

VHB Expands Coastal Engineering with Two Acquisitions

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In a strategic move to expand coastal engineering, VHB is thrilled to join forces with two coastal engineering firms effective today: Waterway Surveys & Engineering (Waterway) in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Harbor Engineering (Harbor) of Barrington, Rhode Island. With a focus on helping clients protect and improve their assets along tidal waterways and waterfronts, our strengthened team is positioned to plan and implement new development projects, shore protection, and aging coastal infrastructure improvements.

Founded in 1977, Waterway is a premier surveying, engineering, and environmental consulting firm specializing in marine environments. With a team of more than 20 professionals, their skillsets encompass hydrographic surveying, sediment investigations, dredging engineering and permitting, as well as beach nourishment and dune construction. Similarly, the acquisition of Harbor will bolster VHB's ocean and waterfront engineering capabilities through their proven track record in navigating channel improvements, and marina and waterfront commercial development.

“Port facilities, navigation channels, urban waterfronts, beaches, and unprotected shorelines are abundant across VHB's footprint,” said Neville Reynolds, Coastal Engineering and Resiliency Growth Leader. “By joining forces with Waterway and Harbor, we are enhancing our team to more effectively service our clients with valuable waterfront and maritime assets.”

For more than 30 years, VHB has been at the forefront of coastal engineering and resiliency practices, successfully executing a variety of projects along the East Coast. From scores of shoreline protection and restoration projects and revitalization work such as the Ohio Creek Watershed improvements in Norfolk, VA, to the sustainable development of Arverne East in Queens, NY, our projects highlight how we overcame the diverse challenges that meet specific local needs for improved and redeveloped waterfronts.

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