



# New Jersey Beach Profile Network

## Ocean County

Manasquan Inlet  
to Little Egg Inlet

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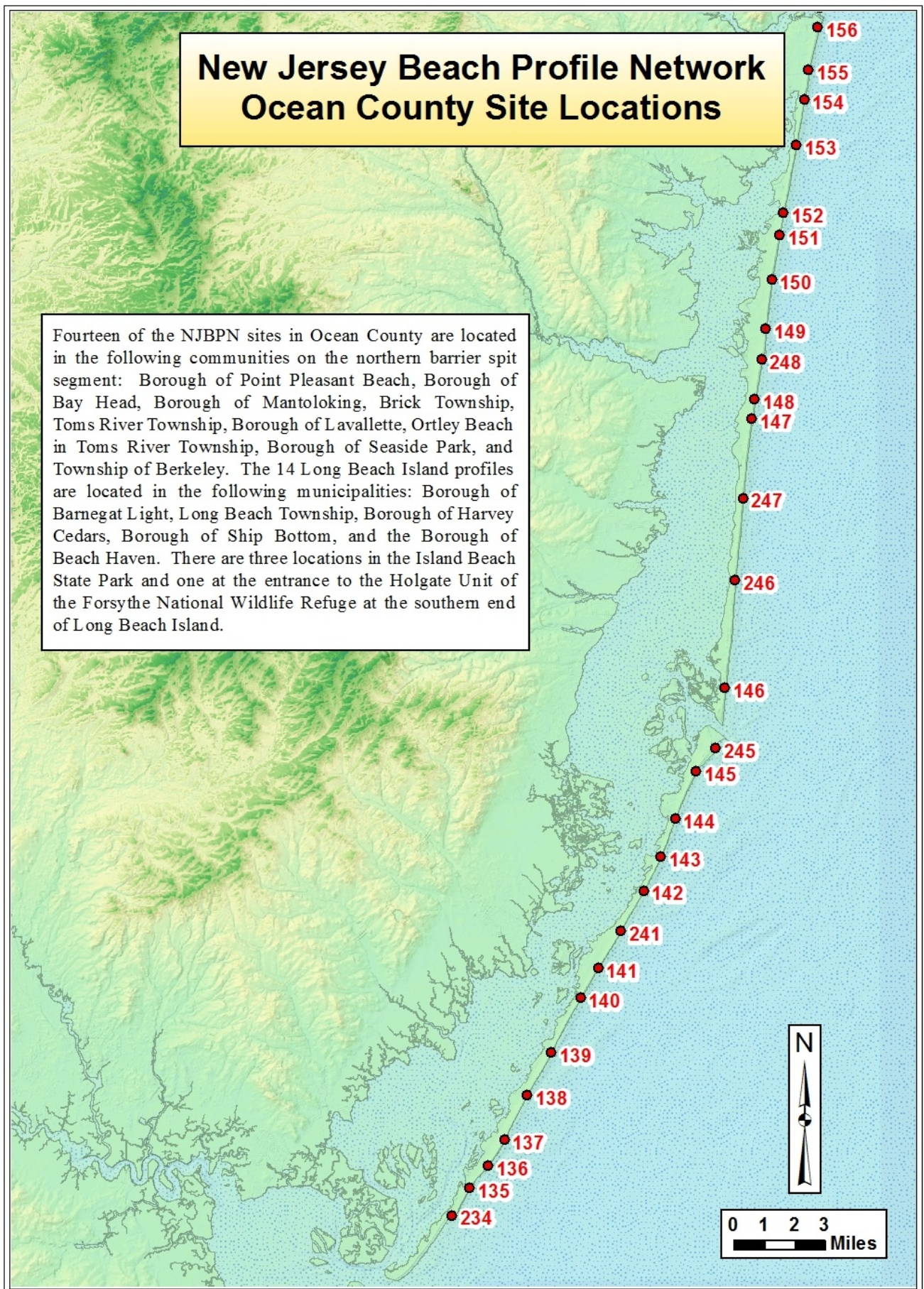


Figure 106. Locations of the 28 NJBPN profile stations in Ocean County, NJ.

## **2016-2017 Beach Fills in Ocean County:**

The federal/state/local storm damage reduction project (beachfill) between Manasquan Inlet and Barnegat Inlet commenced in May 2017 in Dover Township (Ortley Beach- NJBPN #149) via a betterment option funded by the state and municipality. This action was taken because of scheduling delays and the need to protect the most vulnerable oceanfront community while waiting for construction of the designed dune and berm. The entire federally-designed beachfill is expected to place approximately 10 million cubic yards of sand on nearly 14 miles of ocean shoreline between Point Pleasant Beach and Berkeley Township (USACE Project Fact Sheet, 2017 <http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Missions/Factsheets/Fact-Sheet-Article-View/Article/490786/new-jersey-shore-protection-manasquan-inlet-to-barnegat-inlet-nj/>). The reach that includes Island Beach State Park is not included in this storm damage reduction project. Because of project delays, the CRC focused its 2017 surveying efforts in northern Ocean County to obtain pre-beachfill project elevations. The CRC collected post-beach fill elevations only at NJBPN #153. The USACE posts the construction status at <http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Manasquan-Inlet-to-Barnegat-Inlet/>

State/municipal and federal/state/municipal beachfills were completed on Long Beach Island in 2016-2017 in response to damages from storms. The USACE posts the construction status of the LBI project at <http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Long-Beach-Island-Storm-Damage-Reduction/>

### **Individual Site Descriptions:**

#### **Point Pleasant Beach, Water Street and Maryland Avenue; #156 and #155;**

The recreational beach at Water Street has no dune due to local custom and high volume beach use during the tourist season. The Maryland Avenue location has had a long-established dune with a crest near 16 ft NAVD88. Berm elevations at both sites approach 10 ft NAVD88.

#### **Bay Head, Johnson Avenue; #154;**

The site is backed by a rock revetment that was constructed after the 1962 March northeaster and has had an erratic history of shoreline stability. Berm widths varied from 75-100 feet over the past year and the nearshore slope was steep with no evidence of nearshore bars.

#### **Mantoloking, 1117 Ocean Avenue; #153;**

The steel vertical sheet-pile wall was installed here in 2014 and has been exposed to wave action by even modest storms. Completed at top elevation of 16.0 feet NAVD 88, this wall was initially buried in recovery sand making up a “dune” containing the wall as a core. Northeast storm Jonas, January 23, 2016 exposed 85% of the wall’s length leaving between 6 and 22 feet of vertical surface exposed above either a wet beach at low tide or a sand surface below the elevation of low tide. By the fall 2017 survey, the site received sand from the initial construction of the federal beachfill. This event expanded the base width of the dune and berm by 200 feet and elevated the berm to nearly 7.0 ft NAVD88.

#### **Brick Township, Public Beach #3, #152;**

The steel wall extends south past this site and in spring 2016 was covered with sand through local efforts. The resulting new dune was seaward of the previous and raised to approximately 25 ft. The remaining profile is characterized by a steep, narrow berm. A nearshore sandbar was measured in the fall 2017 survey indicating cross-shore transport.

#### **Toms River Township (Normandy Beach, Ortley Beach), 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue; #151 and #149;**

These sites were in desperate need of sand prior to the construction of the federal beachfill. Through a betterment, funding was available to place sand at the Ortley Beach location in May 2017. This included sand for the berm only. Dune and berm restoration will occur during the scheduled construction. The Normandy profile is characterized by a small, narrow dune at elevation 18 ft NAVD88 and a narrow berm.

**Lavallette; White Avenue; #150;**

The post-Sandy dune reaches nearly 23 ft, but is less than 100 ft at its base. In late 2017, the berm width expanded to 200 ft, possibly due to sand that was added to the littoral system in Ortley Beach in May 2017.

**Seaside Heights; Franklin Avenue; #248;**

This site does not include a dune due to local management efforts and the heavy beachgoer use. This site posted the greatest seasonal volume losses of all the Ocean County sites (between fall 2016 and spring 2017) but regained more sand over the summer 2017 to finish with a net volume gain over the year.

**Seaside Park; 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue; #148;**

The Seaside Park profile contains a stable dune over 25 ft high and a moderate-width (100 ft) berm. Local efforts via sand fencing have incrementally moved the base of the dune seaward. Nearshore sand bars are a typical occurrence.

**Midway Beach (Berkeley Township); 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue; #347**

The profile at Midway Beach contains an impressive dune (> 25 ft and 150 ft wide) and a berm that measured over 100 ft. The berm was lowered by the January 2017 northeaster and did not regain its pre-storm elevation.

**Island Beach State Park; Sites #247, #246, and #146;**

All three locations recorded volume gains over the 2016-2017 time frame, with the greatest gains occurring at the southernmost profile location (#146). The dunes remained in the same position and elevation, and most changes occurred in the seaward portion of the berm and in the nearshore.

**Barnegat Light Borough; 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 26<sup>th</sup> Street; #245 and #145;**

The Barnegat Light Borough locations display different profile features. The 10<sup>th</sup> Street site is comprised of an extensive dune system (1200 ft) and very narrow berm, while the 26<sup>th</sup> Street site contains a 350 ft wide dune and 400 ft berm. Both lost sand volume from the January 2017 northeaster. Over the 2016-2017 time period, the 10<sup>th</sup> Street profile losses were greater than at the 26<sup>th</sup> Street site which regained much of the lost sand by the fall 2017.

**Long Beach Township (Loveladies); La Baia Street; #144;**

Sand was added to the Loveladies section of the Township in the summer of 2016. The result was an engineered dune at 22 ft NAVD88 that was placed seaward and dwarfed the previous dune system. In the 2016-2017 time period, most of the volume changes occurred below the 0.0 ft datum.

**Harvey Cedars; 73<sup>rd</sup> Street and Tranquility Drive; #143 and #142;**

A small state-funded beachfill occurred at the NJBPN #143 site in October 2016, but not at Tranquility Drive which received sand from the neighboring beachfills.

**Surf City; 20<sup>th</sup> Street; #241;**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Street site in Surf City was included in the initial construction of the federal beachfill in 2007 and later restored to the design template in 2013 following the passage of PL 113-2. While there has been changes to the berm since the last restoration, the engineered dune has remained intact and at the design elevation and position.

**Ship Bottom; 8<sup>th</sup> Street; #141;**

The Ship Bottom profile has retained its 150-ft wide dune and at least a 150-ft wide berm since the spring 2015 beachfill. Even with the volume loss in 2016-2017, the site has gradually accreted since 2012.

**Long Beach Township (Brant Beach, 32<sup>nd</sup> St; #140; Beach Haven Crest, 81<sup>st</sup> St; #139; Spray Beach) Old Whaling Rd; #138;**

All of the Township NJBPN locations received post-Sandy restoration to the template design in 2015 or 2016 and each engineered dune has remained as designed and constructed. All of the sites showed seasonal changes

in the beachface and nearshore. NJBPN #139 measured the greatest volume loss of the three sites in 2016-2017 but the berm was nearly 200 ft wide by the fall 2017 survey.

**Beach Haven; Taylor Ave; #137 and Dolphin Ave; #136;**

Both of the Beach Haven sites are located within the federal beachfill and initial construction was completed by 2016. Over the 2016-2017 time period, site #137 appeared to be the more stable profile of the two. The Dolphin Avenue site has a narrower berm and showed larger swings in volume gains and losses, mostly below the 0.0 ft datum.

**Long Beach Township (Holgate); Webster Ave; #135;**

Initial construction of the engineered dune and berm was completed in summer 2016. Even with erosion of the beachface, the site gained in volume following the January 2017 northeaster. These gains occurred primarily below the datum.

**Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge; Located at the northern boundary with LBT; #234;**

Since commencement of the federal beachfill in Beach Haven and the Holgate section of the Township in 2016, this site has shown significant changes in the beachface and nearshore depending on when and where the sand was placed updrift of the site. The profile is located within the project's "taper" section immediately south of the Holgate terminal groin.

**2017 Storm Activity**

The only significant storm to affect the Ocean County shoreline was the January 24, 2017 northeaster which brought strong onshore flow and tidal flooding (NOAA Storm Events Database, 2017)

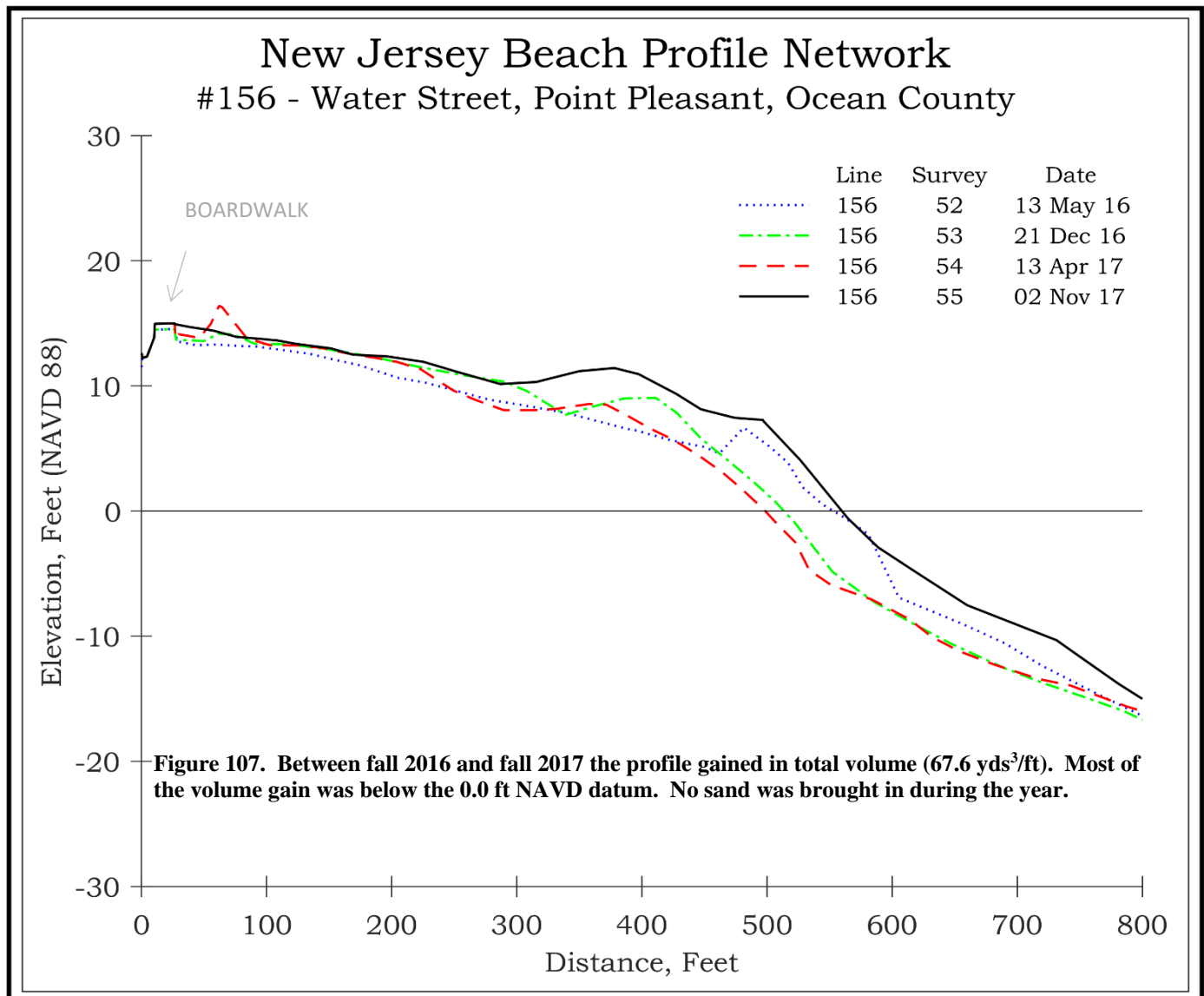
[https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/stormevents/listevents.jsp?eventType=ALL&beginDate\\_mm=01&beginDate\\_dd=01&beginDate\\_yyyy=2017&endDate\\_mm=11&endDate\\_dd=15&endDate\\_yyyy=2017&county=OCEAN%3A29&hailfilter=0.00&tornfilter=0&windfilter=000&sort=DT&submitbutton=Search&statefips=34%2CNEW+JERSEY](https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/stormevents/listevents.jsp?eventType=ALL&beginDate_mm=01&beginDate_dd=01&beginDate_yyyy=2017&endDate_mm=11&endDate_dd=15&endDate_yyyy=2017&county=OCEAN%3A29&hailfilter=0.00&tornfilter=0&windfilter=000&sort=DT&submitbutton=Search&statefips=34%2CNEW+JERSEY) All of the NJBPN sites in Ocean County showed the effects of the storm.

Hurricane Jose passed offshore New Jersey during a spring high tide in September (18-19) but damages to the shoreline were not observed.

