

Castle Announces \$3 Million in Funding for Bethany Beach Replenishment -- January 6, 2006

Bethany, DE -- Standing on the boardwalk, Delaware Congressman Mike Castle announced \$3 million in federal funding for the Bethany-South Bethany Shore Protection Project this Friday. Funds for this project were included in the final Fiscal Year 2006 Energy and Water Conference Report. Castle also announced \$1.25 million that was secured for the completion of the Fenwick Island replenishment project. Over the past five fiscal years, including this year, the delegation has secured close to \$23 million in federal beach replenishment funding.

"I am pleased that the delegation could obtain this funding and I can assure you that we are going to do everything in our power to make sure that our efforts continue until these projects are finished. We believe strongly in the federal role for beach replenishment because our beaches are a national treasure. By Spring of 2007, I really think we will see a dramatically different Bethany Beach that we can all enjoy," Castle said.

Beach replenishment is vital in reducing storm damage to the coastline and ensuring a healthy and long lasting benefit to the economy of the surrounding communities and the state.