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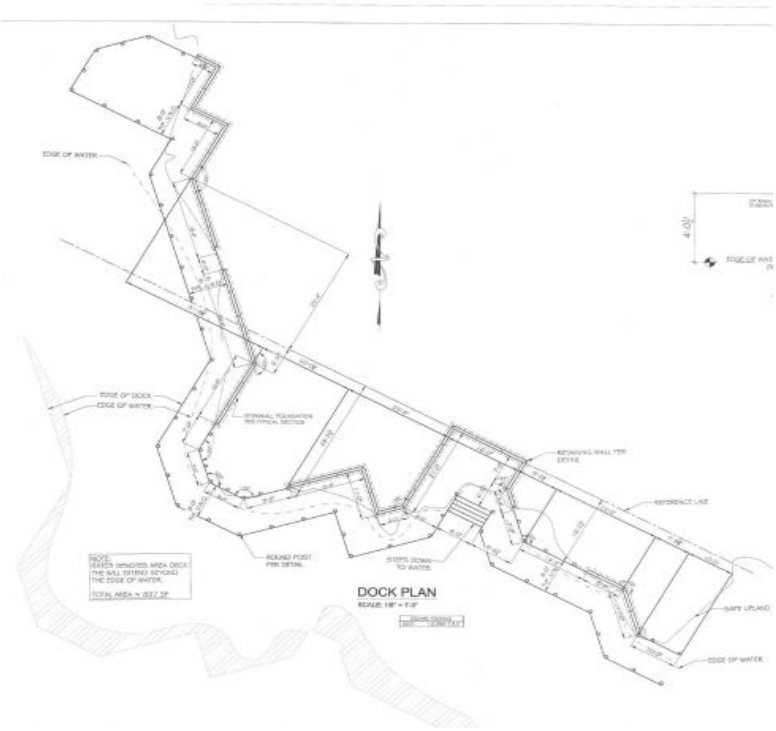
July 27, 2018 Dawn M. Bowne, City Administrator

The City of Dunnellon is excited to report that on Wednesday, July 27th the City's contractor, Marline Marine Construction, Inc., began construction on the new boardwalk at Chaplin A. Dinkins, III Memorial Park (City Beach) located along the Rainbow River off of Palmetto Court. The park will continue to be closed through the completion of construction and during any post construction clean up and property improvements that may be necessary. It is anticipated the park will reopen in September.

The park has been closed intermittently for approximately a year and half because of a sizeable deterioration of the beach area causing safety concerns. The City has utilized this time to design and approve new infrastructure to correct the deterioration issues and permit same through the State of Florida, which is a lengthy process. Additionally, remodeling of the restroom facility has been completed, meeting current ADA standards.

The boardwalk will provide access to the Rainbow River for swimming and at the west end, provide a specific area for fishing that is safely away from the designated swimming area.