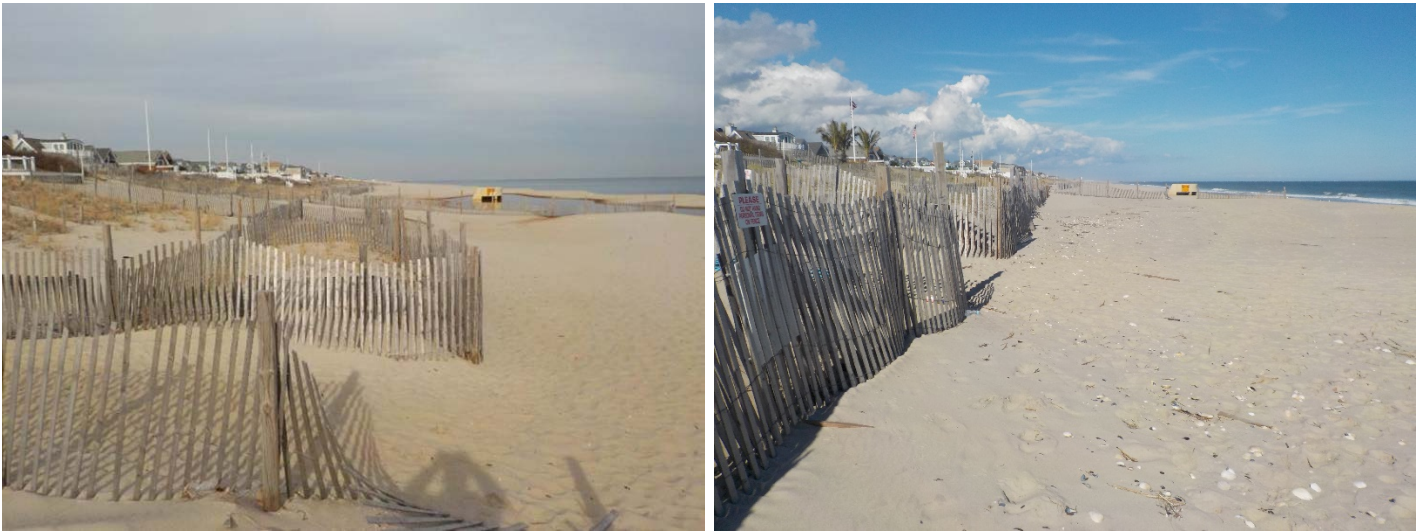
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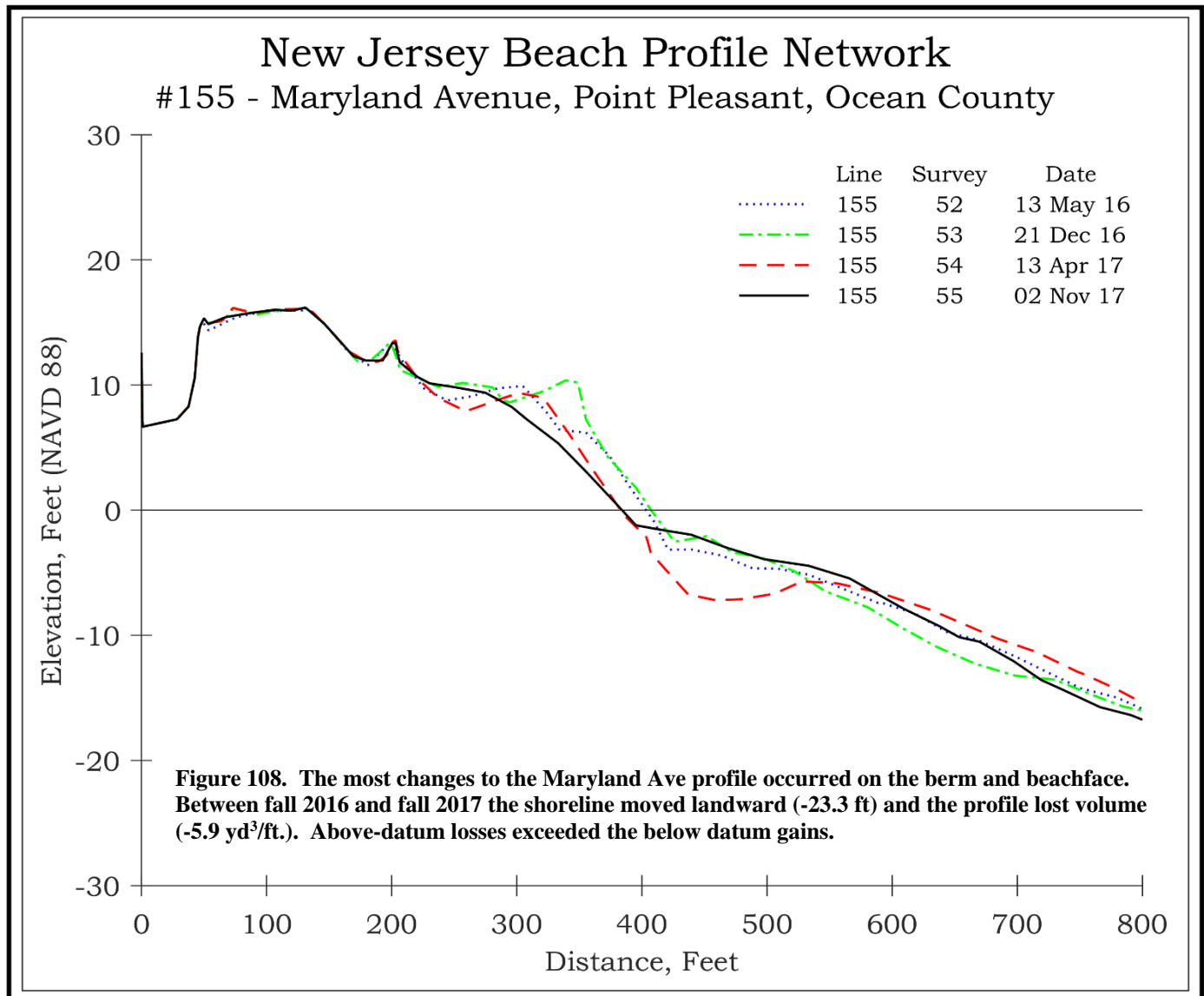
The Water Street site is located near the south end of the Point Pleasant Beach boardwalk and 1,400 ft south from the Manasquan Inlet jetty. The lack of dunes on the profile is the result of local beach maintenance activities. Between fall 2016 and fall 2017, the shoreline moved seaward (46 ft). This accumulation is barely visible in the photos above (left photo taken December 21, 2016 and right photo taken November 2, 2017).



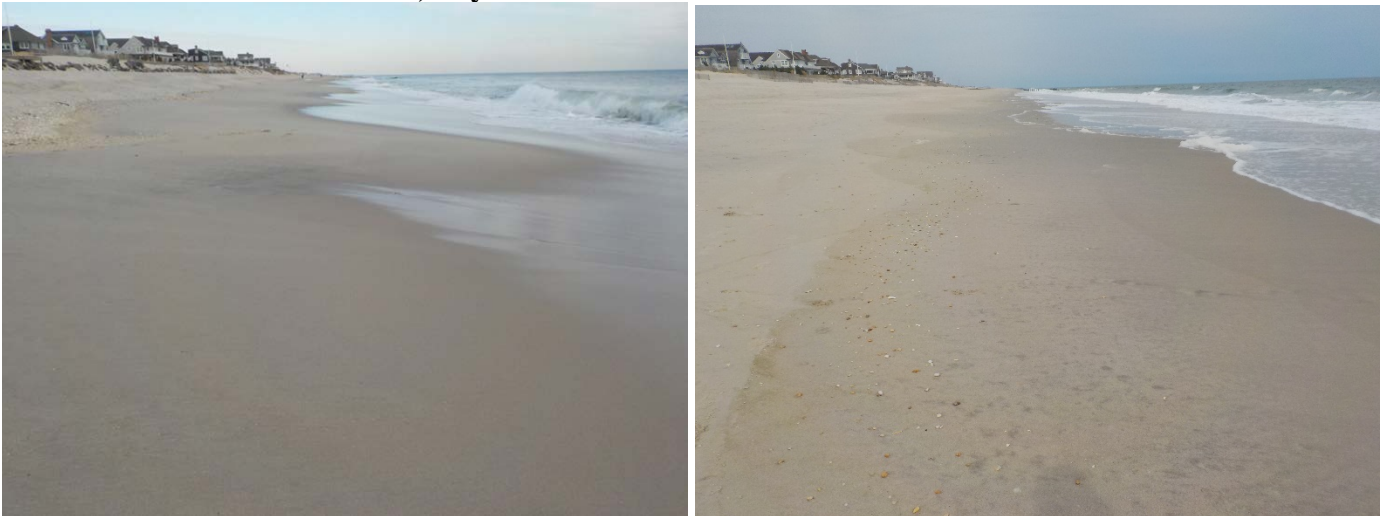
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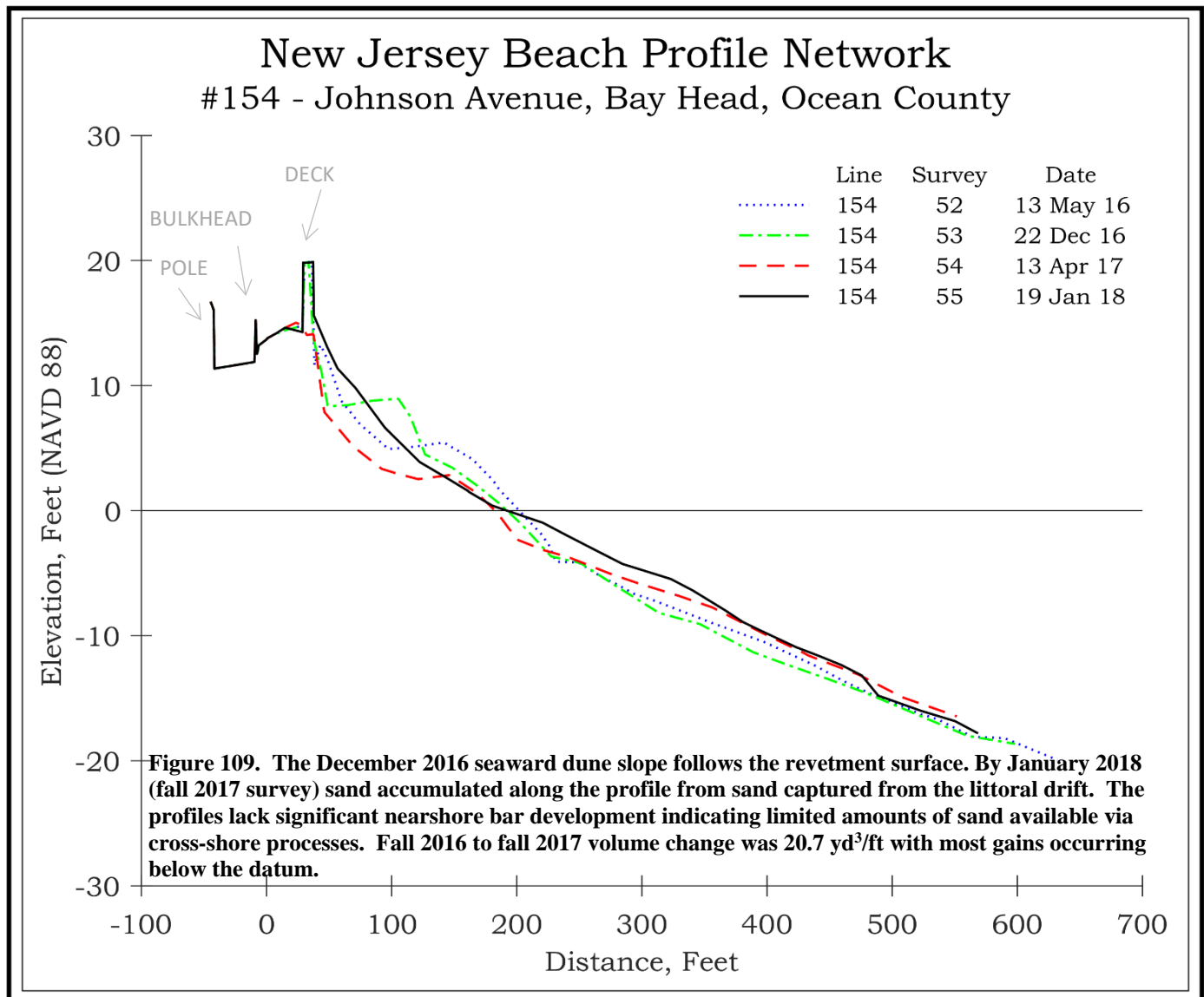
The Maryland Avenue profile is located over a mile south of Manasquan Inlet. The photos (left taken December 21, 2016 and right taken November 2, 2017) show little change in the backshore as most of the annual change occurred at the beachface.



**NJBPN 154 – Johnson Avenue, Bay Head**



The Johnson Avenue profile shows a narrow berm and steep nearshore (left taken December 22, 2016 and right taken January 19, 2018). The position of the 0.0 ft NAVD shoreline fluctuated by 20 ft throughout the year but arrived at in the same location in January 2018.

