

Philibin Beach¹

Update on Progress on Implementation of the March 2024 Recommendations and Compliance with Accessibility Standards

(March 2024 Recommendations in standard back font. Updated observations *in red italics*)²

1. There is a well-maintained boardwalk from the parking lot to toward beach, about 200 feet long. It is 48 inches wide and except for one sizeable gap at the beginning of the walkway, there are no gaps between slats over ½." However, the walkway, which appears to have been installed over wetlands comes to an end about 100 feet from the beach and another about 80 feet from the high-water mark. Most of the sand portion is over 48 inches wide though there are sections which are only 35 to 40 inches wide. The solution would be to extend the wooden walkway or laying down beach mats or a combination so that there is a firm and stable surface to the high-water mark. In doing so, the narrowed portions should be addressed as well as any areas where the running slope exceed a 5% grade. No cross-slope issues were noted. For route grade and slope specifications, 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>

No work done to extend accessible route to high-water mark. In the wooden walkway, near the beginning there is about 2.5 inch-wide gap in an otherwise well maintained pathway. This should be easily repaired.

2. There was a porta potty observed. It is unclear whether during the season there is porta potty that is accessible. This should be determined and addressed, if necessary.

Porta potty observed again at opposite end of the wooden walkway and accessible parking space. Porta potty not accessible.

3. For an update on the progress made on the cross-cutting recommendations with respect to this and Acquinnah's other beaches, see accompanying Progress report on those recommendations.

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¹ For specifications/dimensions for accessible beaches, see 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>.

² 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 update is based on an 9/9/24 visit.

Field Code Changed