

Jetty/Marinelli Beach
Update on Progress on Implementation of the March 2024 Recommendations¹
and Compliance with Accessibility Standards²

Note: The original March 2024 recommendations are in black conventional text. *Progress report observations and findings are in red italics, with further recommendations in bold, red italics.*

1. Consider adding one additional accessible space near the entrance to the beach.
Undetermined.
2. Implement the current plans in conjunction with East Chop Beach Club mentioned in the survey creating an accessible route from the parking to the high-water mark. The entrance should have signage indicating it is accessible.

This has been completed. A series of very well installed 5-foot wide beach mats running over 700 feet from the parking area to the beach and to the high-water mark was completed for use during the 2024 summer season. Not part of the recommendations but of note was the installation of a hose hook up to rinse off before exiting the walkway. The set up is accessible as well as the hose attachment is about 3 feet off the ground and reachable and usable by someone in a wheelchair.

*With regard to the walkway there is a small area at the beginning route where there about a 4-5 foot gap between the road pavement and the first beach mat. Most of gap is not a problem. It is made up of hardened dirt and is stable. However about a foot just before the mat, the surface softens and there is an abrupt rise of about an inch or more onto the mat, exceeding the ½ inch required maximum. This is a simple fix, and **It is recommended this be addressed for next season if not earlier.***

3. Consider having one large beach wheelchair, and if lifeguards are present, one floating wheelchair. *Such wheelchairs have been ordered for use beginning in the 2025 season.*
4. See also accompanying Recommendations Applicable to all Beaches. *For an update on the progress made on the cross-cutting recommendations with respect to this beach and Oak Bluffs other beaches, see accompanying Progress report on those recommendations.*

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¹ The original recommendations were furnished in March 2024 and were based principally on June 2023 beach operators' self-surveys and September and October 2023 follow up on-site visits by Dukes County Assoc. Commissioner for Disabilities. This progress report was based on site visits in August 29 and early September, other visits before and after, the Oak Bluffs April 23, 2024 draft action plan, and verbal reports from the Oak Bluffs Parks' Commission Chair, Tony Lima.

² For beach specifications/dimensions, see attached resource sheet or the USDA's Forest Service *Accessibility Guidebook for Outdoor Recreation and Trails*, 8/2012 <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/Accessibility-Guide-Book.pdf>.

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