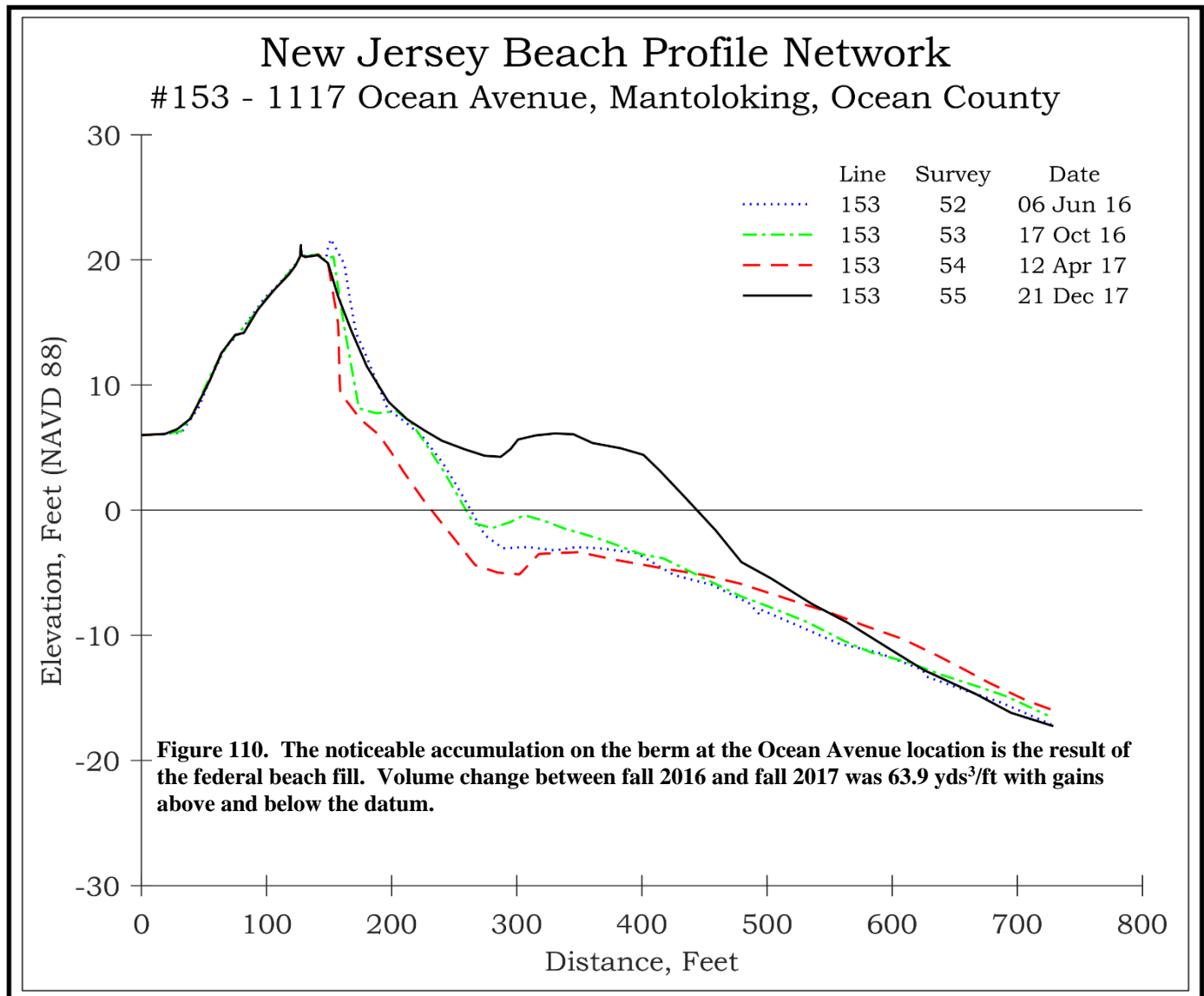




**NJBPN 153 – 1117 Ocean Avenue, Mantoloking**



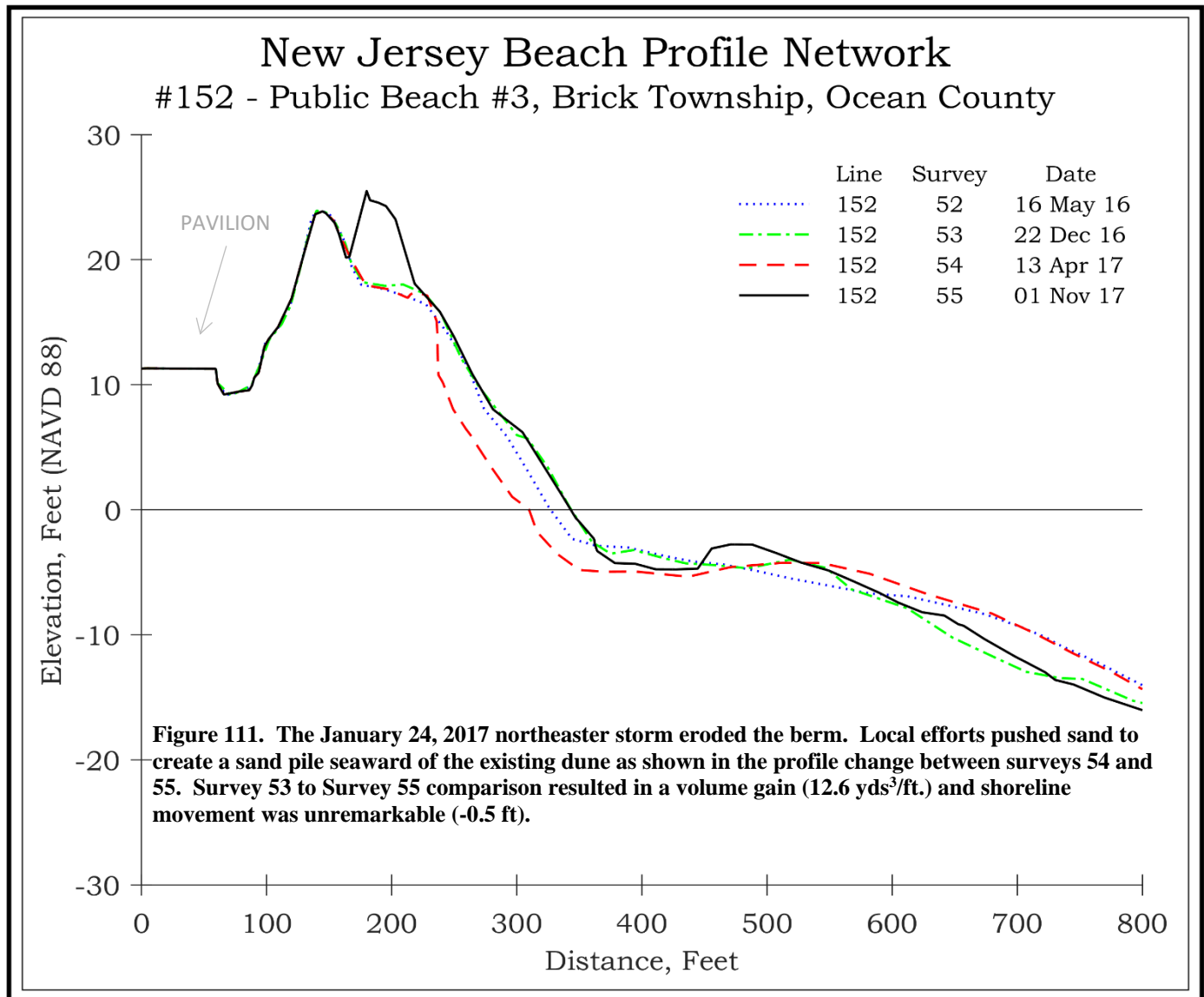
At the Mantoloking Ocean Avenue location, the left photo (taken October 17, 2016) shows a narrow dry beach. In contrast, the right photo (taken December 21, 2017) shows the results of the federal/state/municipal beach fill that was completed before the fall 2017 survey. The 0.0 ft NAVD shoreline was moved seaward by 184.5 ft from its fall 2016 position.



**NJBPN 152 – Public Beach #3, Brick Township**



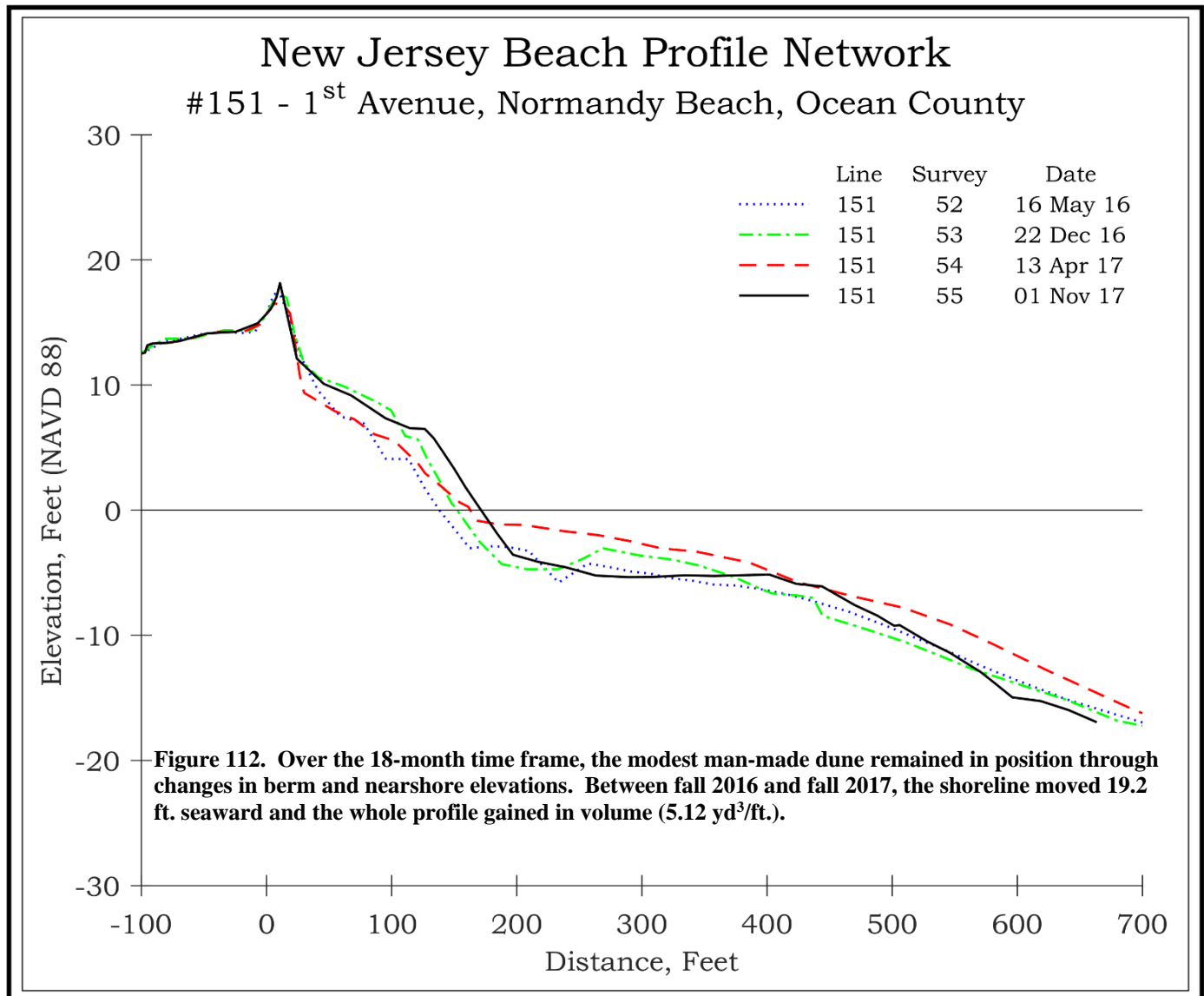
The photos of the Brick Township Public Beach #3 profile site show the change in the dune between December 22, 2016 (left) and November 1, 2017 (right). Sand was pushed from the berm to protect the existing dune. This site is scheduled to receive sand from the federal/state beachfill during the spring/summer of 2018.



**NJBPN 151 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Normandy Beach**



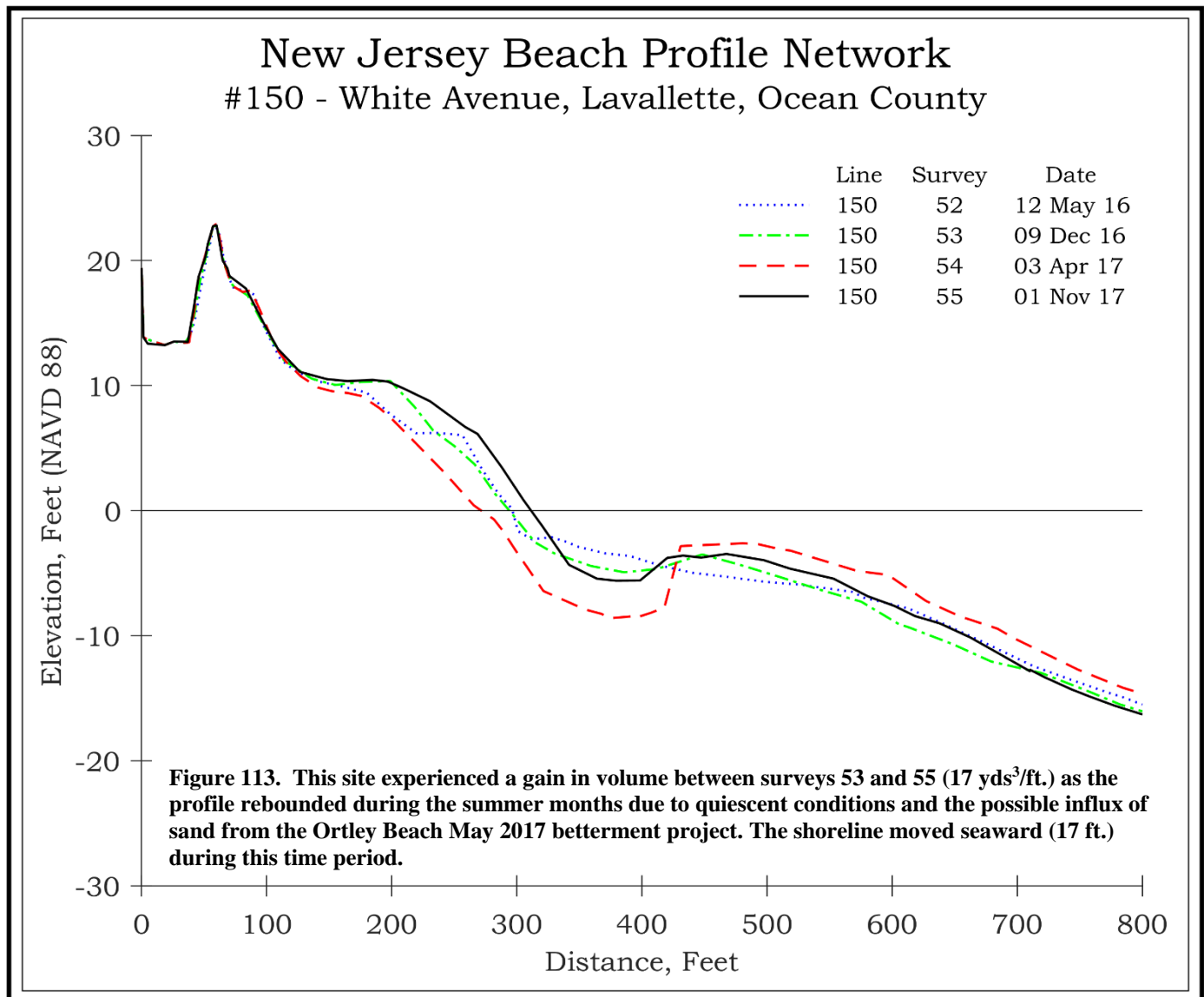
The photos of the Normandy Beach profile show the conditions of the backshore adjacent to the dune fencing (left taken December 22, 2016 and right taken November 1, 2017) and do not show the effects of the January 2017 northeaster. The Normandy Beach portion of the federal/state beach fill is scheduled for summer 2018.



NJBPN 150 – White Avenue, Lavallette



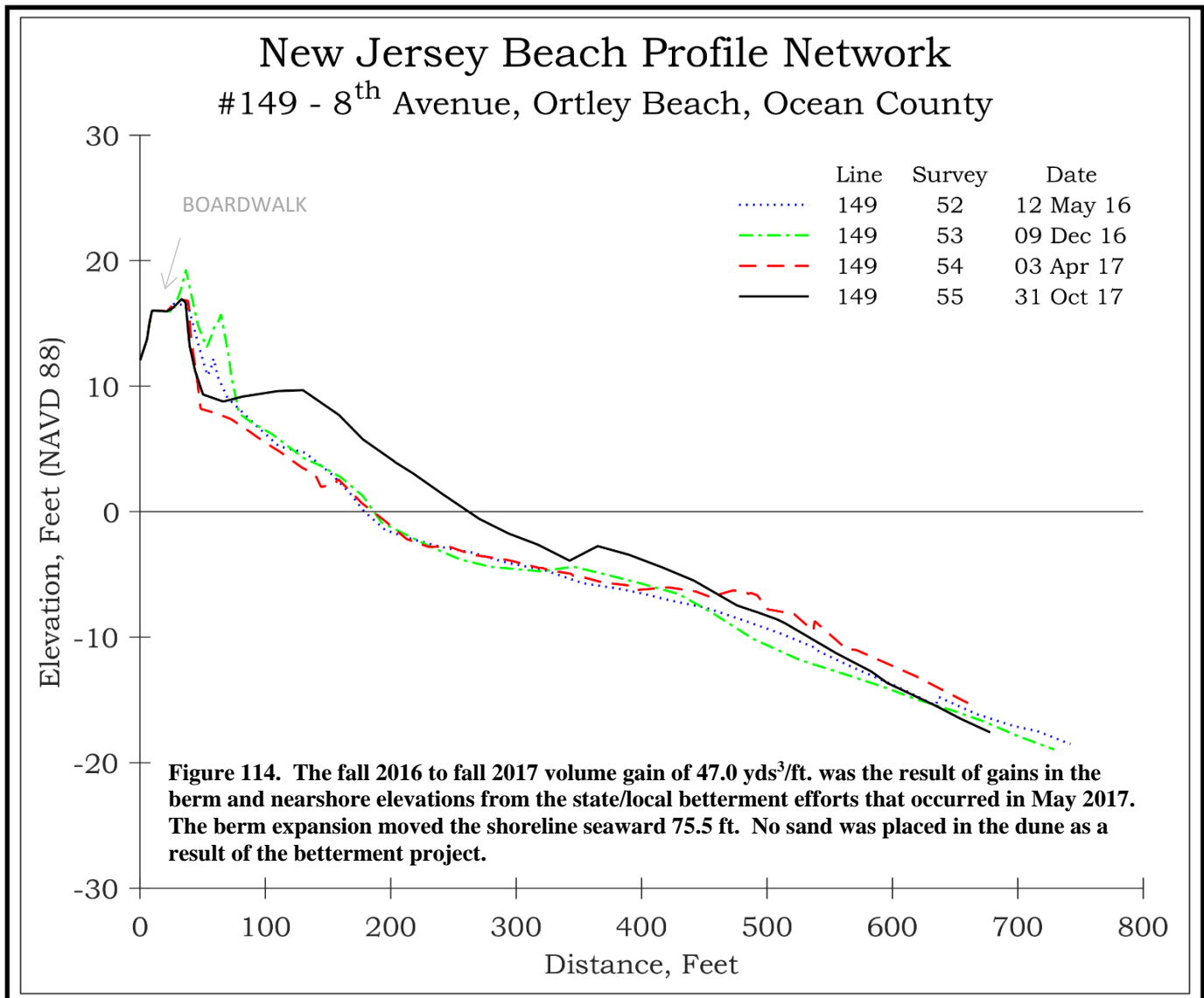
The photos of the dune at White Avenue show little changes inflicted by the January 2017 northeaster (left taken December 9, 2016 and right taken November 1, 2017). This location is scheduled for beach nourishment in late summer/fall of 2018.



