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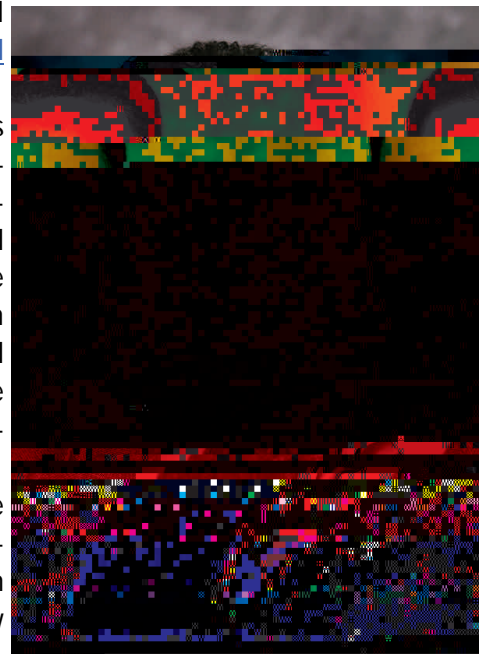
Effective July 1, 2012, seven United Ways merged to form The United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey — one organization committed to improving lives and creating community-level change across the region. Jackson served on the regional design team responsible for the recent merger and spent over eighteen months working to ensure the merger was positioned for long-term success.

The following local United Ways comprise United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey: Atlantic County, N.J., Burlington County, N.J., Camden County, N.J., Cape May County, N.J., Greater Cumberland County, N.J., Southeast Delaware County, P.A., Southeastern Pennsylvania, P.A. (includes Philadelphia).

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to collaborate with so many community leaders and volunteers, who all strongly believe in the mission of the United Way," Jackson said. "The regional merger will strengthen our capacity to help more people in our communities. I'm also delighted to represent Stockton on this impressive board; the only college in New Jersey represented on the regional board."

While the regional United Way will continue to have local presence and impact, collectively they will have the capacity to engage more donors, advocates and volunteers to address critical issues addressing education, income and health in our local communities.

For more information about donating your time or money to the United Way, please [click here](#).



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## Howard Explores New Jersey's Lost Island

"I've often sat and wondered about what kind of a place Little Beach Island would have become had it been developed," said Steven Howard, a geospatial analyst at Stockton's [Coastal Research Center](#). Howard analyzes coastal environments for the [Marine Science and Environmental Field Station](#) operated by Stockton, and has studied the ebb and flow of what is believed to be the last sizable uninhabited barrier island on the Atlantic coast, between Long Beach Island and Brigantine.

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sertation as well. His findings showed that Little Beach Island could not have sustained the development that speculators once fantasized about without the massive beach replenishment that has occurred elsewhere on New Jersey's 127-mile coast in the last 30 years.

Using topographical data and surveys dating to 1903 and aerial photographic studies from the last 40 years, Howard saw that sand from the island's southern beaches and high dunes had migrated, changing the northern shoreline. Between 1903 and 2010, the shoreline has "advanced," or widened, by 1,137 feet, Howard said.

Over about 20 years, the island has experienced a dramatic flattening of its dunes and a depletion of its forests, he said. Trees that were once inland are now at water's edge. Marshland has been eroded and exposed by the encroaching Atlantic.

That is the opposite of what has happened at other barrier-island locations, such as Ocean City and Sea Isle City. There, storms and wave action move sand southward, plumping Wildwood's already fat strands. The anomaly may be the result of local water currents, according to Howard.

"You can see dramatic changes over what is a relatively short period of time . . . shorter than you might expect," he said.

Little Beach Island has occasionally found itself the focus of development plans. In 1882, a group of land speculators drew up plans for a resort on the island, but the financial panic of 1884 caused investment money to dry up, Farrell said. Around 1913, another investment group attempted to offer a direct route to the island, but steel became scarce due to World War I. By the 1970s, the island became part of Forsythe.



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