

DAUPHIN ISLAND EAST END BEACH & DUNE RESTORATION FACTSHEET

MARCH 15, 2024



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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 up to the bird sanctuary. 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 remain in front of Audubon Place through next week. We will continue to keep the public informed as construction progresses westward.

For the areas that construction has been complete, the contractor has installed sand cross over ramps that 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.

Currently, the contractor is building a uniform dune along the Audubon Place neighborhood with large machinery and will continue as the contractor progresses westward.

Native dune grasses and sand fencing will be added to stabilize the new dune feature once complete.

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.

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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Planned construction schedule as of March 15, 2024. Construction dates are subject to change.