**NJBPN 149 – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ortley Beach**



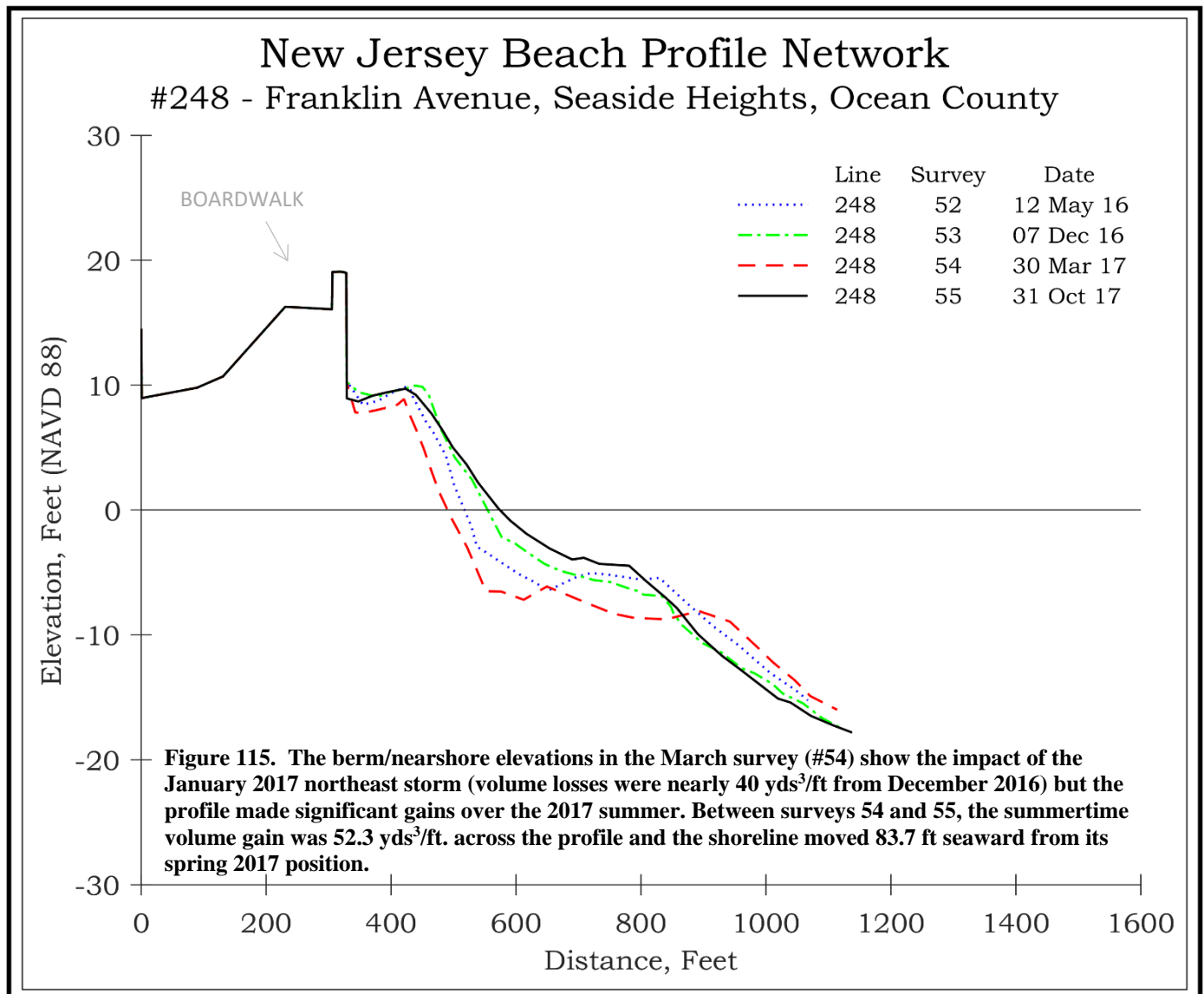
The left photo (taken December 9, 2016) shows the mounds that were created from sand scraped from the lower berm through local efforts. By October 31, 2017 (right photo) this accumulation was gone but there was a gain in the berm elevation due to state/local efforts to place 267,400 cy of sand in Ortley Beach berm ahead of the federal schedule. The beach fill template will be completed via the federal project in summer 2018.



**NJBPN 248 – Franklin Avenue, Seaside Heights**



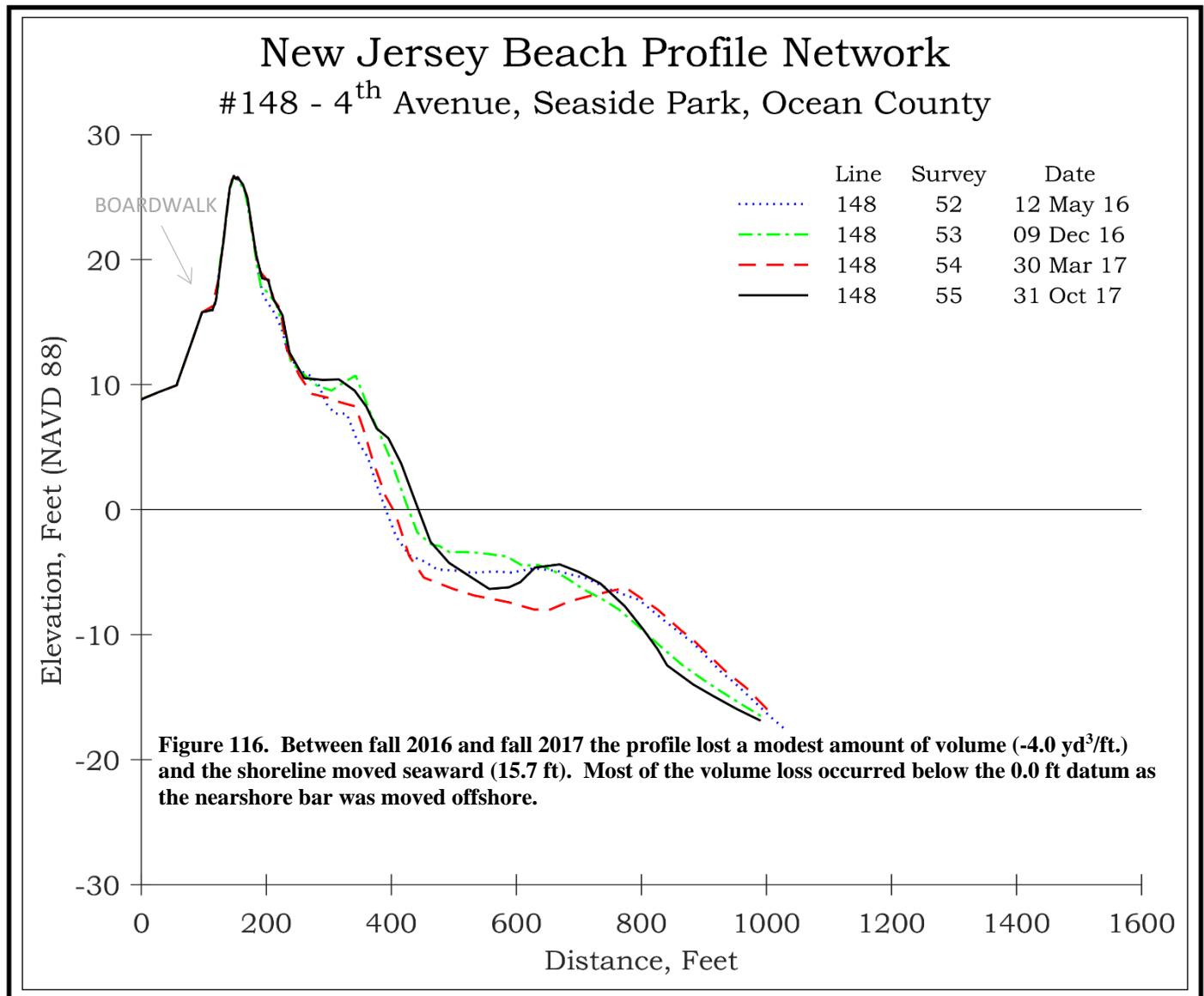
The two annual photos at the Franklin Avenue site show a nearly identical berm shape and extent (left taken December 7, 2016 and right photo taken October 31, 2017). The beach fill will commence at this location in fall 2018.



NJBPN 148 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seaside Park



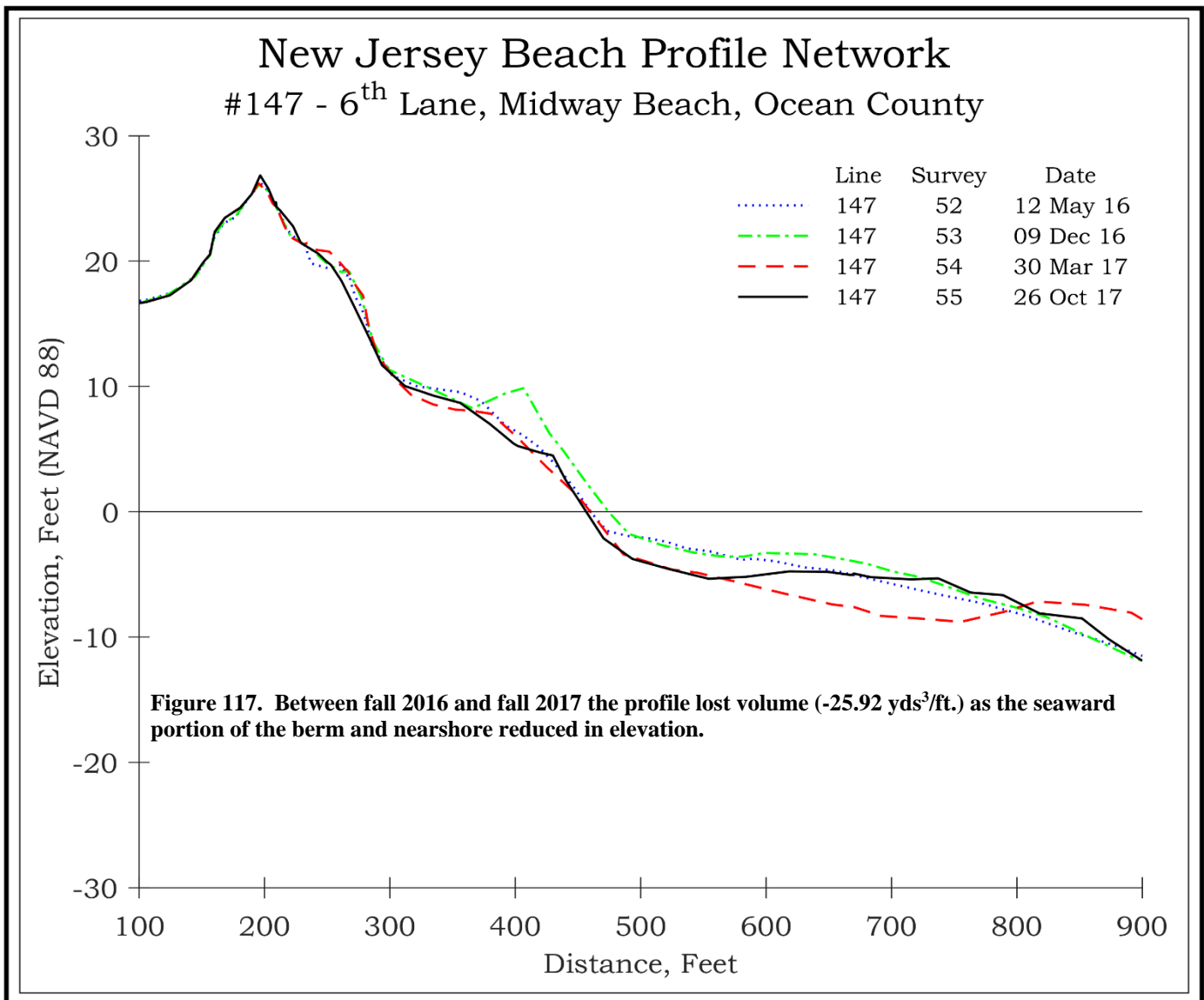
The dune at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue remained in the same condition and size (left photo taken December 9, 2016, and right photo taken October 31, 2017). This Seaside Park location is scheduled for beach fill in fall 2018.



**NJBPN 147 – 6<sup>th</sup> Lane, Midway Beach**



At the 6<sup>th</sup> Lane location, both photos (left taken December 9, 2016 and right taken October 26, 2017) show the dune toe and a berm that is approximately 200-ft wide. The position of the 0.0 ft NAVD88 shoreline moved landward (-17.8 ft.) during this time period.

