## DAUPHIN ISLAND EAST END BEACH & DUNE RESTORATION FACTSHEET APRIL 5, 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 the USACE/ADEM Standard Individual Permit (SAM-2022-00150) and ADCNR Beach Act Permit.

The contractor finished pumping the new sand and doing most of the beach shaping and dune construction in early April.

The new sand extends from near the East End Beach public parking area (south of Fort Gaines) for almost a mile and a half to the west and tapers back the pre-exisitng beach south of the Desoto Landing neighborhood (Hernando Place).

## The new beach is about a hundred yards wide with sand dunes along the north edge.

The contractor will be doing some more work both in the sand dunes and on the beach in the next few weeks. Heavy equipment is still working on the beach as they remove pipeline and till portions of the new sand beach.

So, for your safety, please stay away from the construction crews as they finish your project.

Sand fencing has already been installed along most of the project

length and small, new dunes are already forming near the fences.

Native sea oats and other dune vegetation will be added to stabilize the new dune features in the next few months.

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. Contact: Town of Dauphin Island, 1011 Bienville Blvd, Dauphin Island, AL 36528 Tel: 251-861-5525

