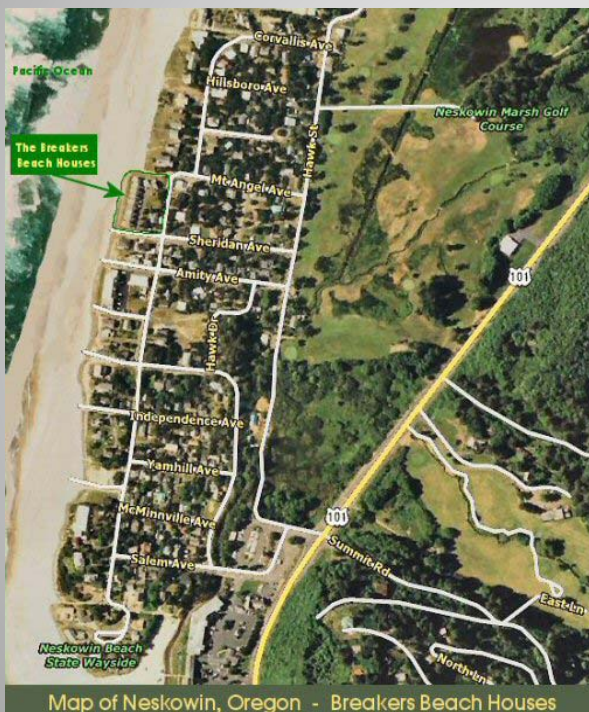


Neskowin Community Response

- Local property owners have been educating themselves about the issue and engaging political leadership for help finding solutions
- El Nino of 97-98 was start of recent concerns, but recent years are bringing the issue to a head (2007)
- Property owners held public meeting with all three Commissioners to express concerns and enlist support (2009)
- Neskowin Coastal Hazards Committee formed to take action Oct. 09. Meeting regularly since that time.

A Community Issue



- Rip rapped beach properties on the high foredune protect the Village behind it
- All depend on intact system of riprap for protection

Partners and Policies

- County leaders and staff seek specific solutions for Neskowin, and also to develop a county-wide approach to coastal hazards



Partners and Policies

- **OR Dept Geology and Mineral Industries** develops hazard maps: “Where’s the hazard zone?”
- **OR State Parks** has jurisdiction for permitting on beach: “How do I get an emergency rip rap permit?”
- **OR Dept Land Conservation and Development** and Coastal Management Program implement Statewide Planning Goals: “How can we be more resilient in our development?”
- **OSU and Oregon Sea Grant** seek to engage coastal residents and apply university research to pressing problems. “How can research inform our choices?”



Neskowin Coastal Hazards Committee

Members:

Chair, County
Commissioner Mark
Labhart

One dozen residents
and property owners

Local planning staff,
state agency
representatives, and
university faculty.



Neskowin Coastal Hazards Committee Mission:

- Recommend to state and county agencies and officials ways to maintain the beach and protect the community through short term and long term strategies; and explore ways to plan for and adapt to the potential future changes in the Neskowin coastal area.

Neskowin Coastal Hazards Committee Objectives:



- To become more knowledgeable about past and current dimensions of the situation and study expert projections for the future.
- Provide information to alert Neskowin beach users to potential dangers of coastal hazards.

Neskowin Coastal Hazards Committee Objectives:

- Investigate options (short and long term) for maintaining the beach and preserving the village.
- Publish Committee findings and advocate actions likely to be most effective in fulfilling our mission.
- Help garner support and resources necessary to implement agreed upon actions.



NCHC Accomplishments

- Research and analysis of possible options & funding
- Riprap Evaluation and Inventory by State Parks
- Tax lot maps w/goal 18 exemptions
- DLCD support for Adaptation Planning
- Using current science in hazard assessments (SARP)
- Engaged USACE & OSU dune experts for advice
- Community letters, outreach, networking
- Monthly minutes posted to NCA website
- BASECAMP online file sharing site for findings