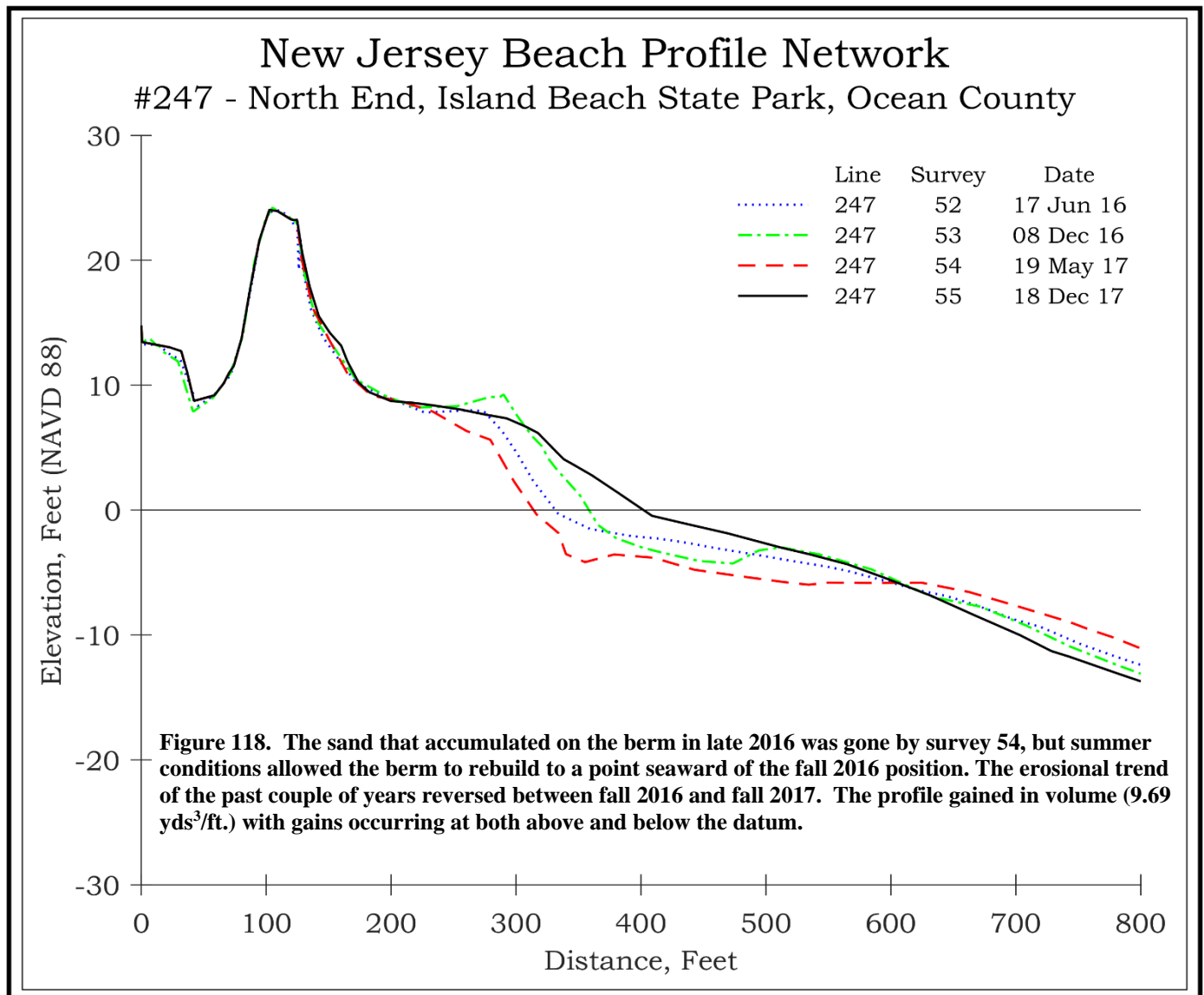




NJBPN 247 – North End, Island Beach State Park



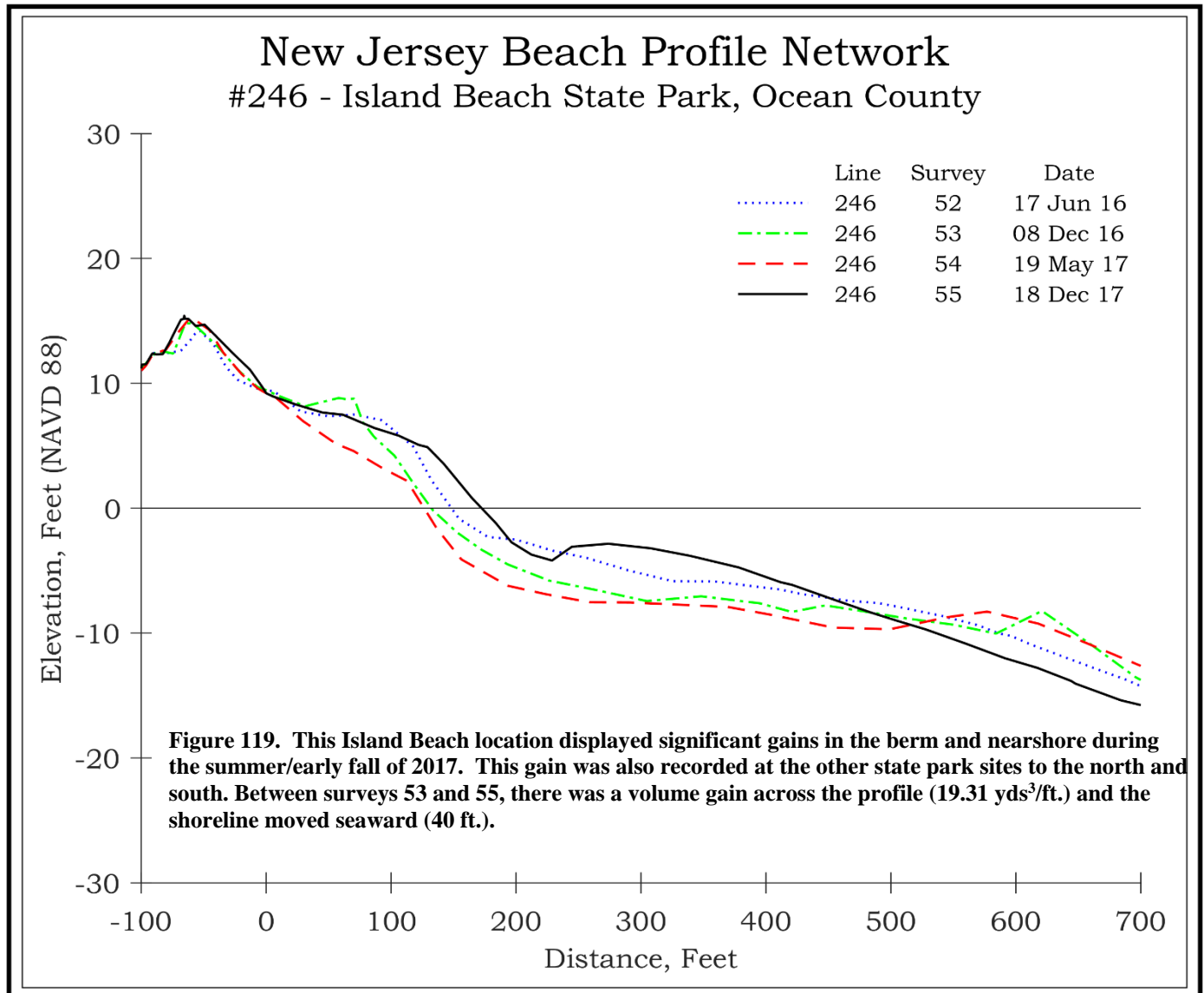
The shape of the dune including the seaward scarp remained consistent over the past year (left photo taken December 8, 2016 and right photo taken December 18, 2017). The shoreline moved seaward (43.8 ft.) during this timeframe.



**NJBPN 246 – Parking Lot A7, Island Beach State Park**



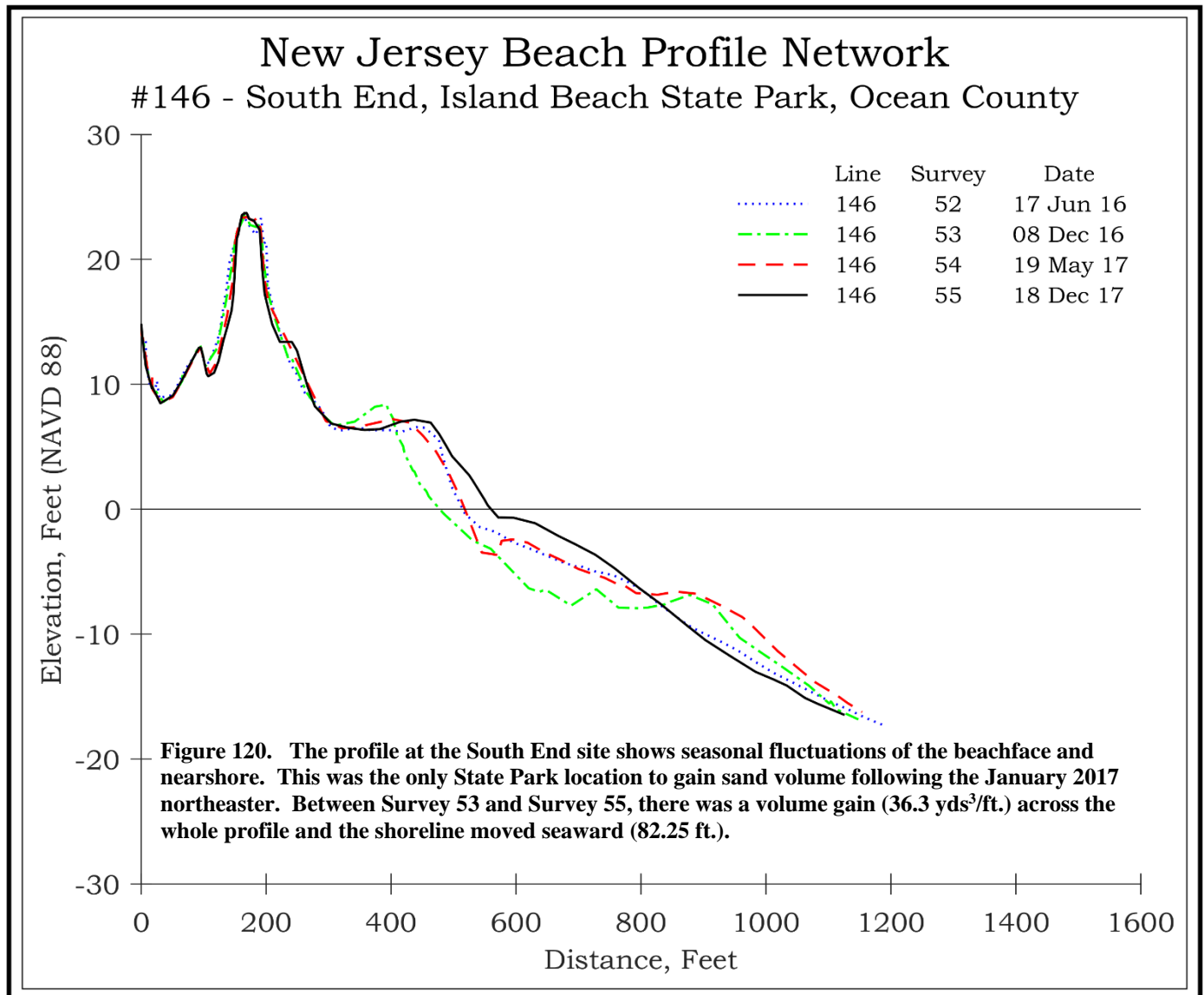
The sand fencing shown in both photos was responsible for trapping windblown sand and contributing to the small volume gains along the seaward portion of the dune (left photo taken December 8, 2016 and right photo taken December 18, 2017). However, dune elevations remained the same during this period of evaluation (12.6 ft. NAVD88) and still nearly 4 ft. below the pre-Sandy elevation.



**NJBPN 146 – South End, Island Beach State Park**



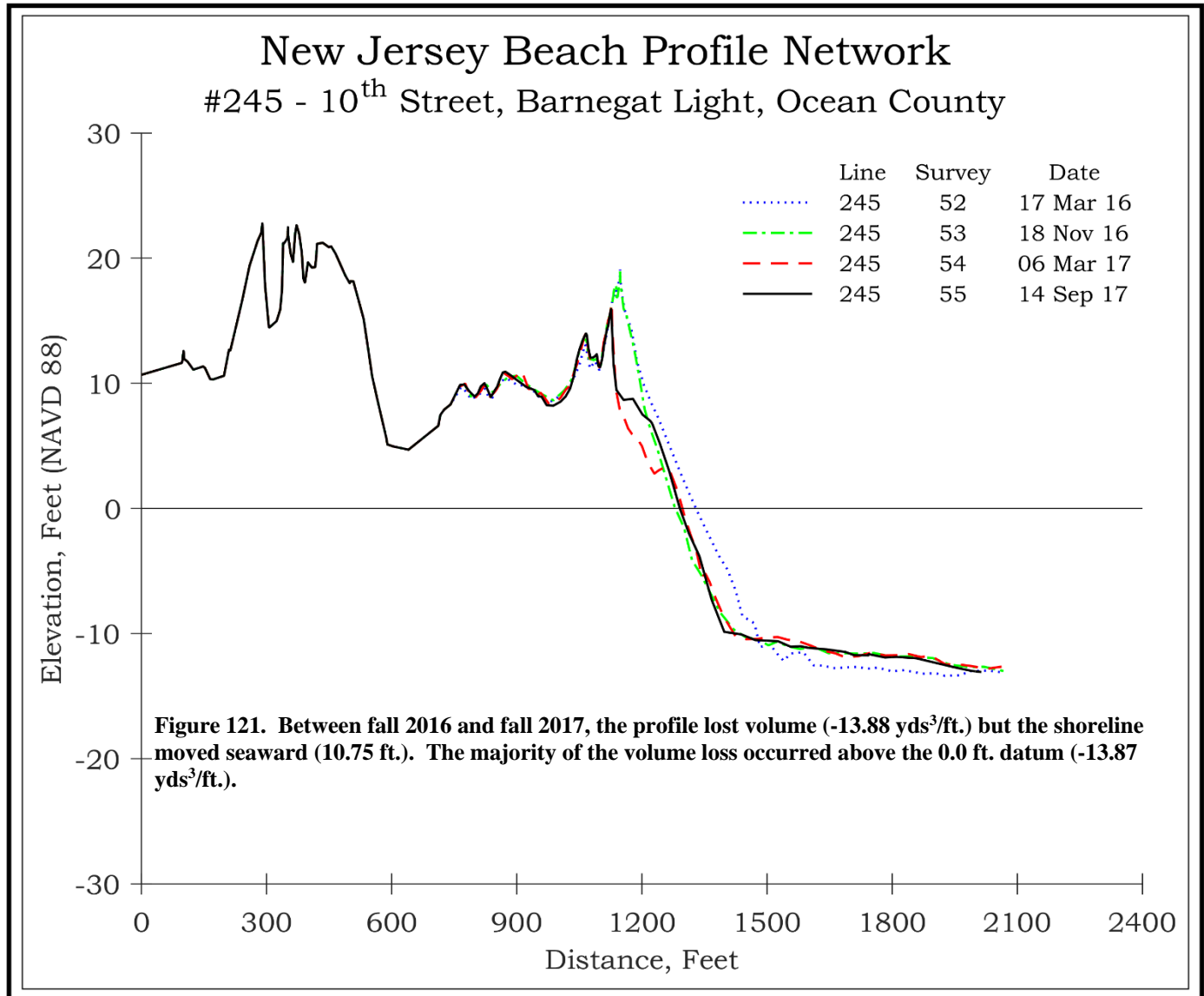
At the southern Island Beach State Park site there was little change to the dune or backshore between 2016 and 2017 (left photo taken December 8, 2016 and right photo taken December 18, 2017). Most changes occurred at the berm and below the shoreline elevation.



**NJBPN 245 – 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Barnegat Light**



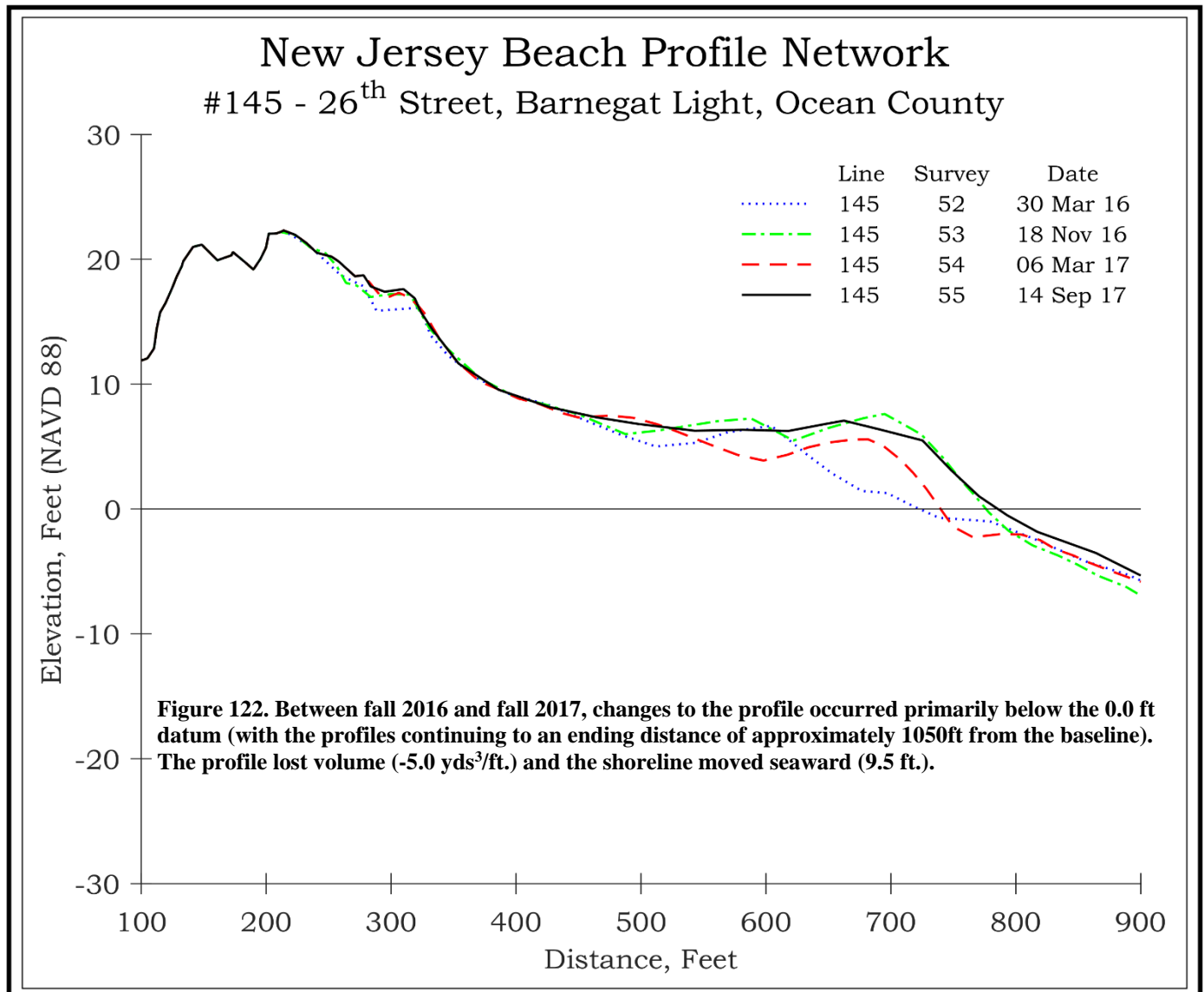
The 10<sup>th</sup> Street profile was established in 1994 to monitor the changes following the reconfiguration of the Barnegat Inlet jetties. After the fall 2016 survey, the foredune eroded landward and reduced in elevation (left photo taken November 18, 2016 and right photo taken September 14, 2017).



