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St. Johns County to Temporarily Close Fort Matanzas Beach Access Ramp for Next Phase of FEMA Dune Enhancement Project

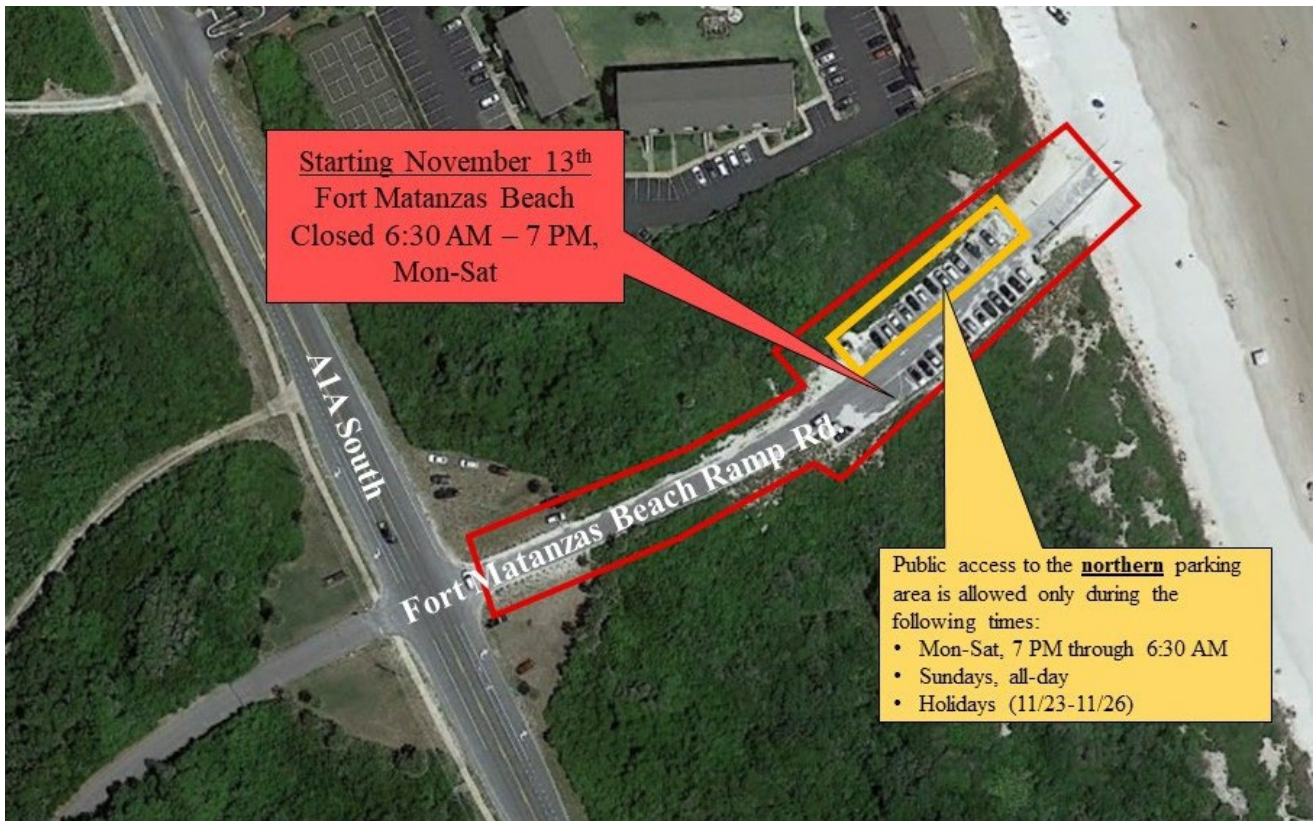
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, Florida, November 9, 2023 – On Monday, Nov. 13, St. Johns County will temporarily close the Fort Matanzas Beach Access Ramp for public safety as crews begin work on the next phase of the FEMA Dune Enhancement Project. The ramp's closure is anticipated to last about three weeks, weather permitting.

The northern portion of the access ramp parking lot will be open to the public on Sundays and from 7 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday during this portion of the project. It will also be open to the public from Nov. 23 through Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

For this phase of the FEMA Dune Enhancement Project, St. Johns County selected construction company Phillips & Jordan, Inc. as the lowest, most responsive, and most responsible bidder at a not-to-exceed bid price of \$7,435,168.81 with an additional \$800,000 for project delivery cost. St. Johns County will receive a FEMA grant reimbursement of \$6,176,376.61 and a State of Florida Department of Emergency Management grant reimbursement of \$2,058,792.20 after all project phases are complete.

For updates on the FEMA Dune Enhancement Project, visit sjcfl.us/CoastalProjects or contact the Coastal Management team at 904-209-0260 or coastalprojects@sjcfl.us. The public can also follow St. Johns County Beach Services on Facebook or X (@SJCBeaches) or download the free Reach the Beach mobile app at m.appbuild.io/stjohnsc6.

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Starting November 13th
Fort Matanzas Beach
Closed 6:30 AM – 7 PM,
Mon-Sat

Public access to the **northern** parking
area is allowed only during the
following times:

- Mon-Sat, 7 PM through 6:30 AM
- Sundays, all-day
- Holidays (11/23-11/26)

Aerial photo of the Fort Matanzas Beach Access Ramp with two text boxes that indicate beginning Nov. 13 the ramp will be closed from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The beach access ramp will remain open Monday through Saturday from 7 p.m. to 6:30 a.m., on Sundays, and from Nov. 23 through Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.