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Dune Walkover Repair & Replacement Status:

In October and November of 2022, Hurricanes Ian and Nicole severely damaged the Flagler Beach dune system. This included a significant loss of sand and the destruction of multiple dune walkovers (See Attachment A for list of open and closed walkovers). The City Staff has repaired thirty-four (34) of the fifty-two (52) dune walkovers to useable conditions. In addition, City Staff has also done a comprehensive assessment of the dune walkover damage and the City recently received a detailed report from our Coastal Engineering experts. This report is being used to pursue bidding of the dune walkover replacements quickly, as well as permitting them as a group through the appropriate State environmental agencies. Our goal is to move forward on this effort prior to the initiation of Turtle Nesting Season (May 1, 2023).

Below: Damaged dune walkover at Florida A1A & Clubhouse Drive, Flagler Beach, FL



Beach Re-nourishment Status:

City Staff have been coordinating with Flagler County, FDOT, FDEP, FDEM, and the Army Corps of Engineers to improve the general state of the dunes. Our plan is a three (3) step process. The first step is the City will be working with FDOT to implement sand fencing to help rebuild the weakened dune system, which protects A1A and the community. The City and County will be working to source emergency sand in the next few months to repair as many escarpments and weak points in the dune system as possible. The third step will be to actively work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on their beach re-nourishment project scheduled for the summer of 2024. Any citizen who desires to speak with Coastal Engineers about this process, should be free to contact the City Manager or the City Clerk's office by calling the City of Flagler Beach at 386-517-2000.

What is sand fencing?

- Sand fencing is designed to help capture blowing sand to build dunes.
- Sand fence helps increase protection to landward areas while allowing the system's natural process of erosion and accretion to continue.
- Sand fencing reduces storm damage on coastal properties by helping to build up dunes.
- Sand fencing is often used to keep people off the dunes and direct them towards boardwalks and other designated beach access paths to prevent damage to both the dune and erosion-control vegetation.
- As wind blows through the sand fencing, the fencing creates a drag that reduces the wind speed.



Photo credit to Alexander Mackey

What can you do?

The City is respectfully requesting the public's cooperation and patience in not walking or parking on the dunes. This is one of the most important steps for protecting our precious and vulnerable dune system. If we act responsible, mother-nature can and will heal the damaged dune system in time. Parking and walking on sea dunes is a violation of both Florida State Statute 161.053 and the Flagler Beach Ordinance No. 89-19, found in Section 6-9. Ordinance No. 89-19 reads that "Violators of the provisions of this section shall be punished by imprisonment in the County jail for a term not to exceed sixty (60) days or a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by both such fine and imprisonment." Please visit www.DodgeTheDunes.com for more information on what you can do to protect the sea dunes.



Front View of Properly Parked Vehicle
Source: fbpd.org



Sign from the Tourist Development Council's
"Dodge the Dunes" campaign
Source: visitflagler.com

Attachments

Attachment A: Dune Walkovers Status List Updated 1/12/2023

Dune Walkovers Status List Updated 1/12/2023 (Attachment A)

South Side Walkover Location	Status	North Side Walkover Location	Status
South County Line (opposite Costa Del Sol Condos	Closed	North 23rd	Open
Opposite Ocean View Manor	Closed	North 22nd	Open
Club House Drive	Closed	North 21 st	Open
Opposite Water Tower	Open	North 20 th	Open
South 28 th	Closed	North 18 th	Open
South 27 th	Open	North 17 th	Open
South 26 th	Open	North 16 th	Open
South 25 th	Open	North 15 th	Open
South 23 rd	Open	North 14 th	Open
South 22 nd	Closed	North 13 th	Open
South 21 st	Closed	North 12 th	Open
South 20 th	Open	North 11 th	Open
South 19 th	Closed	North 10 th	Open
South 18 th	Closed	North 9 th	Open
South 17 th	Closed	North 8 th	Open
South 16 th	Closed	North 7 th	Open
South 15 th	Closed	North 6 th	Open
South 14 th	Closed	North 5 th	Open
Middle Block South 13 th	Closed	North 4 th	Open
South 13 th	Closed	North 3 rd	Open
South 12 th	Closed	North 2 nd	Open
South 11 th	Open		
South 10 th	Open		
South 9 th	Open		
South 8 th	Open		
South 7 th	Open		
South 6 th	Open		
South 5 th	Open		
South 4 th	Open		
South 3 rd	Open		
South 2 nd Handicap Ramp	Closed		
South 2 nd Stairs	Closed		