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STATE OF THE BEACHES

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Racing the Clock in the Rockaways

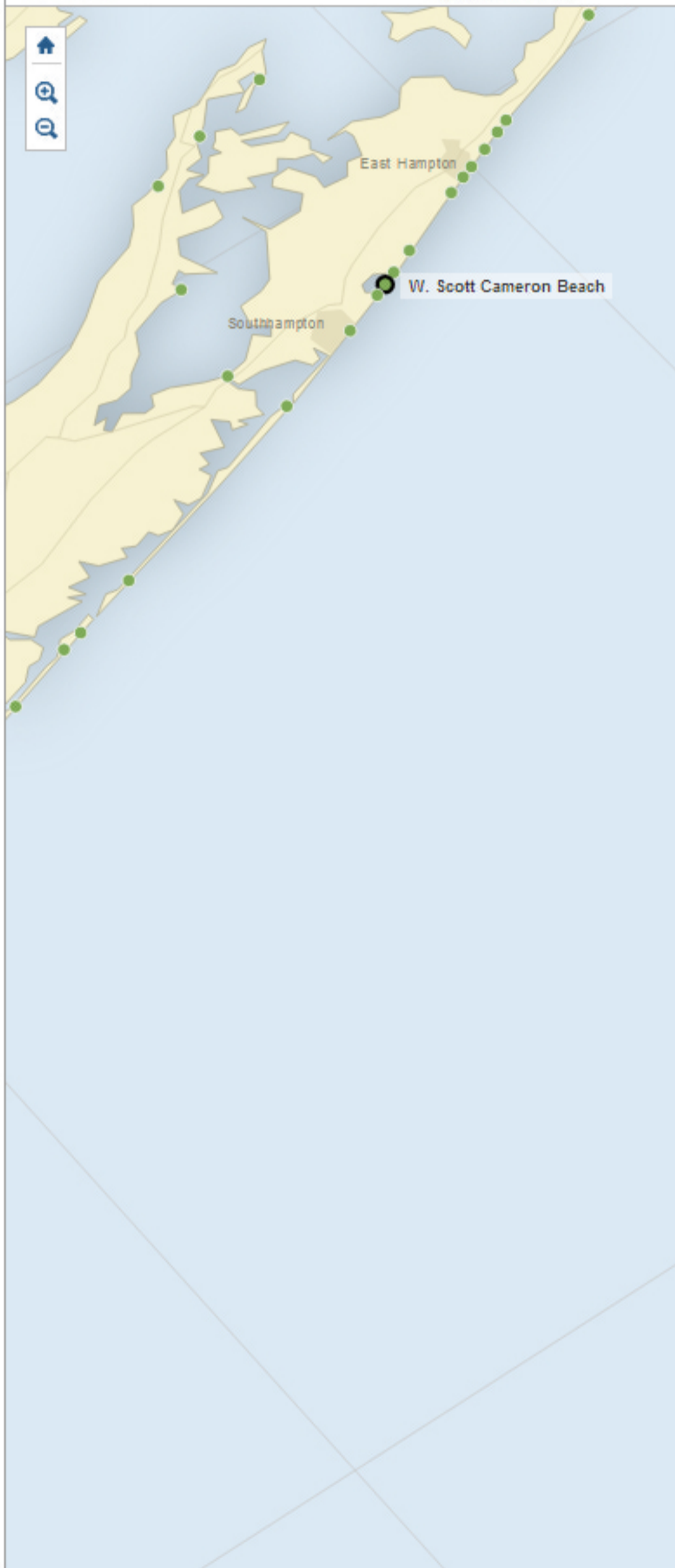
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Rebuilding, but at What Cost?

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Find Coney Island, Seaside Heights



Nicole Bengiveno/The New York Times

Joseph Farrell, a local builder, helped repair W. Scott Cameron Beach.

W. Scott Cameron Beach

Bridgehampton, N.Y. | [Directions](#)

WHAT WILL BE OPEN ON MEMORIAL DAY	YES	Beach
	YES	Parking lot
	YES	Bathrooms
	N/A	Concessions
	N/A	Boardwalk

All beach structures were destroyed, and have been rebuilt by the Farrell Building Company, at a cost of \$100,000, the labor and financing donated by Joseph Farrell, a local builder.

PROFILE
Picking Up the Tab

In Southampton, billionaire homeowners have controversially been taking matters into their own hands, putting in large metal plates and other fortification, to secure the dunes in front of their houses. Joseph Farrell is well known for building many of those very large, very luxurious homes in the Hamptons (including his own, once rented for \$500,000 — for less than a month — by Jay-Z and Beyoncé).

When two of his favorite beaches, W. Scott Cameron and Mecox, were damaged by Hurricane Sandy, Mr. Farrell offered to repair them at his own expense for the town of Southampton.

“There we were, looking at all this destruction, saying, ‘How are we going to deal with this?’” said Anna Throne-Holst, the town supervisor. “He came in here and said, ‘Hey, I want to help out.’”

In the months since, a dozen or more plumbers, roofers, carpenters and other workers have been rebuilding the pavilions and restrooms at the beaches, and restoring dunes, which had been flattened, with tens of thousands of cubic yards of sand. Everything will be restored by Memorial Day, Mr. Farrell said, at a cost — to him — of more than \$100,000.

Robert Davey, Christopher Maag and Tim Stelloh contributed reporting.

Sources: Town and county officials.

Correction: May 20, 2013 A report in some editions last Sunday about the state of beaches in the New York City metropolitan area gave incorrect information from the state parks department for the status of concession stands at Jones Beach State Park in Wantagh, N.Y. They will be open — not closed — on Memorial Day weekend.

WHAT WILL BE OPEN ON MEMORIAL DAY

- Open
- Closed

Version of this interactive graphic had said that “Most of the beach access points” to Normandy Beach, on the New Jersey pps were not completed by Memorial Day.