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## Siesta Beach drainage project underway

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Beachgoers can expect to see barges, tugboats and other equipment off the coast of Siesta Public Beach for the next month as the county installs a discharge pipe beneath the sea floor.

The work is part of the \$4.5 million Beach Road Drainage Project expected to be completed in December 2013. The project should alleviate flooding of the beach and nearby roadways that often occurs during the rainy season.



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A barge involved in laying pipe for Beach Road drainage improvement project sits just east of Siesta Public Beach.

Workers are drilling for the pipe that will be buried 40 feet below the dunes, beach and seabed. The pipe, which will be connected to an expanded stormwater retention pond at the public beach, will release the water 2,000 feet into the ocean.

The water will be treated with ultraviolet light to kill any harmful bacteria, said Alexander Boudreau, construction project manager. The storm water is not going to travel across the beach and into the water like it does now," Boudreau said. "It will be diffused further away from the swimming area." The Beach Road Drainage Project is a separate component related to the county's Siesta Beach Improvement Project.

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