



# Rockaway Boardwalk Reconstruction Project

## August 2014 Update

The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (NYC Parks) together with 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 table below lists the phases and corresponding construction timelines:

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|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|
| Phase 1  | B86-B97   | April 2014  | Memorial Day 2015 |
| Phase 2  | B97-B106  | 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 August 2014

There will be multiple activities ongoing in two different phases of the boardwalk this month. Removals of the existing boardwalk piles will continue in Phase 2 (B98th–106th). Pile driving of the new pipe piles will commence in Phase 1 (B86th–B97th) and will only be performed between 7a.m.–4p.m., Monday–Friday. Vibration monitoring will be performed during pile driving operations.

## Work to Date

All Phase 1 H-piles which support the retaining wall have been delivered to the site. The construction fence in Phase 2 is complete. Removal of the existing boardwalk and site grading in Phase 2 commenced and is ongoing. The test pile driving between B106th and B110th is complete.

## August Announcements

All the pipe piles have been fabricated for Phases 1 & 2 and are currently being coated. Pile driving in Phase 2 will commence after the removals are complete.

Beach Access points in Phase 1 and Phase 2 will remain as installed for the month of August.

## Construction Sequence

- Site clearing and demolition currently underway in Phase 2.
- Driving of H-piles and pipe piles currently underway in Phase 1.

## 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 B106th Island, B105th St, B104th St, B103rd St, B102nd St, B101st St, B98th St, the 97th St Island, B94th St, B92nd St, B90th St, B88th St, and the B86th Island.
- **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.

**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.