

# ACTION PLANS FOR SYLVIA STATE BEACH AND EASTVILLE BEACH

6-2024

## State Beach

1. Path 34-2024--By July 1, 2024
  - a. Remove overgrowth and sand to ensure the required 4' width for the wooden walkway all along its 80' length. (The overgrowth has been allowed to narrow most of the route to well under 4 feet to as little as 1.5 -2'. This is to be done by **July 1, 2024.**)
  - b. Purchase and install a 5' X 50' access mat to reach highwater mark from end of wooden walkway, making sure that the transition from wood to the mat is no more than 1/4 inch. The installation will be done. **July 1, 2024.**
  - c. Permanent maintenance plan needs to be developed to maintain route and ensure it is accessible at all times.
  - d. Note: The plan is to maintain this path for 2024 then substitute Path 45 beginning in 2025, including transferring the 50' mat to Path 45. See below. Will have to determine whether the wooden walkway can be salvaged and used at path 45 or another location.
2. Path 45—By Memorial Day Weekend 2025
  - a. Substitute this for 34 as the accessible route for this section of State Beach.
  - b. Several options are available, the two most notable are:
    - (1) Using the 50-foot mat from path 34 and purchasing an identical 50-footer to link up to the first one. This should cover the route including the four foot section of sand on the road and go all the way to the high-water mark i.e. 100 feet.
    - (2) Or use both the path 34 mat and if it is salvageable and useable, 50-55 feet of the wooden walkway from path 34. The wooden walkway would be placed at the beginning of the path, followed by the 50 foot access mat to the high water mark. The transition onto and off the wooden walkway should be addressed so that there is not more than a ¼ inch rise at either end. To cover the four-foot sand area between the road and beginning of the path, options are purchasing and installing a 4-5 foot access mat or pave a 5 foot width (as was done at the Jabberwocky entrance) or lay down a firm permeable surface of 4-5 feet
  - c. Signage and road markings needed. Could use the sign from path 34.
  - d. Consider ordering and placing large beach wheelchair and/or or floating wheelchair.

### State Beach—Path Near Bend of Road

- a. By July 1, 2024, remove overgrowth and sand from wooden walkway and repair or replace 6-7 poor condition or missing slats and purchase and install 5 X 50 access mat from end of wooden walkway to high water mark, **OR** remove wooden walkway and purchase a 5 X 100' access mat for the entire length including the 5 foot area at the beginning of the route.

Note: After the current wooden walkway, there is an upgrade of about 35 feet which should be graduated to under a 5 percent grade. Some beach nourishment or similar method should work.

- b. If the wooden walkway is not removed for this season, it should be by Memorial Day Weekend 2025 and replaced with another 50-foot access mat linked up with the mat purchased in 2024. Another possibility if the wooden walkway at 34 is not used for path 45, it could replace the current wooden walkway at this path instead of purchasing a second 50' mat assuming the No. 34 walkway is salvageable and useable.

Note: Particularly if using wooden walkways, this year or next, be sure to ensure the transition and rise from and to the wooden walkway is no more than ¼ inch rise.

- c. If wooden walkway is not removed by July 1, 2024 per second alternative under a above, then by Memorial Day weekend 2025 remove the walkway and replace it with a 50 foot mat linked to the 50 footer installed in 2024.
- d. The installation plans and maintenance thereafter should be firmed up to ensure reliable and uninterrupted access.

### **Eastville Beach**

1. By July 1, 2024, Oak Bluffs (Tony Lima, Chairperson of Park and Recreation Commission) will address the initial pathway from parking lot to the beach sand (about 25 feet long) by widening all of it to at least 4 feet and making sure that the surface is firm and stable surface as it currently is for the first 2/3.
2. The County will order a beach mat(s) to cover the beach from the end of the pathway to the high water mark a distance of about 66 feet. Two 33-foot mats from Accesrec.com is recommended and will be ordered as soon as possible. The goal will be to obtain and install the mat by July 1, 2024. The Town will do the installation.
3. Oak Bluffs will address the leaning handicapped sign issue.
4. The Town will have maintenance responsibilities related to these changes and ensuring that required access is maintained. The Town and County might consider an agreement to clarify roles and responsibilities regarding the beach and parking lot.