

DAUPHIN ISLAND EAST END BEACH & DUNE RESTORATION FACTSHEET

WINTER 2023/24



CONSTRUCTION

The Town of Dauphin Island secured a qualified contractor, Weeks Marine, Inc. to bring a million cubic yards of sand to the east end of the island, restoring our beach and dune habitats. This project will be performed under USACE/ADEM Standard Individual Permit (SAM-2022-00150) and ADCNR Beach Act permit.

The contractor will be staging pipeline near Billy Goat Hole starting in December. They will lay submerged pipeline from the sand borrow area located a mile southwest of the Sand Island Lighthouse. A large dredge will be mobilized to this area in January 2024 and will begin to pump sand on the beach, starting from the east to the west. The tentative schedule indicates this will take approximately two months. Beach and dune habitat will be created with large machinery

within the beach template. The contractor will not be on private property. All work will be conducted from the water and from 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. On-ground construction will commence in early 2024 and continue through April, based on current schedule. Weather conditions and other factors can delay schedules. The Town of Dauphin Island will update the community as the schedule progresses.

The project, once constructed, will extend from East End Public Beach to halfway through DeSoto Landing neighborhood. Along Audubon Place neighborhood there will be a linear dune with sand fences and will be planted with native dune plants. We

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encourage residents 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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