



# Rockaway Boardwalk Reconstruction Project

## May 2014 Update

The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (NYC Parks) together with the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) is administering this Capital Construction project. In your community, we are committed to maintaining a work site that is safe and orderly. Dust, noise, and heavy equipment are common elements of construction, but we are working to minimize the inconvenience.

### Project Description

After Hurricane Sandy, more than \$140 million was invested to repair and restore Rockaway Beach. As part of this work, intact sections of boardwalk were repaired, damaged beach buildings were renovated with new boardwalk islands constructed around them, public restrooms and lifeguard stations were installed to replace destroyed facilities, and interim shoreline protection and anti-erosion measures were created. Thanks to this work, more than 3 million people visited Rockaway Beach throughout the 2013 beach season.

Even with a successful beach season and better protected peninsula, the recovery of Rockaway Beach is only beginning. NYC Parks and NYCEDC are now working with the Rockaway community and US Army Corps of Engineers on a second phase of improvements that will provide more long-term protection for Rockaway. Among these improvements are the construction of a new, more resilient boardwalk that features various coastal protection structures such as a sand retaining wall, a dune “betterment” which will increase the overall height of the Army Corps dune, sand infill underneath the new boardwalk, dune plantings, and other sand retention measures.

### Project Information

The project has been broken up into phases, each with various construction start and end dates. The below table lists the phases and corresponding construction timelines:

Phase 1	B86-B97	April 2014	Memorial Day 2015
Phase 2	B97-B107	June 2014	July 4, 2015
Phase 3a	B106-B115	Fall 2014	Memorial Day 2016
Phase 3b	B117-B126	Fall 2014	Memorial Day 2016
Phase 4a	B73-B86	Spring 2015	Memorial Day 2016
Phase 4b	B60-B73	Late 2014	Memorial Day 2016
Phase 5a	B39-B60	Fall 2015	Memorial Day 2016
Phase 5b	B19-B39	Fall 2016	Memorial Day 2017

- Construction Manager: Skanska
- Storefront Office is located at 92-08 Rockaway Beach Blvd
- All work areas will be secured with a continuous chain-link fence
- Beach access will be maintained throughout the construction period\*
- Work hours are M-F, 7:00AM - 4:00PM\*\*

\* When required to safeguard the public, a single beach access point will be closed to allow work to progress.  
\*\*Saturdays are reserved as makeup days in case of inclement weather.

### What to Expect in May 2014

Beginning this month, removals work started in the eastern most work zone in Phase 1. The contractor will continue moving west performing excavations and removal of the concrete fire stop slabs and pile caps. A crane will mobilize on the site the week of 5/12 to begin the removal of the piles. The piles and pile caps will be removed from the site.

## Work To Date

Work began in Phase 1 on 4/21 with fence post installation and general site prep work. Fencing has been installed to surround all of the Phase 1 work zones and is now complete.

## May Announcements

We are pleased to announce that all of the H piles for the sand-retaining wall in Phase 1 have been fabricated and are in storage. Once the removals work is complete, the piles will be delivered to work areas for installation.

The beach will officially open for swimming on Saturday, May 24. Access through the Phase 1 construction zone will be maintained at the 96th St Island, B94th St, B92nd St, B90th St, and B88th St. In the event of a closure, signs will be posted with directions to the nearest access point.

## Construction Sequence

- Site clearing and demolition *CURRENT STAGE*
- Driving of H-piles and pipe piles
- Install precast concrete sand retaining wall
- Install precast concrete pile caps
- Install plumbing pipes and electrical conduit
- Install access stairs and ramps (concurrent with remaining tasks)
- Install precast planks
- Install light poles
- Install railings
- Install site furnishings

## Please take note of the following:

- **Street Access** Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times to all buildings and businesses, as well as to the beach at the 96th St Island, B94th St, B92nd St, B90th St and B88th St.
- **Signs** will be posted informing residents of necessary pedestrian detours to the beach, and of any street closures (not currently expected), and/or limited access.
- **Parking** may be temporarily restricted along Shore Front Parkway where necessary to allow construction to proceed. Signs will be posted indicating the temporary restrictions.

**Special Needs** Individuals who may be uniquely impacted by this project should contact the NYC Parks' Rockaway Administrator's Office at [718.318.4000](tel:718.318.4000) as soon as possible to make them aware of your situation. We will work with you to attempt to minimize the inconvenience as much as possible.

**The Skanska Storefront Office:** For construction related inquiries, please contact Skanska's office at [347.965.2493](tel:347.965.2493) or via email at [jobs@boardwalkrebuild.com](mailto:jobs@boardwalkrebuild.com). For all NYC non-emergency services, including inquiries regarding this construction project, dial 311. Be prepared to give the following information so your call can be directed properly: your name and the borough, the NYCEDC contract number (56390002), and a return phone number.

Progress Photos

