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Construction has begun on a beach renourishment project that will create a new and improved Bathtub Reef Beach. The project is expected to be completed in May, before the start of sea turtle nesting season. The northern half of Sailfish Point Beach is also part of the project.

Through mid-March, dredging will be within the St. Lucie Inlet flood shoals and work from east to west. Boaters should take notice of the buoys that are marking the pipeline to ensure safe navigation.

Sand placement will begin at Florida Department of Environmental Protection Remonument 39.5 working south to north and adding on to the pipeline as necessary.

The entire Bathtub Beach parking lot will be closed during the construction project. The beach itself will have extremely limited access for the next several months as well. It is suggested that residents use Stuart and Santa Lucea beaches until restoration work is completed.

Information about beach and parking lot closings, access and construction and restoration updates will be provided in a timely basis by going to www.bathtubbeachmartin.com, <https://www.facebook.com/BathtubBeachMartin> or email coastal@martin.fl.us.