



Although they look like another retention wall, the Beach Prisms Shoreline Protection system allows water to pass through the blocks, dissipating wave energy before the wave reaches the beach. Bob and Kris White believe in the product so much they recently invited guests to their home in Wicomico Church to see for themselves.

Beach Prisms offers a solution to erosion issues at Ingram Bay site

by Shannon Rice

Following Hurricane Ernesto and a great Nor'easter in October 2009, Bob and Kris White began to wonder if they had made a mistake purchasing a home on Ingram Bay in Wicomico Church.

Before Ernesto, the Whites enjoyed 92 feet of beach. After the hurricane, their beach area totaled only 81 feet.

"Sand filled our pool. The boat house was knocked off the foundation and we were left with a huge mess," said Bob.

While they were upset with the physical damages, the emotional toll it took on them was much worse.

"We were in the house during the storm. Watching everything happen was very scary," said Kris.

Desperate for a solution, the Whites decided to install a Beach Prisms Shoreline Protection system. These four-foot-tall by ten-foot-long walls dissipate wave energy before the wave reaches the beach.

"You can literally watch the

waves stop in their tracks when they go through the prism. Everything just stops. The peace of mind they give you is unbelievable and irreplaceable," said Bob.

The prisms buffer the brunt of the water, preventing erosion. Over time, they also have been known to add sand to beaches.

The Whites' belief in the product led them to host an event May 4 allowing visitors to view the prisms and listen to a presentation from Beach Prisms representative Jay McKenna.