**NJBPN 145 – 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Barnegat Light**



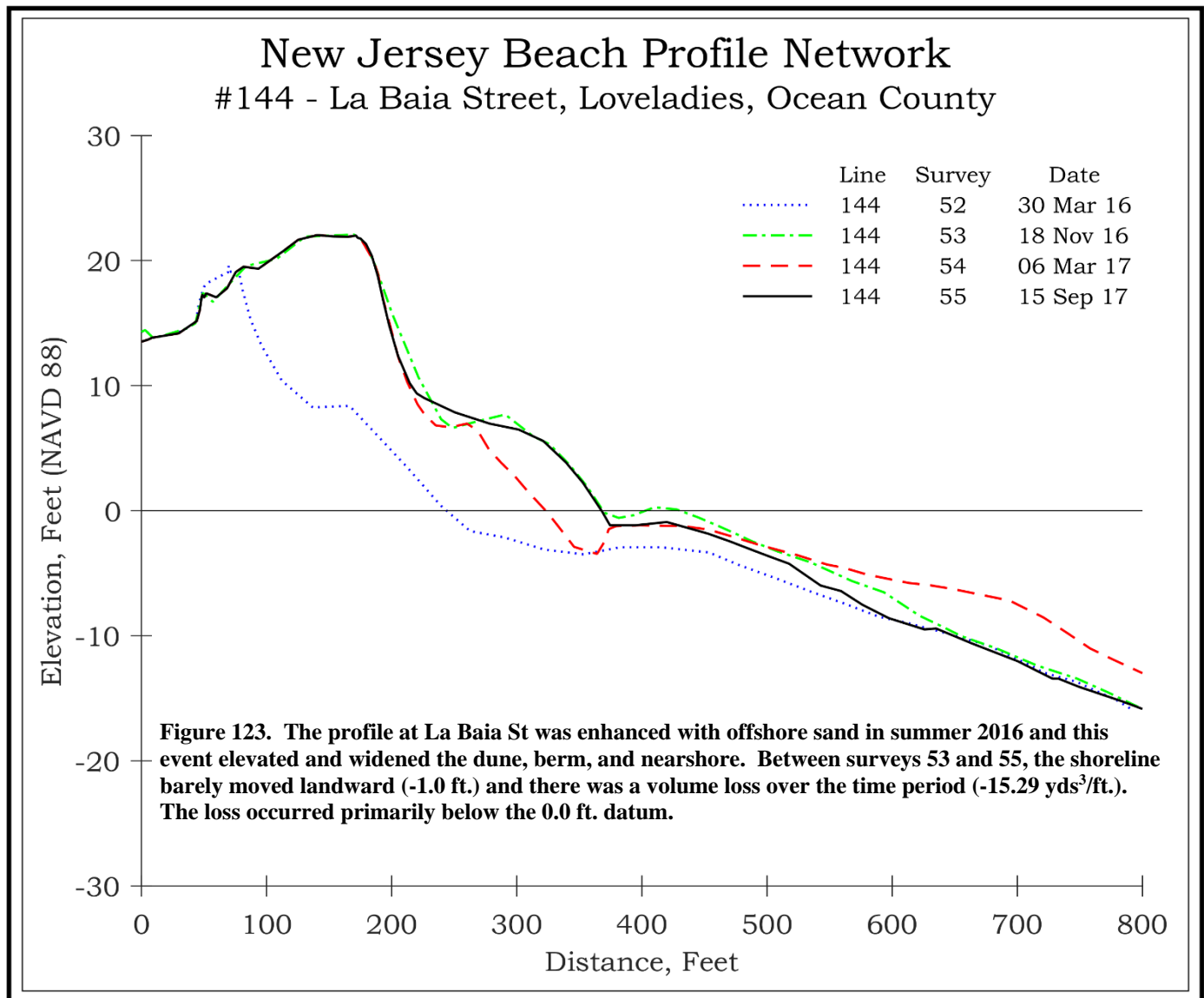
The natural foredune at the 26<sup>th</sup> Street profile is over 20 ft and remained stable in 2016-2017 (left photo taken November 18, 2016 and right photo taken September 17, 2017). The stability is attributed to the profile's position with respect to the Barnegat Inlet south jetty which traps the northward-driven littoral drift.



**NJBPN 144 – La Baia Street, Loveladies**



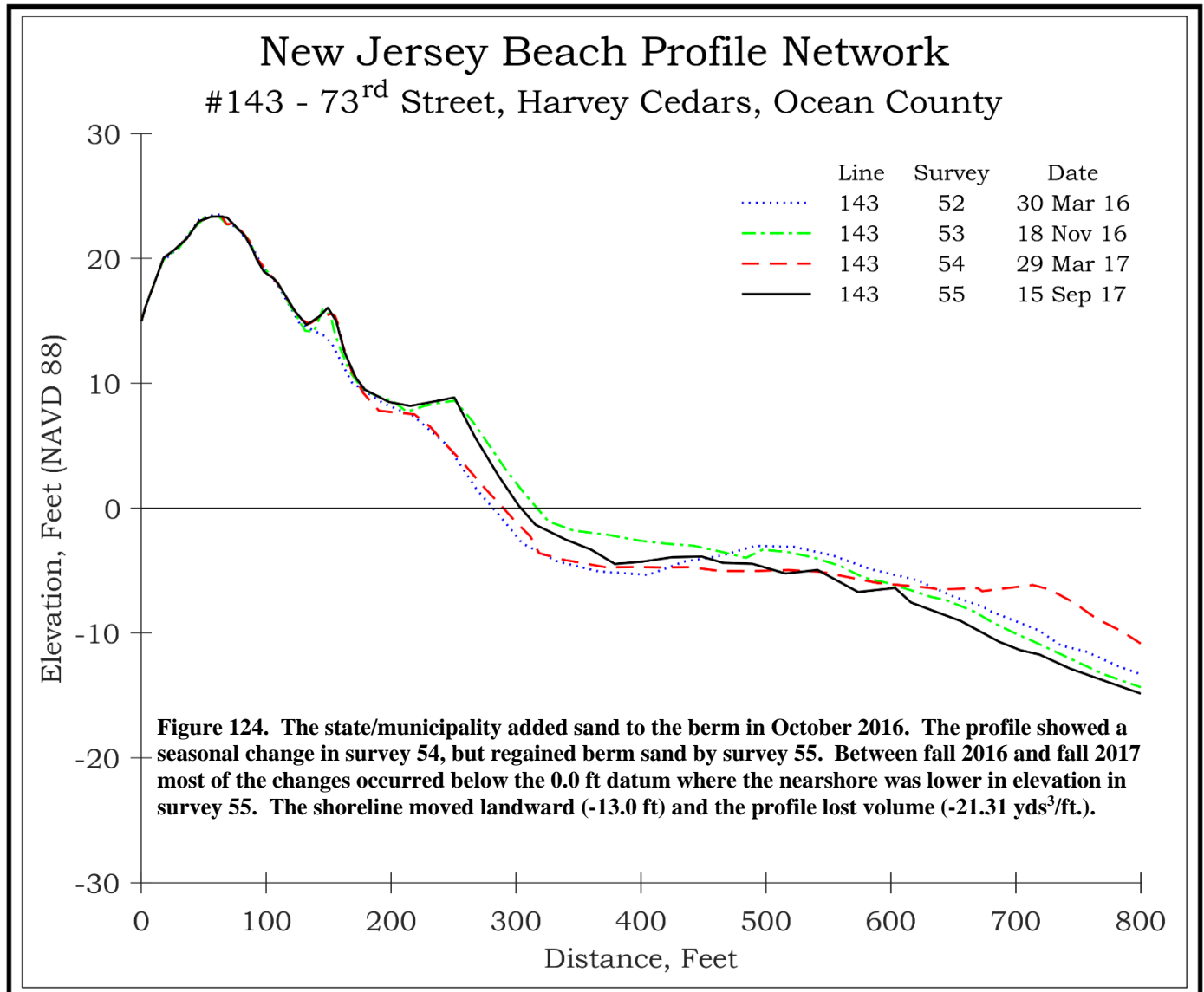
In 2016, the USAACE completed the construction of a beach fill and engineered dune at the La Baia Street profile (left photo taken November 18, 2016 and right photo taken September 15, 2017).



**NJBPN 143 – 73<sup>rd</sup> Street, Harvey Cedars**



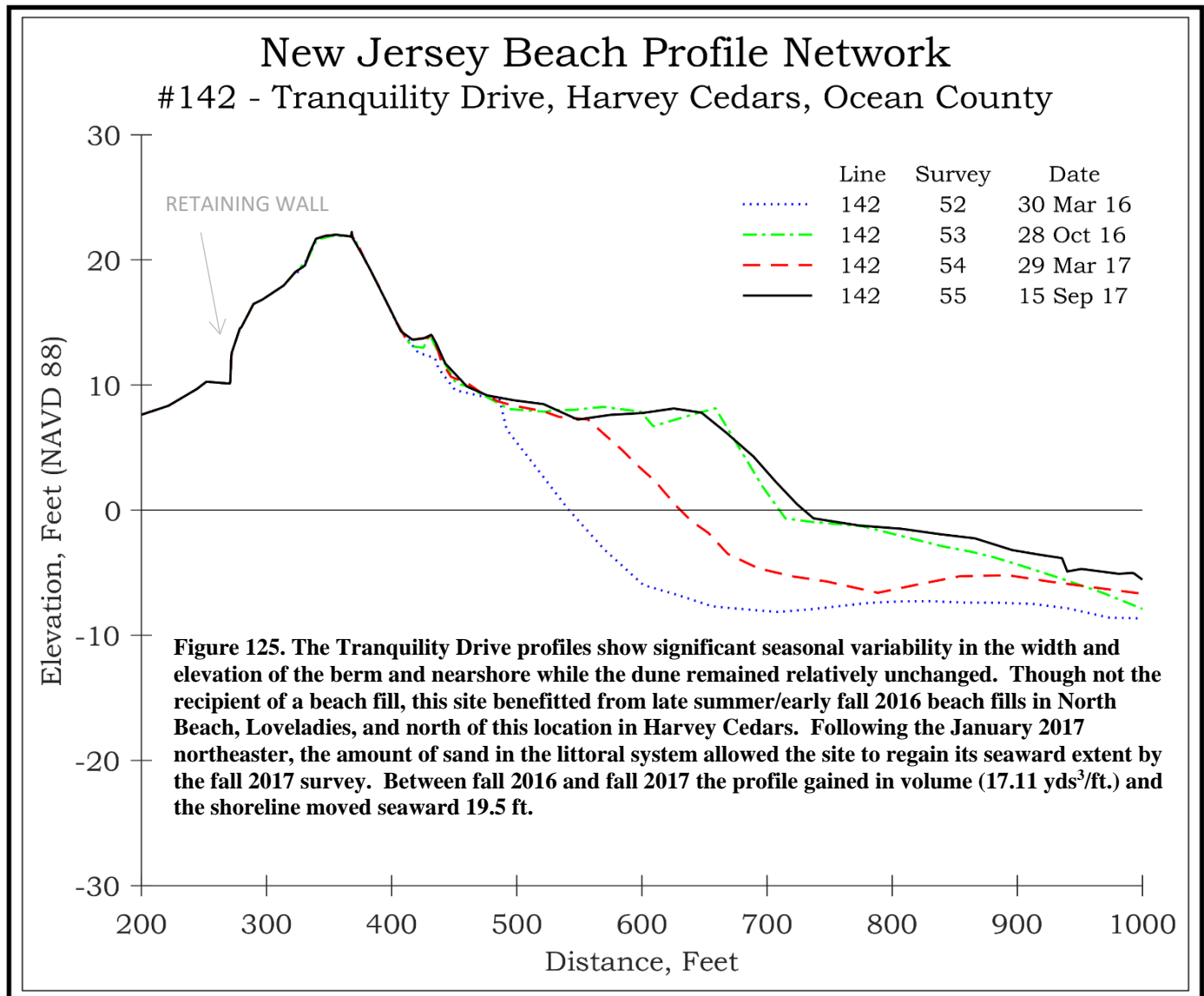
At the 73<sup>rd</sup> Street profile, the engineered dune that was created in the 2009 federal beach fill remained in relatively the same position, though the seaward toe accumulated sand due to the presence of the sand fencing (left photo taken November 18, 2016 and right photo taken September 15, 2017).



**NJBPN 142 – Tranquility Drive, Harvey Cedars**



The photos from the dune crest at the Tranquility Drive location (left taken October 28, 2016 and right taken September 15, 2017) show no change in the engineered dune that was constructed in spring 2013.

