

# 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 pumped sand on the eastern half of the project. 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 reach Audubon Place neighborhood shortly. We will continue to keep the public informed as construction progresses westward.**

**For your own safety, please stay away from the construction areas as they restore our beach.**

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

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 the DeSoto Landing neighborhood.

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

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

Beach habitat will be extended along DeSoto Landing, and hummocky dune features will be restored from the front of the Bird Sanctuary to the East End Public Beach and in front of the condos.

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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