

**CORRECTION: The previous release attributed construction responsibilities to Totem Architecture Inc. This was incorrect as Totem Architecture Inc. is only responsible for design and permitting functions of this project. The correct information is listed below.**

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## **Public meeting set Feb. 18 on improvements at Manasota Beach Park**

A public meeting on the design of new restrooms and a plaza, as well as other proposed site improvements at Manasota Beach Park, will be held Thursday, Feb. 18, from 6- 8 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Church, 2550 Englewood Road, Englewood. A presentation on the plans will begin at 7 p.m. Plans will be on view throughout the two-hour meeting, and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

Design and permitting of the facility is currently under way and is expected to be completed this summer. The new facility will offer updated amenities, including improved American with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility, upgraded and expanded restrooms, a family-style concession area and additional seating in a gathering plaza.

Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2010, and is expected to take about one year. During construction, the existing restroom facility will remain open until the new building is operational.

Totems Architecture Inc. of Sarasota is handling project design and permitting. The total project budget of \$1.5 million includes design, permitting and construction. The project is part of Sarasota County's economic stimulus program of fast-track, capital improvement projects funded by the voter-approved penny surtax (1-cent sales tax).

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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