

DAUPHIN ISLAND EAST END BEACH & DUNE RESTORATION FACTSHEET

FEBRUARY 2, 2024



CONSTRUCTION

The Town of Dauphin Island secured a qualified contractor, Weeks Marine, Inc. to bring more than one million cubic yards of sand to the East End of the island, restoring our beach and dune habitats. This project is being constructed under USACE/ADEM Standard Individual Permit (SAM-2022- 00150) and ADCNR Beach Act permit.

The contractor will begin pumping sand to the beach in early February. Beach restoration activities will commence near the public parking area and beach southwest of Fort Gaines. Construction activities will move from east to west as more sand is pumped to shore and sections of beach are shaped to the design template.

The tentative schedule indicates this will take approximately two months.

Beach and dune habitat within the design template will be created using large machinery. All work will be conducted from the water and from the staging area on the USCG property. Vegetative plantings will follow once beach and dune habitat is created to design standards. Adjacent landholders will be notified when active construction takes place.

Weather conditions and other factors can delay schedules.

The project, once constructed, will extend from East End Public Beach to halfway through DeSoto Landing neighborhood.

The contractor will build a linear dune along Audubon Place neighborhood. Native dune grasses and sand fencing will then be added to stabilize the new dune feature. Residents are

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encouraged to install dune walkovers to limit disturbance to the new dune feature.

Along DeSoto Landing there will be extended beach habitat. In front of the Bird Sanctuary to the East End Public Beach and the condos, hummocky dune features will be restored.

The Dauphin Island East End Beach and Dune Restoration Project is funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund and National Coastal Resilience Fund.

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