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Ecological firm replaces plants in South End destroyed by drought



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The dunes from Sloan's Curve to Kreusler Park got a boost this week with the placement of about 30,000 plants to help hold the shoreline sand in place.

EarthBalance, of North Port, returned to the South End to replace some sea oats and about a dozen other species that did not survive the recent drought. In April, the company planted about 340,000 plants at a cost of about \$300,000. The replacements came at no additional cost to the town.

The eight-member work crew started the project Tuesday and was expected to finish the job today.

— MARGIE KACOKA



Daily News Photo by Lee Hershfield
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A railroad vine spreads among the new plantings south of Sloan's Curve. The vine is a trailing species with runners that can reach more than 30 feet long, and their deep roots are ideally suited to combat beach erosion.

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