



## BLIND PASS RESTORATION

**Summary:** Erickson Consulting Engineers (ECE) was commissioned in February 2005 to coordinate the tasks necessary to fund, plan, design, engineer, permit and prepare for the construction of the Blind Pass Restoration Project.

**Date:** 2005 to Present

**Location:** Between Captiva Island and Sanibel Island, Florida

### Key Project Elements:

- Project Management
- Field Investigations and Preliminary Design
- Project Design Phase
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Acquisition of Federal and State Regulatory Permits
- Final Engineering and Construction Documents
- Community Information and Progress Updates
- Construction Contract Administration

The Blind Pass Restoration Project will construct a new inlet and interior tidal channel to reopen the pass which closed in 1998 as a result of cross-sectional instabilities. The reopening project will place sand on adjacent eroded beaches, thereby restoring the natural tidal flows and sandy bypassing. The primary objectives are to improve circulation to the adjoining bays and restore the Sanibel Island beaches adjacent to Blind Pass.

Currently ECE is working to acquire construction permits from the State of Florida and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

