

December 18, 2015

Dear Nantucketers:

As the year comes to a close, we are pleased at the progress that has been made. An agreement was reached with the Town, allowing us to maintain and expand the project to protect 'Sconset beach.

The fall geotube and sand delivery project has largely been completed, with a fourth tier of geotubes installed and the full amount of our annual sand commitment delivered. We are hopeful that further sand deliveries will not be required until the fall/winter of 2016. The combination of the 4<sup>th</sup> tier and an entire year's worth of sand has raised the top of the sand template about 13 feet from its Summer 2015 elevation.

During the coming months we expect that sand will wash away from the face of the geotubes during large storms, requiring us to push sand down from the top to re-cover the areas exposed. In this way the system mimics the natural erosion process providing neighboring beaches sand in much the same way it would if no protection was in place.

We are confident that this pioneering, innovative approach to erosion management – called by some Nantucket's biggest science experiment – will protect this part of the coastline without negatively impacting other areas, as has been the case to date. If you have the opportunity, come out to Sconset and see for yourself.

Needless to say, getting to where we are today has been expensive! While the project is protecting a relatively small part of northern Baxter Road now, it is keeping access to Sankaty Lighthouse open for the whole island. Equally important, this demonstration will ultimately offer good insight into how all of the 'Sconset shorefront and beyond could be preserved and protected. In that context, we ask that you consider making a contribution—large or small—to this important work. Give on line at <http://sconsetbeach.org/about-us/> or by mail (Sconset Beach Preservation Fund, PO Box 2279, Nantucket, MA 02584).

On behalf of all of us at SBPF, we wish to express our appreciation to all Nantucketers, especially our 'Sconset neighbors, for your patience with the disruption caused by truck traffic through many days in December. Hopefully we are done with that for a while.

We wish you happy holidays and look forward to learning more about how this vital preservation effort performs through the coming winter storm season.

Best wishes,

Josh Posner  
President, SBPF