

DAUPHIN ISLAND EAST END BEACH & DUNE RESTORATION FACTSHEET

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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 the USACE/ADEM Standard Individual Permit (SAM-2022-00150) and ADCNR Beach Act Permit.

The contractor has placed sand up to Audubon Place neighborhood. The beach area where they are pumping sand will be closed due to construction for several days. Construction is moving from east to west and will be finished soon.

For the areas that construction has been complete, the contractor has installed sand cross over ramps over the pipe to provide the public access to the water.

For your own safety, please stay away

from the closed construction areas as they restore our beach.

Adjacent landholders have been notified about the active construction.

Please do not swim between the first two rock breakwaters nearest the East End Beach public parking because of a steep drop off. That beach will adjust to a more natural shape and configuration, but that will take some time.

The contractor has finished building a larger, uniform dune along the Audubon Place neighborhood and will build some smaller, hummocky dunes west of there. Please stay off of the dunes.

Sand fencing is currently being installed in many locations. Native sea oats and other dune vegetation will be added to stabilize the new dune features in the next few months.

All work will be conducted from the water and from the staging area on the USCG property.

Weather conditions and other factors can delay schedules.

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

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

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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