



ROSSLARE COASTAL EROSION & FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

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SCHEME AREA

The scheme area is outlined by the red border on the map.



The scheme area consists generally of Rosslare Strand extending around Rosslare Point to the inner bay area by Burrow Road.

TIMESCALE

Expected stage completion dates are currently:

		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Stage 1	Q3 2025								
Stage 2	Q4 2026								
Stage 3	Q3 2027								
Stage 4	Q1 2029								
Stage 5	Q1 2030								

PROGRESS – JAN. 2024 to AUG. 2024

Hydrological & Hydraulic Analysis:

The scheme area was slightly extended at the Burrow Road by the project steering group resulting in additional survey and analysis requirements. The additional analysis is underway and the revised hydraulic report is expected to be completed during Q3 of 2024.

The additional assessment is also considering the erosion risk utilising historic records including aerial photography. Photography was available from Wexford County Council dating back to 1995, and older photography was sourced from the Military Archives (1941, 1953, 1963) and the Geological Survey or Ireland (1973) archives. Images of this old photography are attached at the end of this newsletter.

Site Investigations:

A site investigation contract will be carried out over approximately 3 weeks starting on 26th August. This will involve drilling boreholes and digging trial pits along the Burrow Road to understand the ground conditions to inform the design of future flood defences.

The work will generally be confined to the roadside, however due to the narrow nature of the road there will be localised traffic management at the works locations during the work. This may cause short delays to motorists during the works.

Causeway Geotechnical Ltd has been appointed to carry out this work for Wexford County Council.

Meetings:

A well-attended meeting was held with the Burrow Road residents to gather information about the flooding which has been experienced and their requirements for access to the water. There was a useful discussion about the scheme and progress to date.

We are grateful to the residents for taking the time to meet with us and share their views.

Environmental Assessments:

A wintering birds survey was carried out during winter/spring 2023/2024. A breeding birds and Tern survey is being carried out throughout summer/autumn 2024.

NEXT STEPS

Options Development: Following completion of the hydraulic report the project team will begin to assess the available options for flood protection and for erosion protection.

The potential options will be presented at public participation events to allow the views of the public to be taken into consideration in the selection of a preferred protection option.

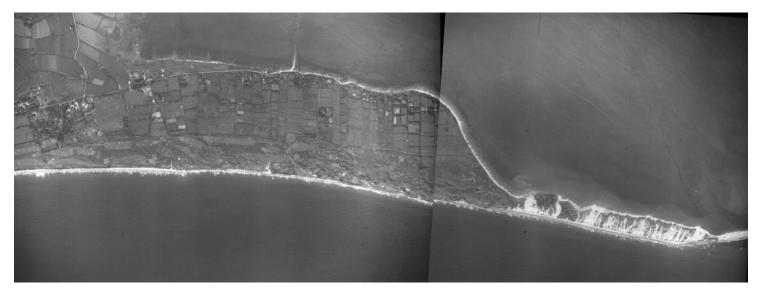
Public Participation: It is intended that a public participation event will be held at the end of Q4 2024. At these events the emerging options for flood and erosion protection will be presented to any interested members of the public. Feedback will be welcomed and will help to direct the scheme towards a preferred option. The date and location of the consultation event will be publicised on the website and in local media once it is available.

Historic Aerial Photography

1941 (courtesy of the Military Archives)



1953 (V176_00052 & V176_00054, Aerial photograph collection, courtesy of the Military Archives)



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1963 (V312_03152, V312_03154 & V312_03155, Aerial photograph collection, courtesy of the Military Archives)



1973 (T72 & T192, courtesy of the Geological Survey of Ireland archive)



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