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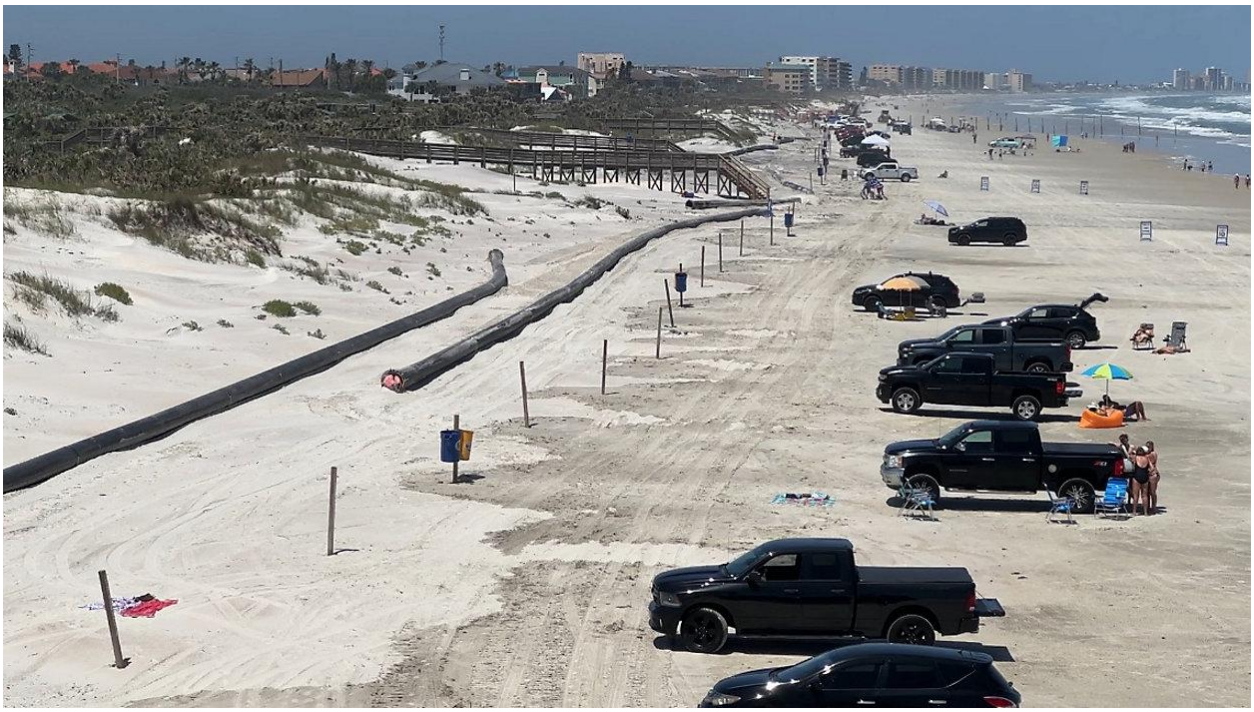

Dredge pipeline sections have been placed near the shoreline from north of the Ponce De Leon Inlet to Oceanview Avenue. (Spectrum News)

COASTAL RESILIENCY

Volusia County launches coastal resiliency initiative at Ponce Inlet

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NEW SMYRNA BEACH, Fla. — For people who go to Volusia County beaches often, there is something on the beach now that's sure to grab everyone's attention.

Dredge pipeline sections have been placed near the shoreline from north of the Ponce De Leon Inlet to Oceanview Avenue.

What You Need To Know

- Pipeline segments have been added near the shoreline starting north of the Ponce De Leon Inlet to Oceanview Avenue

- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contractor, Gator Dredging, brought in the pipeline segments
- Volusia County leaders say 900,000 cubic yards of sand will be removed from Ponce Inlet and nearby intracoastal waterway navigation channels. County leaders say this will help make the shoreline ready for storm season

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The soon-to-be-dredging operation plans to address shoreline damage caused by the hurricanes in 2022.

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“We’re excited to get this first step, the pipeline laid, right. We’re looking forward to turning the dredge on in you know, two or three weeks,” said Niles Cyzycki, the activity project manager for Volusia County Coastal Division.

Cyzycki said the goal of the project is to have sand be strategically placed along the beach to repair erosion damage caused by past storms.

“We lost almost 3 million cubic yards of sand that’s part of Ian and Nicole," Cyzycki said. "There’s going to be inconveniences and interruptions. But it’s part of a greater good for the health of our beaches,”

In addition to this project, the Rattlesnake Island Dredging Project will start later this summer.

The beach will remain open to the public.

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