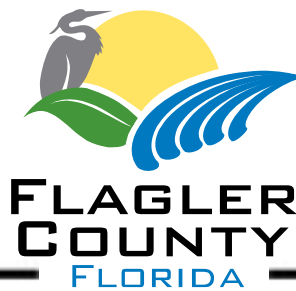


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East MalaCompra Road, park closed for dunes restoration

February 23, 2018 – The easternmost section of MalaCompra Road will be temporarily closed as Flagler County’s dune restoration project moves south.

“Throughout the day (Friday, February 23) staff has been repositioning equipment from the staging area at Washington Oaks Garden State Park to MalaCompra Road,” said Alex Spiller, project administrator for construction. “Sand deliveries will begin Monday morning.”

Flagler County has just completed its fifth week of work on the project, and completed the work at Washington Oaks Garden State Park. Revegetation of the recently shaped dunes is expect to occur over the next few months.

“This next phase of dunes restoration construction will start at Bay Drive Park near Sea Colony and move southward to the MalaCompra access point,” said County Engineer Faith Alkhatib, who is overseeing the projects, which will cost upwards of \$25 million.

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

“I’ve been to the project site, which is quite impressive,” said County Commission Chair Greg Hansen. “Staff is working very hard to keep the project on track. It’s a difficult task because there are plenty of variables we have no control over.”

To keep the public informed, Flagler County will post pictures and weekly updates at www.flaglercounty.org/dunes_project. 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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