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## Day 75: Flagler dunes restoration update

**April 6, 2018** – It is day 75 of Flagler County’s dunes restoration project, and staff has fortified dunes along 2.7 miles of coastline.

“We have a great team, and everyone is working very hard on this critical project,” said County Engineer Faith Alkhatib. “We have repositioned our staging area to the end of 16<sup>th</sup> Road, Old Salt Park. We reopened MalaCompra Park this morning (except the southern parking area).”

Old Salt Park, located on 16<sup>th</sup> Road, is now closed to accommodate the dunes restoration project staff and equipment.

The next segment of work scheduled is to complete the last 500-foot stretch of beach adjacent and north of 16<sup>th</sup> Road. This section of work is scheduled for completion by mid-week – dependent of tides, weather, and other variables.

Dunes construction is complete in the following locations: Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, Marineland Acres, Bay Drive Park, Sea Colony, Armand Beach, and MalaCompra Park.

“Dodge the Dunes” signage and the vegetative plantings that will complete the dunes restoration will begin soon in the areas where these areas.

In general, Flagler County is restoring the dunes in sections from north to south.

“As always, we appreciate everyone’s patience while we have Old Salt Park closed,” County Administrator Craig Coffey said. “Parks and the beach is open everywhere else, but we are asking everyone to avoid the active work zone for their own safety.”

In related work, the seawall project in Painters Hill is on schedule. The work should be substantially complete by April 22.

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“There is some dunes work that will need to be completed in front of the seawalls once that construction is finished,” Alkhatib said.

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