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LIDO BEACH RESTORATION CONCLUDES

Sarasota, FL: The Lido Beach restoration project is expected to wrap up this week, finishing early and on budget. During the past two months, recycled sand was placed on 1.8 miles of shoreline, stretching from Lido Pool to Ted Sperling Park, stabilizing the shoreline and infrastructure.

“Throughout the project, we heard many positive comments from residents and visitors who were pleased the beach was being restored,” said City Manager Tom Barwin. “The sand recycled from the New Pass shoal is spectacular. Just two months ago, the erosion was so severe that some areas no longer had a beachfront, threatening property and infrastructure. I’d like to thank the contractor, Orion, for working diligently to ensure the project finished on time and well before sea turtle nesting season.”

Crews will be on the beach Wednesday night using heavy machinery to till the new sand one last time. The tilling is required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to provide an inviting environment for sea turtles to nest starting in May. Property owners are asked to remove any beach furniture by Wednesday, March 18 at dusk.

The project replenished sand lost during Tropical Storm Debby in 2012. Surveys are still being conducted to determine exactly how much sand was deposited onto Lido Beach, but it is expected to be approximately 197,000 cubic yards.

Depending upon the final amount of sand recycled, projected costs are expected to be approximately \$3.6 million with those dollars funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Tourist Development Tax.

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