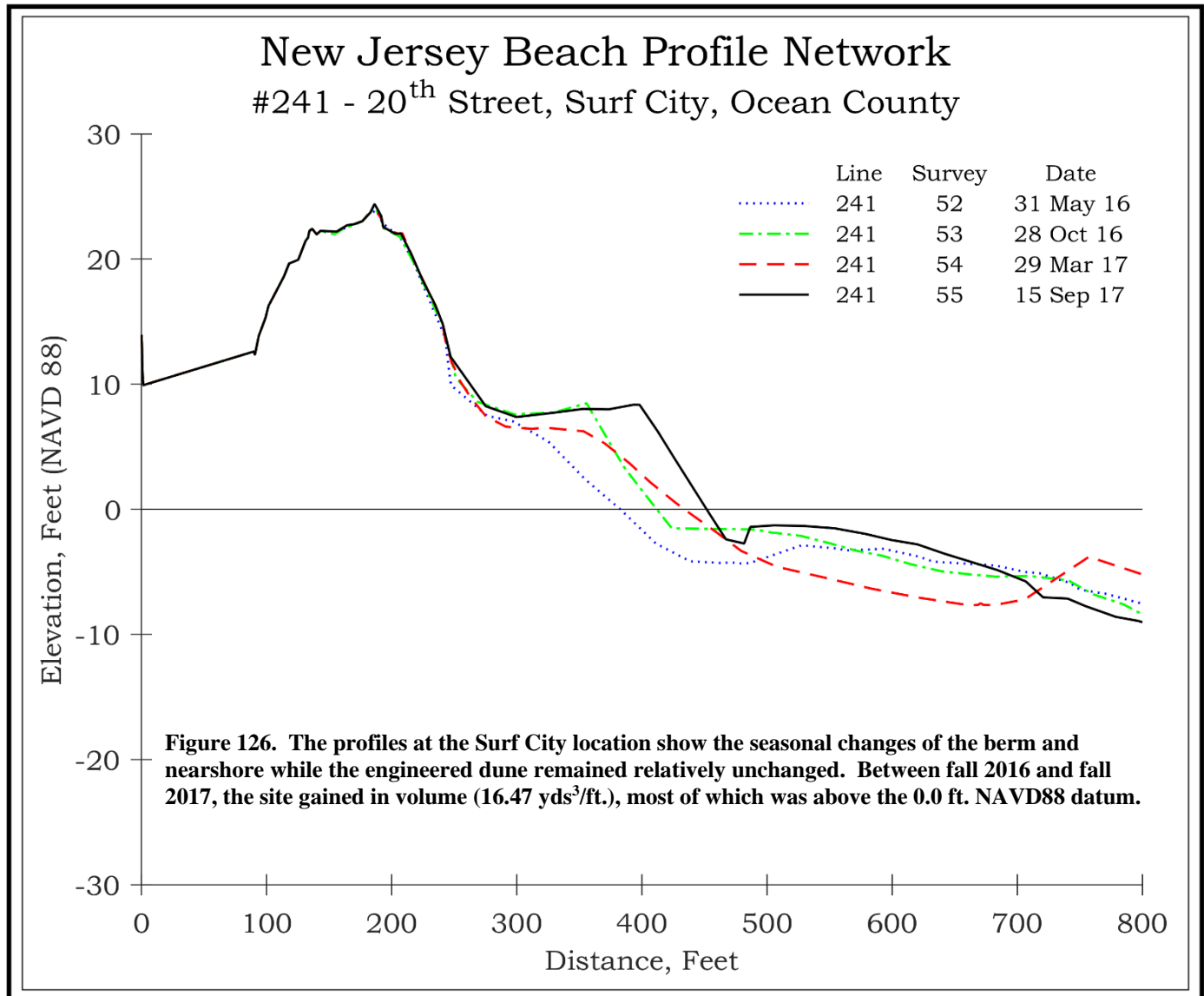




**NJBPN 241 – 20<sup>th</sup> Street – Surf City**



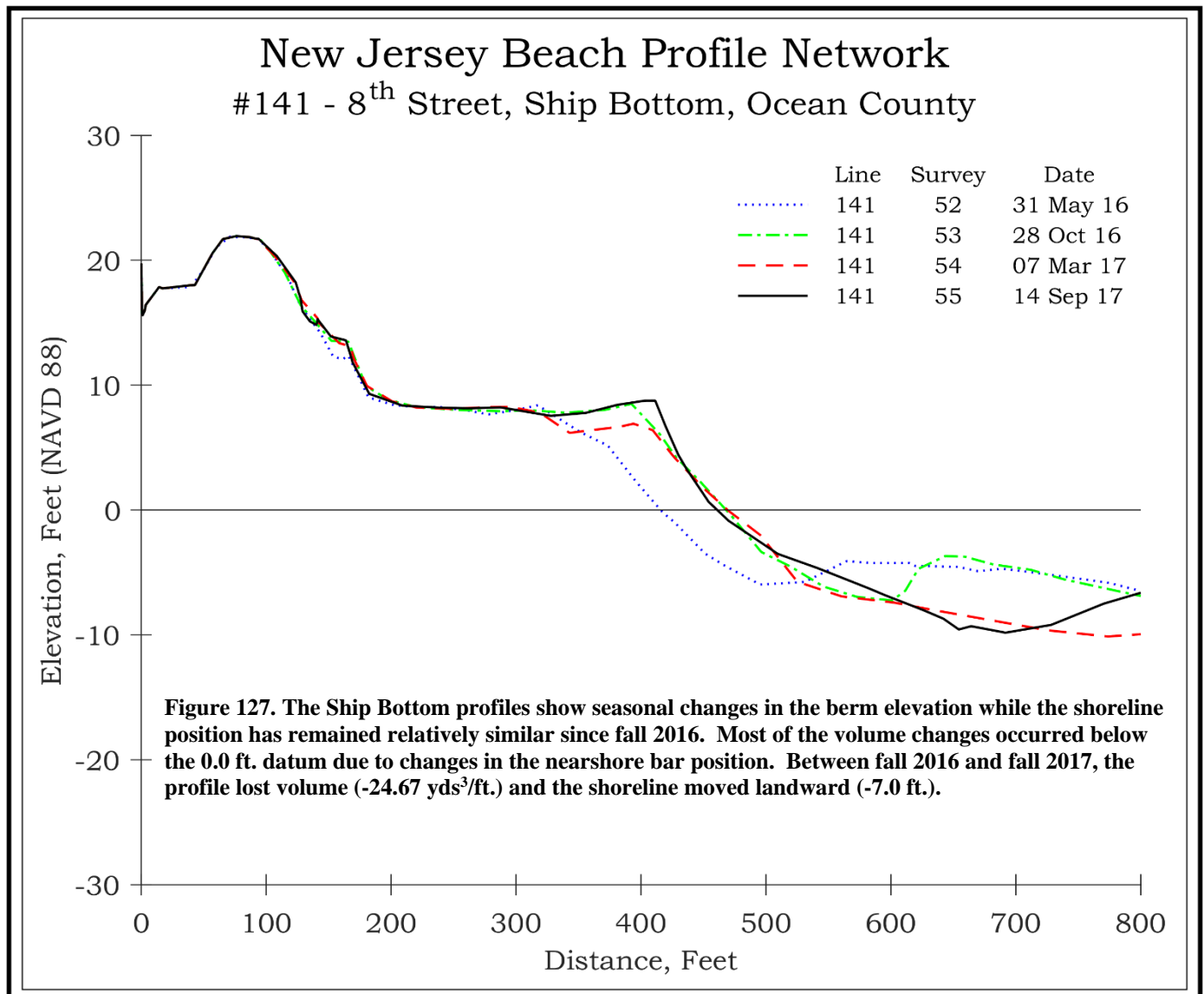
This Surf City profile shows relatively no change in the berm elevation between the fall surveys (October 28, 2016 [left] and September 15, 2017 [right]) though the shoreline moved 40.0 ft seaward over that time frame. This site has not received sand via beach fill since September 2013.



**NJBPN 141 – 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Ship Bottom**



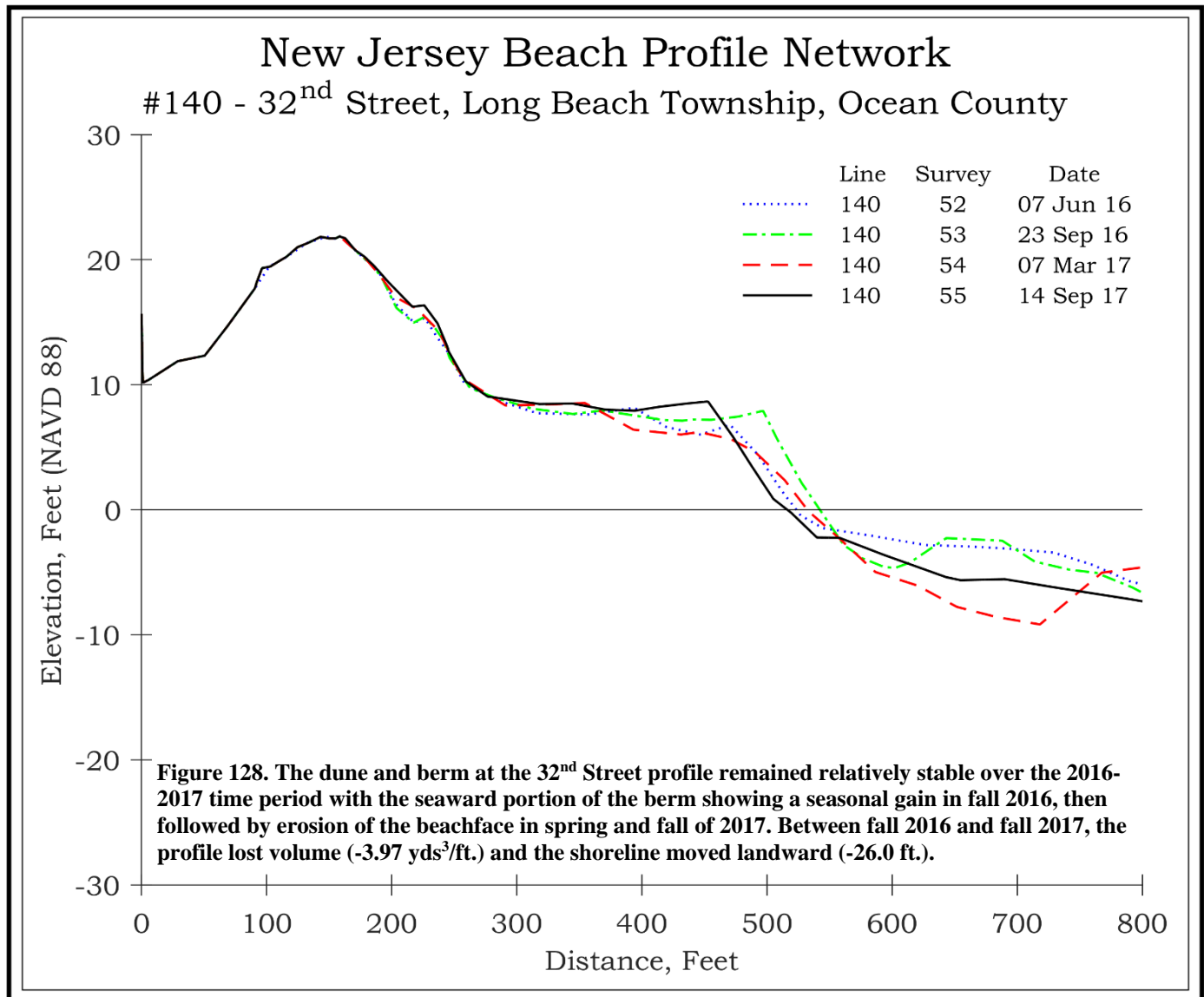
The Ship Bottom profile location has retained the dune position and a wide berm since the spring 2015 beach fill (left photo taken October 28, 2016 and right photo taken September 14, 2017).



**NJBPN 140 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Long Beach Township**



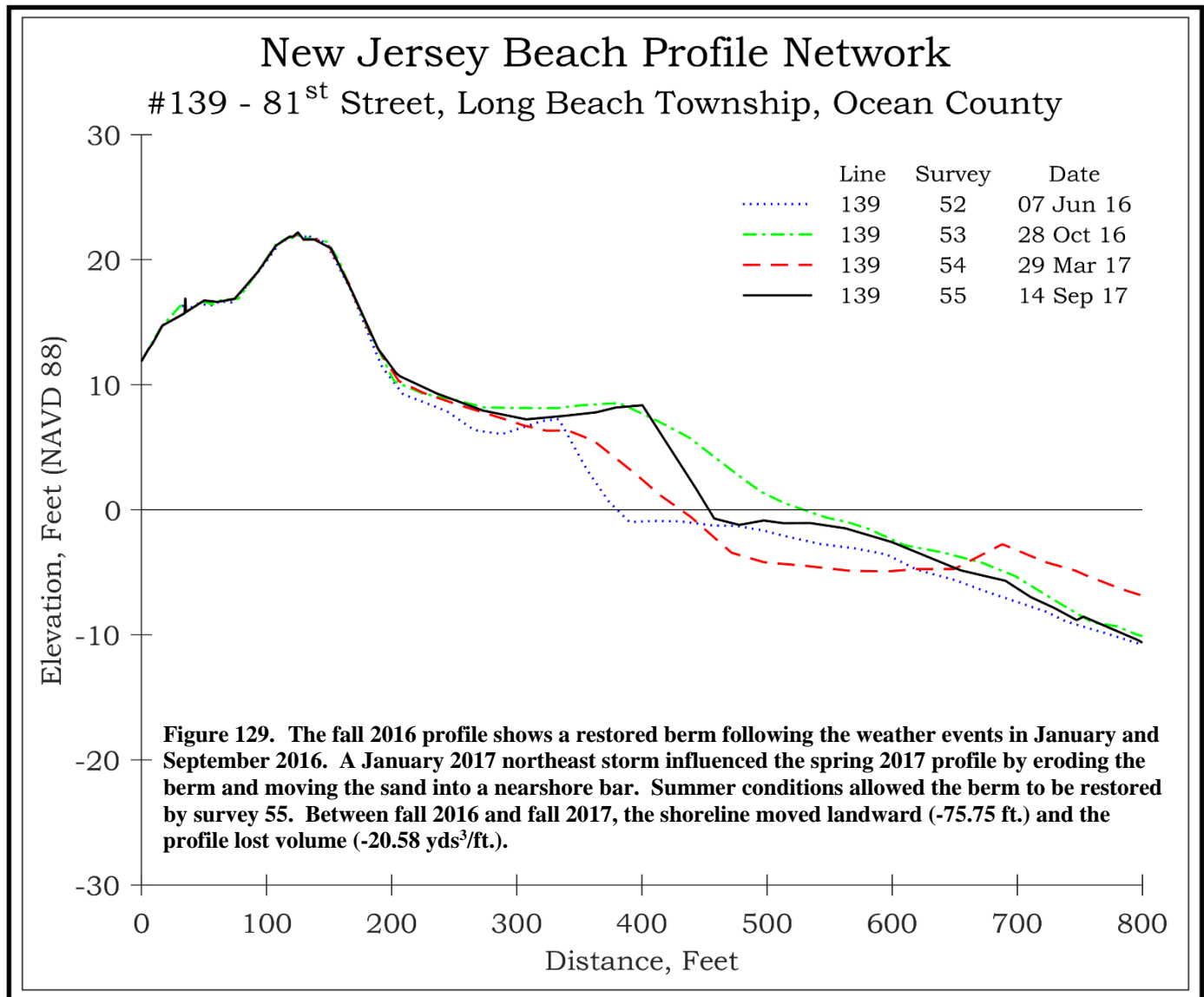
The backshore photos in Long Beach Township show little change in of the seaward dune toe and berm (left taken September 23, 2016 and right taken September 14, 2017).



**NJBPN 139 – 81<sup>st</sup> Street, Long Beach Township**



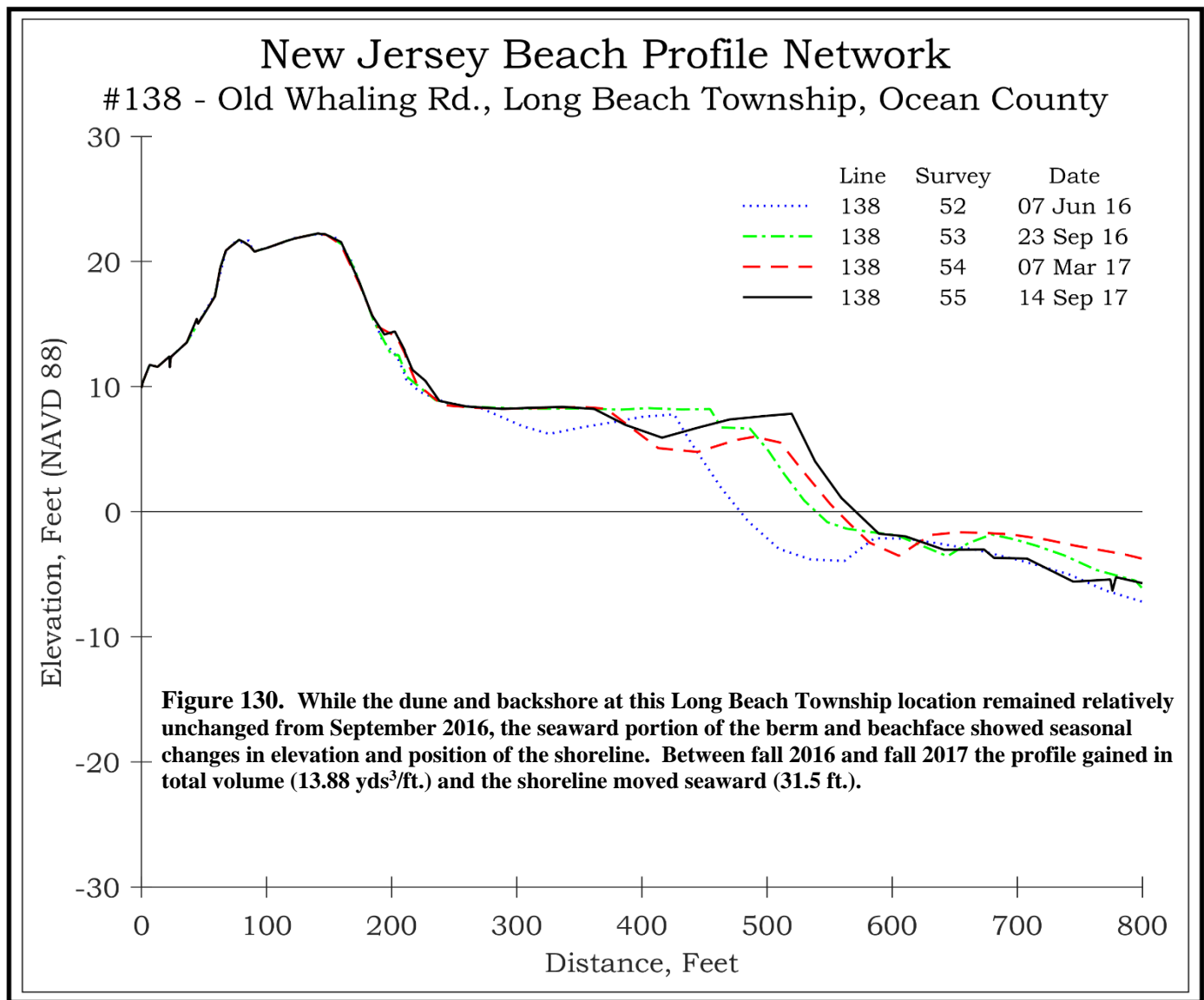
The 81<sup>st</sup> Street profile in Long Beach Township received sand via federal beach fill in summer 2015 and planting of the dune vegetation was completed by fall 2017. The dune remained stable over the time period (left photo taken October 28, 2016 and right photo taken September 14, 2017, both views from the dune crest).



