

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

RIVERWALK PARK, BOARDWALK & EVENT SPACE

The project proposes construction of a public park with walking trails, native landscaping, children's play area, kayak launch, space for artist shanties and public art, a large open area for periodic special events, public restrooms, and an elevated boardwalk along the salt marsh to the south.



As part of the project design and permitting process the public is invited and encouraged to participate in a community update on the Town's development of the Riverwalk Park at the former drive-in site, located at 669 Route 28 along the Parker's River.

Why:

The Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act (MEPA) Permitting process for projects of this size seeks to ensure project awareness, maximize public engagement and obtain community input through public involvement.

When:

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 6:00PM

Where:

Yarmouth Town Hall, Hearing Room, Town of Yarmouth,
1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Anyone unable to attend the meeting may submit written comments to the Town of Yarmouth, Department of Community Development, 1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA 02664 or to kwilliams@yarmouth.ma.us

Questions:

For more information see [<https://www.yarmouth.ma.us/1538/Riverwalk-Park-and-Boardwalk>]
This room is accessible. For special accommodations or any additional information regarding this meeting, please contact the Department of Community Development at 508-398-2231 Ext 1276 (TTD# 508-398-2231) or kwilliams@yarmouth.ma.us by Sept 21, 2022.

This will be a hybrid meeting.
Please join in person or use the internet link below to join the meeting virtually:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82129119710>
Or via Telephone at 301 715 8592 Webinar ID: 821 2911 9710



RIVERWALK PARK PROJECT FACT SHEET

PROJECT BACKGROUND

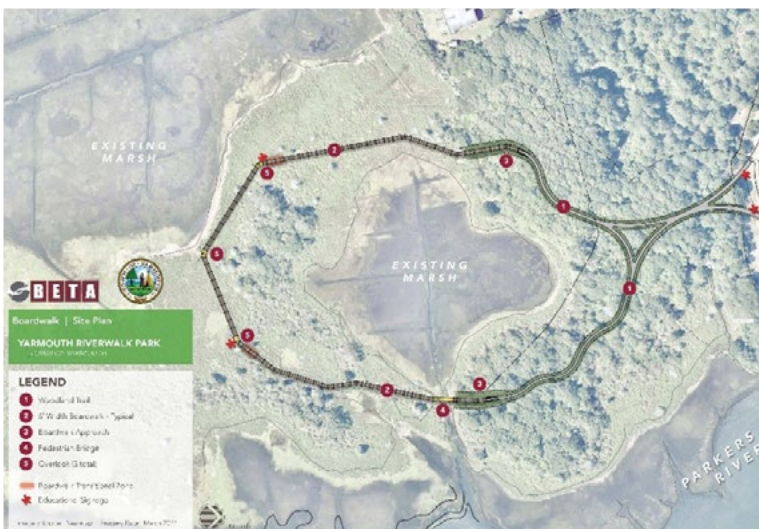
The Town has spent many years evaluating public uses for the 22-acre town-owned former drive-in property at 669 Route 28, which was purchased in 1986 for recreational purposes. Although plans for the site had originally included a marina, concerns about financial viability led to the exploration of alternative uses in 2015.

During 2017-2019, the Town undertook a detailed Feasibility and Concept Design Study for a Riverwalk Park along the Parkers River, a raised Boardwalk and an Event Space to host periodic events. A robust public participation process was included in the study to garner stakeholder input. Various modifications and compromises were made to the design concepts to help mitigate concerns and issues identified through this process, the most notable being a looped Boardwalk rather than one that went over the marsh to Seagull Beach. In 2021 the Town began the development of the design plans with the intent of permitting the project in 2022-2023 with construction anticipated for 2023-2024.

The process since 2017 has included over 50 public meetings including the Drive-In Site Utilization Committee (DISUC), Stakeholder meetings, Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, and Town Meetings for funding allocations for the project.

PROJECT FACTS

- Nearly a mile of walking paths, trails and shared-use pathways interconnecting areas of the site
- Pier and kayak floating dock to access the Parker's River
- 1,300 linear foot boardwalk loop with three overlooks and a pedestrian bridge over a tidal creek
- 4 acre grassed open field area for multiple uses including hosting of periodic special events and performances
- Public restrooms with small office/equipment/storage room
- Nature based playground area and nature-based game stations
- Area for artist exhibition sheds/tents and space for public art
- Underground utilities (water, electric, sewer) with site lighting for parking lot areas
- Pervious pavement parking lot with space for 88 vehicles.
- Benches, bike racks, trash receptacles, shade structures, picnic tables and benches
- Interpretive graphic panels & kiosks
- Native landscaping



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