



Herring Cove Revetment and Parking Environmental Assessment

Public Scoping

October 30 – November 30, 2012

Expected shoreline retreat (2.5 feet/year)

2012 

2022 

2032 





Planning Process Roles

Subcommittee of CCNS Advisory Commission

- Rich Delaney, Chair, Advisory Commission Dept. of Interior Representative
- David Gardner, Town of Provincetown, Assistant Town Administrator
- Steve McKenna, (State) Coastal Zone Management Office
- Dr. Mary Foley, (NPS), Northeast Region Chief Scientist
- Mary Jo Avellar, Advisory Commission Provincetown Representative
- Mark Robinson, Advisory Commission State Representative

Consultants

- Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies: Coastal scientist expertise – Dr. Graham Giese and Dr. Mark Borelli
- BH+A /Childs Engineering: Coastal engineering expertise – Deborah Robinson, Manager/Dave Porter, Coastal Engineer
- Consensus Building Institute (CBI): Subcommittee facilitation and documentation – Stacie Smith and Eric Roberts
- Vanasse Hangan Brustlin (VHB): Environmental Assessment work – Jake Hoagland and team



Planning Process & Timeline

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| October 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Scoping |
| Oct – Nov 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial assessments by consultant team |
| Winter 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborative Work with Advisory Commission Subcommittee in monthly meetings open to the public, resulting in report to Advisory Commission |
| Spring 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisory Commission recommends preferred alternative to the Superintendent |
| Summer 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing Plan/EA• Public Review and Comment on Plan/EA |
| Summer – Fall 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decision Issued• NPS to seek funding |



Need for the plan

- Wave action in late December caused damage to the asphalt revetment near the bath house and sections of the north parking lot, and coastal areas near the south parking lot.
- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts developed the Herring Cove Beach facilities in the 1950's and includes: a one-mile macadam revetment (seawall); two parking lots; and, a bath house and concession stand.
- Herring Cove Beach is of special concern to the citizens of Provincetown, the National Park Service, and other park visitors.
- Current state and federal coastal policies discourage development of hardened structures in vulnerable coastal areas.



Purpose of the plan

- The purpose of taking action is to develop a long-term plan for Herring Cove Beach revetment and parking in consultation with agencies and the community.
- The plan will identify the values of the beach and its importance to visitors to the national seashore and local residents.
- The outcome will be based upon sound coastal science and engineering practices and be responsive to shoreline change, projected sea level rise and visitor use.



Goals and objectives

- Develop a preferred alternative which will allow visitor access while being responsive to shoreline change and Commonwealth and Federal policies.
- Ensure the preferred alternative is based on coastal science best practices and anticipates sea level rise.
- Explore and institute as much as practical community and visitor values with the Herring Cove Beach experience.
- Identify suggestions for either phased or comprehensive construction plans for implementation.



Public comments

Please provide your comments on range of ideas, concerns, and perspectives for the future of the revetment and parking area.

Possible topics:

- review of goals and objectives
- what you value about Herring Cove Beach
- activities – beachgoing, fishing, whale watching, etc.
- vehicle parking, bicycle use, pedestrian access
- viewpoints on coastal facilities and sustainability
- coastal change, storm damage, sea level rise
- impacts, alternatives, phasing



Comments and next steps

Other ways to comment:

- Mail comments to:
Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore, 99 Marconi Site Road,
Wellfleet, MA 02667

Please submit comments by November 30. Thank you!

Next Steps:

- The facilitators will prepare a summary of all the comments made and submitted, and this information will be entered into the National Park Service's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CACO>.
- All the public questions and comments at the public scoping meeting and through the letters and the website above will then be considered in developing the Plan/Environmental Assessment.
- The Advisory Commission's Herring Cove Subcommittee will receive a copy of the summary to draw on during their deliberations.