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Week 4: Dunes update

February 19, 2018 – Flagler County staff is currently constructing dunes at Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, as it enters its fifth of work on the dunes restoration project.

Flagler County Engineer Faith Alkhatib is overseeing the projects, which will cost upwards of \$25 million. Alex Spiller is the project administrator for construction.

“As of Thursday, February 15, we have completed 4,719 linear feet of dune,” Spiller said. “This includes the Marineland Acres segment, and portions of the park (Washington Oaks) itself.”

Flagler County set a general goal for progress of a “mile a month.” The project is on target to complete at least 5,280 linear feet by February 22 – the one-month mark.

High tides, limited daylight and the weather affect the length of the workday.

“There are a lot of variables we don’t have control over, like weather, but staff has been working extremely hard to meet this goal – to keep the project on track,” County Administrator Craig Coffey said.

It is anticipated the work at Washington Oaks Garden State Park will be finished by February 26.

“After that, we will reposition equipment at MalaCompra Road and begin constructing dunes between Bay Drive Park and MalaCompra Park – inclusive of both parks,” Alkhatib said.

MalaCompra will be closed when equipment is moved there. Flagler County will announce when that happens, which could be as early as February 21.

Funding sources for all of the projects include the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and local funding from private and public sources. The amount of sand used to fortify the dunes will vary depending on the specific segment, totaling more than 750,000 tons of sand for all projects.

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To keep the public informed, Flagler County will post pictures and weekly updates at 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, 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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