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Shore/Bank Protection Projects

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Wallis Sands State Beach Shore and Bank Protection Project

Wallis Sands State Beach in Rye is about five miles south of Portsmouth and about nine miles northeast of the New Hampshire - Massachusetts state line.

The project involved widening the northernmost 800 feet of the beach to a general width of 150 feet by the direct placement of sand, and constructing a 350-foot-long stone groin at the beach widening's southern limit. The work was completed in 1963 at a cost of \$501,000.

The beach and groin were seriously damaged by a storm in February 1972, when much of the New Hampshire coastline was declared a National Disaster Area. The Corps completed a restoration of the beach in September 1973 at a cost of \$95,000.

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