**NJBPN 138 – Old Whaling Road (124<sup>th</sup> Street), Long Beach Township**



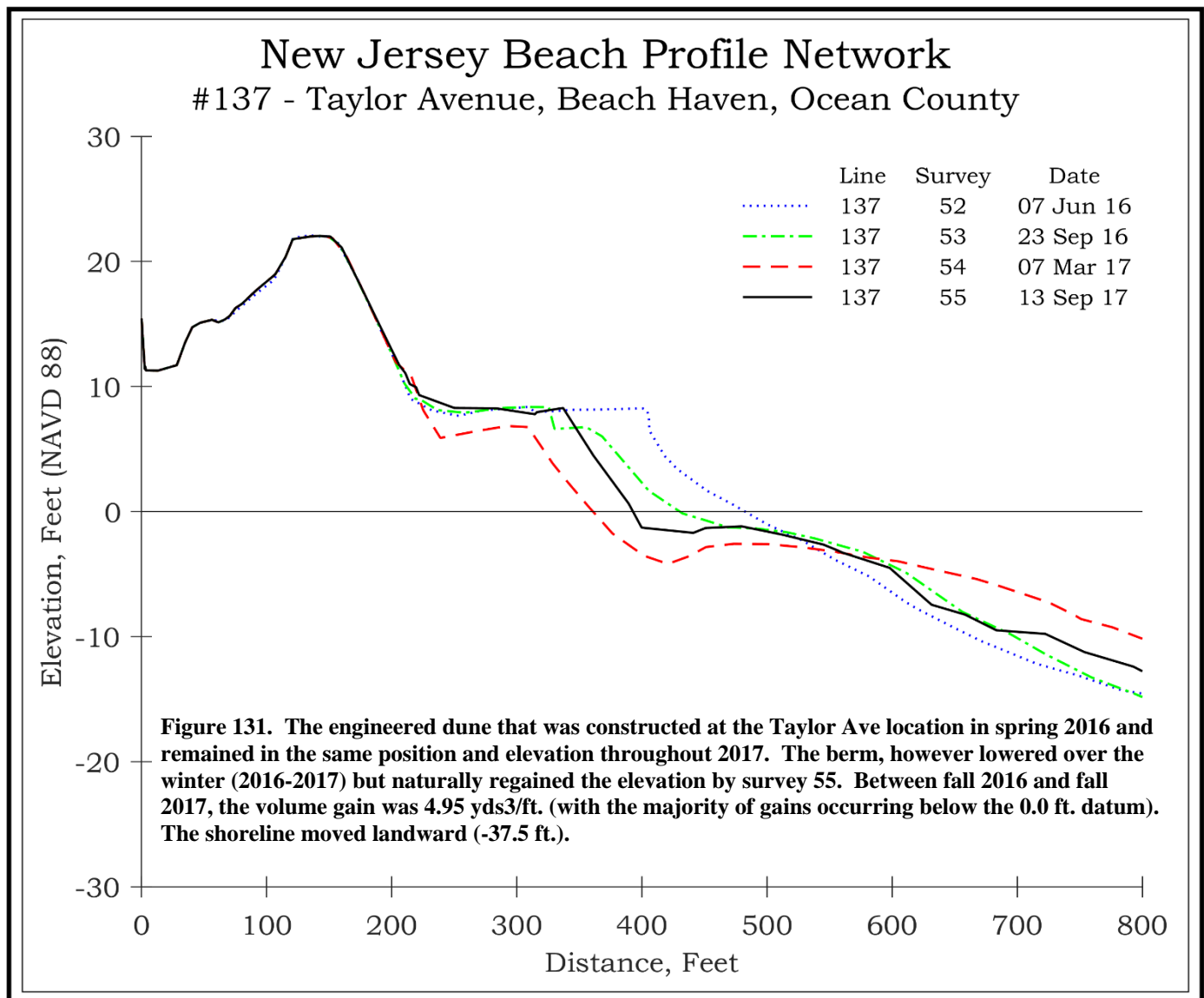
The photos from the 124<sup>th</sup> Street location (left taken September 23, 2016 and right taken September 14, 2017) show the conditions of the seaward dune toe and backshore which gained in elevation due to sand trapped by vegetation.



**NJBPN 137 – Taylor Avenue, Beach Haven**



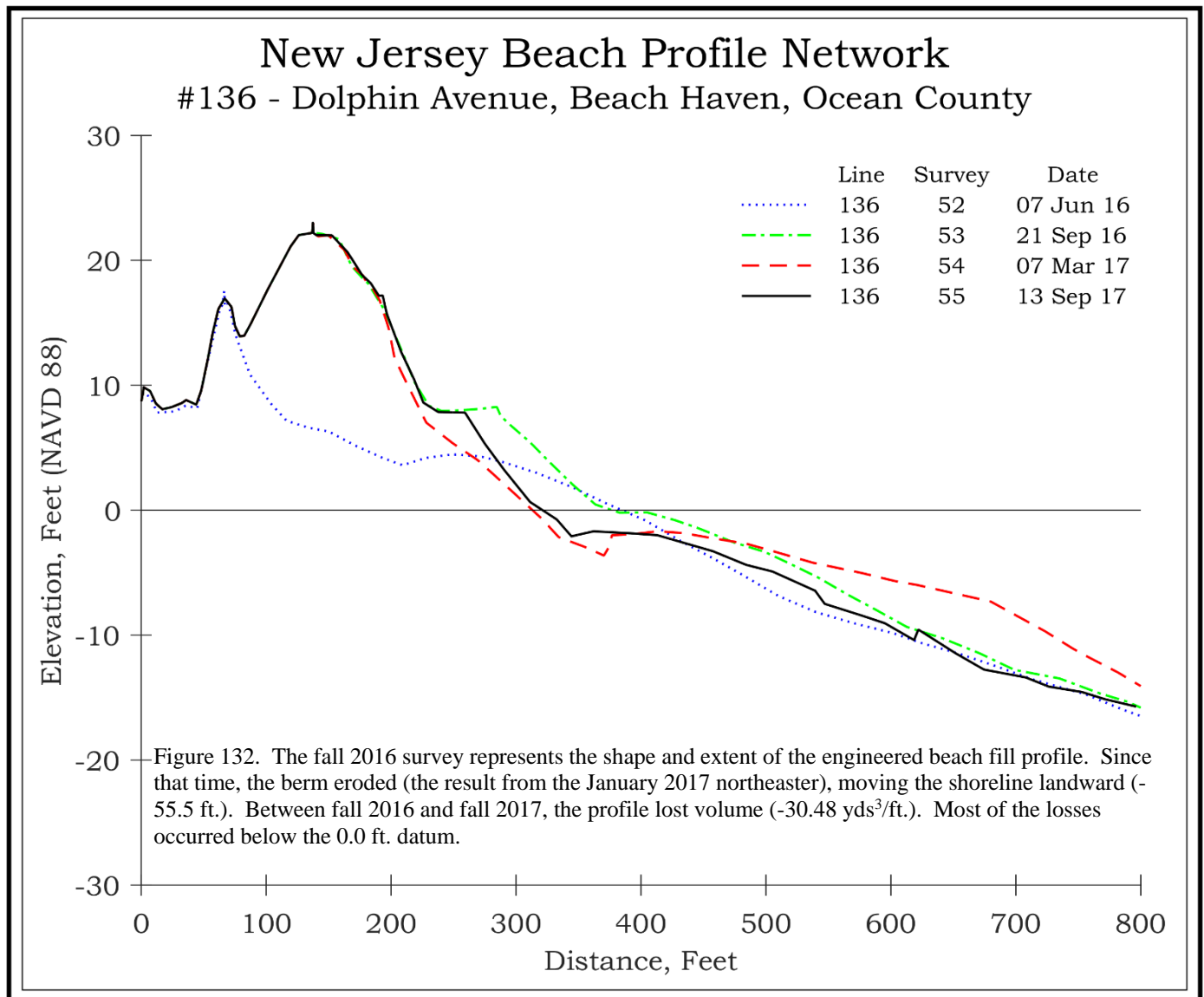
By the fall 2017 survey, planting of the engineered dune was completed at the Taylor Avenue location (photos from dune crest taken September 23, 2016 and right taken September 13, 2017).



**NJBPN 136 – Dolphin Avenue, Beach Haven**



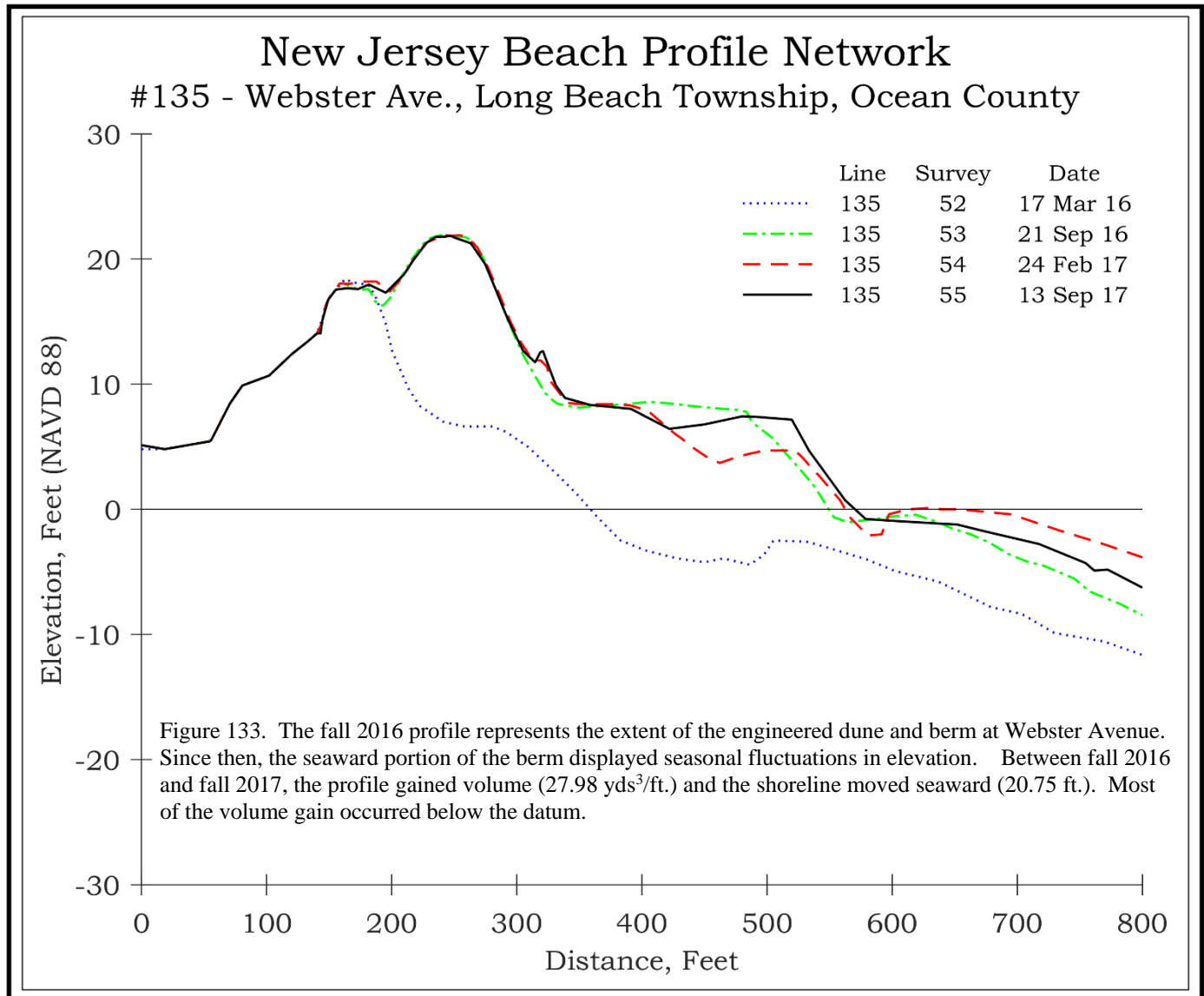
The photos at the Dolphin Avenue profile show the change in the berm width (left taken September 21, 2016 and right photo taken September 13, 2017). Planting of the engineered dune with vegetation was completed by the fall 2017 survey.



**NJBPN 135 – Webster Avenue, Long Beach Township**



The Webster Avenue photos show the unvegetated and vegetated dune crest (left taken September 21, 2016 and right taken September 13, 2017). Some sand accumulated at the seaward base of the dune between fall 2016 and fall 2017 as a result of sand trapped by fencing.

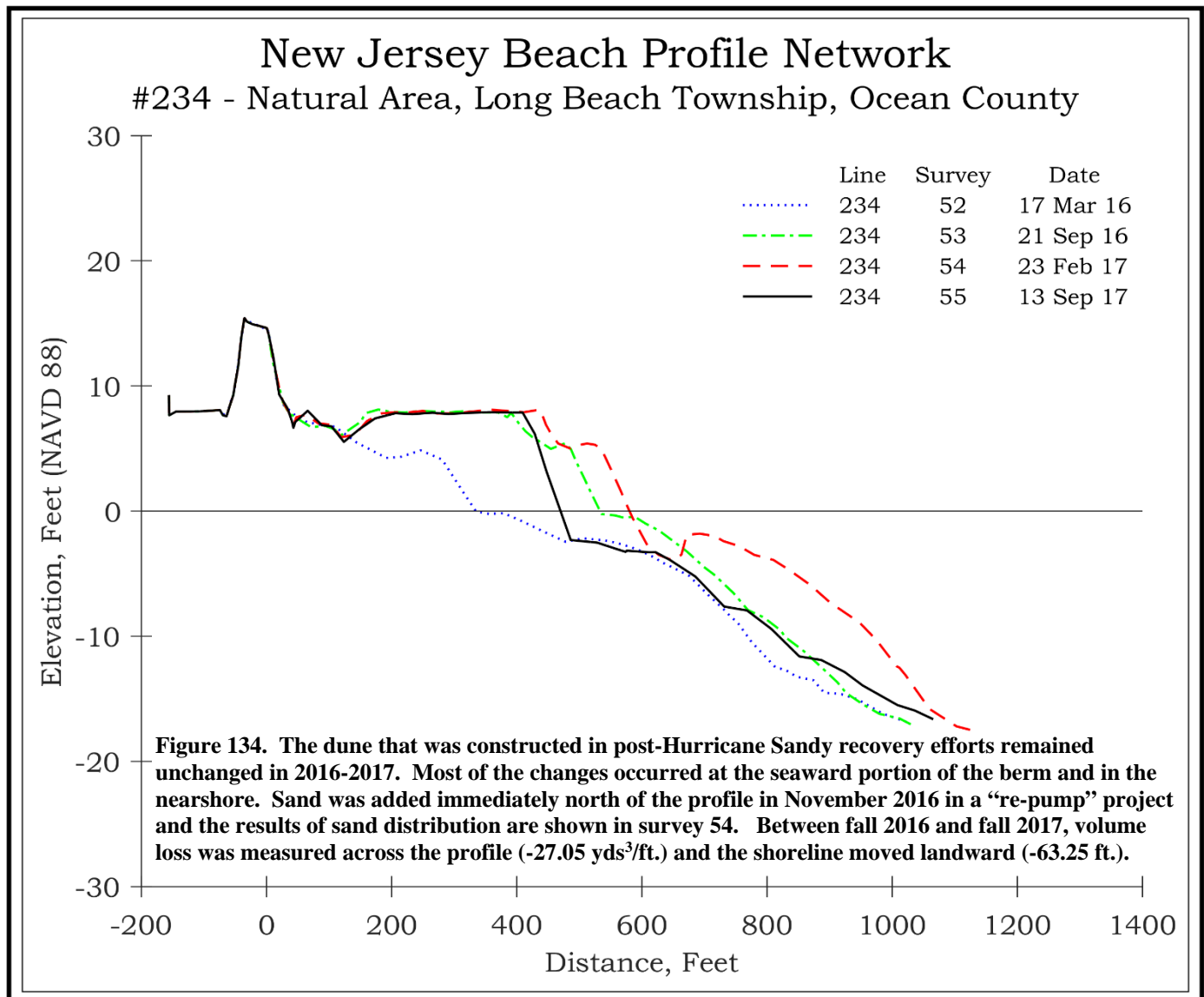




**NJBPN 234 – Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, Holgate Entrance, Long Beach Township**



The photos above show the seaward portion of the berm immediately down-drift of the Holgate terminal groin (left photo taken September 21, 2016 and right photo taken September 13, 2017). The profile is located within the taper area of the federal beachfill.



## Summary & Conclusions

The northern Ocean County federal flood and coastal storm damage reduction project (beachfill) is a much-welcomed event in protecting landward properties and infrastructure. The project commenced in Ortley Beach in May 2017 as a betterment to address the vulnerable shoreline conditions in the municipality. The Mantoloking beaches were the first to receive sand in the designed template and this is shown in the fall 2017 survey at NJBPN #153. Completion of the 14-mile initial construction of the federal project is scheduled for winter 2018/2019. With the exception of the fall 2017 Ortley Beach and Mantoloking profiles, the CRC fall surveys represent pre-project conditions.

On Long Beach Island (LBI), several NJBPN sites received sand either in a federal repair from the January 2017 storm event or in a state/municipal beachfill. The LBI 2017 fall surveys were completed in September to capture the summer “inflated” profile.

All of the NJBPN sites in Ocean County showed the effects of the January 2017 northeast storm. Appendix Tables 4 and 5 provide the seasonal and annual profile volume and shoreline changes for Ocean County. At most sites, the berms were lowered from the fall 2016 position. (Note changes between Survey 53 and Survey 54.) The two sites with the greatest volume loss from this event were at NJBPN #248 (Seaside Heights) and NJBPN #142 (Harvey Cedars). NJBPN #146 (Island Beach State Park), NJBPN #135 (Long Beach Township), and NJBPN #234 (Long Beach Township) recorded the greatest gains during this seasonal time period. The state park profile is closest to the Barnegat Inlet north jetty and probably benefitted from the southerly littoral transport and sand trapping by the jetty. The Webster Avenue profile showed gains below the datum in a nearshore bar, and the southernmost LBI profile gained volume both above and below the datum. This significant gain at NJBPN #234 is attributed to the additional sand in the littoral system. In November 2016, the beaches immediately north of the profile received a “re-pump” of approximately 300,000 cubic yards of sand. The greatest annual change in the position of the 0.0 ft. NAVD88 shoreline (fall 2016 to fall 2017) occurred at the Mantoloking profile site (184.5 ft.) and was directly related to the beachfill event in summer 2017. The site with the greatest landward movement during this timeframe was at 81<sup>st</sup> Street in Long Beach Township (-75.75 ft.), and the result of erosion of the shoreline from the January 2017 storm (Appendix B).