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## Week 3: Dunes update

**February 8, 2018** – As Flagler County completes its third week of work on the dunes restoration project, staff reflects on the progress that has been made.

“We knew we would make a measured start on the project,” said County Engineer Faith Alkhatib, who is overseeing the work. “These are very big projects, and we have started cautiously.”

Sand placement operations began on January 22 near Rollins Dunes Drive, which is just north of the Sea Colony subdivision.

“We have completed about 2,800 linear feet of dunes as of February 7,” said Flagler County Project Administrator Alex Spiller. “The Marineland Acres segment was completed on February 6. Dunes are currently being constructed at Washington Oaks Gardens State Park.”

The general goal for progress throughout the dunes restoration project is at least a “mile a month” when taking into account that both the timing of the high tides, limited daylight, and the weather will affect the length of the workday.

“Staff is working very hard to meet this goal,” said County Administrator Craig Coffey. “There are a lot of variables we don’t have control over, like the weather. We have to follow both state and federal rules and regulations that are in place for the protection of our dunes and sea turtles, as well as safeguarding the public.”

To keep the public informed, Flagler County will post pictures and weekly updates at [www.flaglercounty.org/dunes\\_project](http://www.flaglercounty.org/dunes_project). Residents will be able to tell where work is ongoing, and where the next segment of work will take place. Residents with questions can either send them to [dunesproject@flaglercounty.org](mailto:dunesproject@flaglercounty.org), or call dunes project phone number at 386-313-4038 to leave a voicemail message that will be returned within 24 hours on weekdays.

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