beaches.

"Our beaches are one of the state's main tourist attractions and a key ingredient in the economic health of Sussex County. I'm sure all the beachgoers will enjoy their trips to Delaware's shores even more this summer thanks to the work that's been done the past few years," Senator Carper said.

I'm happy to be here today with Senator Carper, DNREC, and the Army Corps of Engineers as well as other local officials to address the topic of beach replenishment. We work hard in Washington to secure federal funding to help with the completion of these projects, but as always it would not be possible without the local support. Our beaches are a national treasure and this replenishment takes us in the right direction for their preservation," Castle said.