



COQUINA BEACH HURRICANE IDALIA

Storm Damage Repair Project

PROJECT UPDATE • JULY 13, 2026

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The Coquina Beach Hurricane Idalia Storm Damage Repair Project will restore sand lost to Hurricane Idalia along approximately 0.9 miles of Coquina Beach, from just south of 13 St S to Longboat Pass (FDEP Reference Monuments R-36 to R-41+305). The project is funded by FEMA at 75% cost-sharing. Manatee County is the local sponsor. FDEP is a funding partner. Manatee County and FDEP each contribute 12.5% to the total project cost. The project will place approximately 63,450 cubic yards of sand dredged from the Longboat Pass navigation channel, restoring the beach while improving navigation through the pass. All work follows state and federal permits, including protections for sea turtles and shorebirds. Portions of the beach will be temporarily closed as work progresses; closures move with the work, and the rest of Coquina Beach will remain open. Construction is anticipated to start by September 2026.

ANTICIPATED COST AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

-  **Estimated Project Cost:** \$1,924,407.65
-  **Estimated Start of Construction:** September 2026
-  **Anticipated Completion:** November 2026

PROJECT PROGRESSION



BEACH SAFETY & ACCESS WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

For your safety, please:

- Keep clear of dredging equipment, pipeline, and active work zones
- Observe all posted signs, fencing, and flagging
- Do not climb on or cross the dredge pipeline
- Use designated pedestrian detours around work areas

Sea Turtle Nesting: Work follows FDEP and FWC permit conditions to protect nesting sea turtles. Please do not disturb marked nests.

Access & Staging: Equipment staging and beach-access areas near the south end of the project, adjacent to Longboat Pass, will be fenced and closed to the public for the duration of construction. Most of the beach will stay open, and the Coquina Beach South Boat Ramp will remain accessible.

****Work zones and closures change daily as operations progress. Always follow on-site signage and staff direction.***



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