Blessing of the Bay Park: Schematic Design



Survey & Data Gathered: Public Outreach by MyRWA & Groundworks To Date

- + 315 Surveys (online and in person)
- + 272 People Engaged in on-site events
- + 150 Mystic Housing Outreach
- (Mobile market & Mystic Tenants Association)
- + 460 Households (door to door)
- + 60 Public Meeting Attendees
- = 1,257 Engagements to date

Desired Programs: (In Order of Priority)

- 1 Paths/Trails
- Walking/Running/Biking
- Boating, Docks, Water Access, Fishing, Swimming Natural Areas
- Wildlife Invasive Plant Removal
- 4. Improved Restrooms and Water Fountains
- Lighting/Seating 6. Gathering Spaces
- Community Events, Picnicking/ BBQ 8. Public Art
- 7. Play Area
- 9. More Trash Cans/ Better Trash Pick-up 10. Signage/ Wayfinding
- 11. Sports Related Amenities
- 12. Additional Parking

Program Elements:

- Boathouse, storage, ramp, docks, and parking remain in existing location
- Road is realigned to allow park to expand 6', bringing the multi-use path into the park area with a planted buffer along the road. A drop-off area is added in front of the boathouse. • Primary shared-use path is along the road, a secondary path weaves along the shore
- Primary bike path shifts to the west side of the parking lot to eliminate conflicts in front of boathouse
- · Linear green infrastructure along road treats stormwater, an optional additional green infrastructure area could be included for treatment of stormwater off of adjacent roads.
- Optional wetland restoration area included in the park which could be available for exploration via a series of
- Floating wetlands or riparian plantings to improve water quality at outfalls
- •Four smaller lawn areas provided, other areas converted to naturalized plantings such as meadows, shrubland and

- A large dock is added for flexible public uses including the Bike roundabouts used to create gateway conditions at potential for swimming, sunbathing, and performances. A wetland buffer is included between the shoreline and the
- Many informal 'get down' areas are provided along the
- A defined natural playground area is created under a very large existing Linden tree
- Small grassy sloped area provides seated view to water dded at naturally sloped area adjacent to dock for potential performance uses and event programming
- A 'Foraging Trail' weaves its way through an area of native
- Educational signage is provided throughout the park to highlight the varied plant typologies and ecological health of
- Views are opened up through the shoreline vegetation at the end of each neighborhood connecting street
- Street trees are added along the length of Shore Drive

- bike intersection points
- Phytoremediation buffer/ art component at either end of
- Under pass lighting/ art element included
- New lighting and seating





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Path and boarwalk through restored wetland with educational signage

Muli-use path through native meadow