

Expansion of Bay Walk Waterfront Park Set To Begin

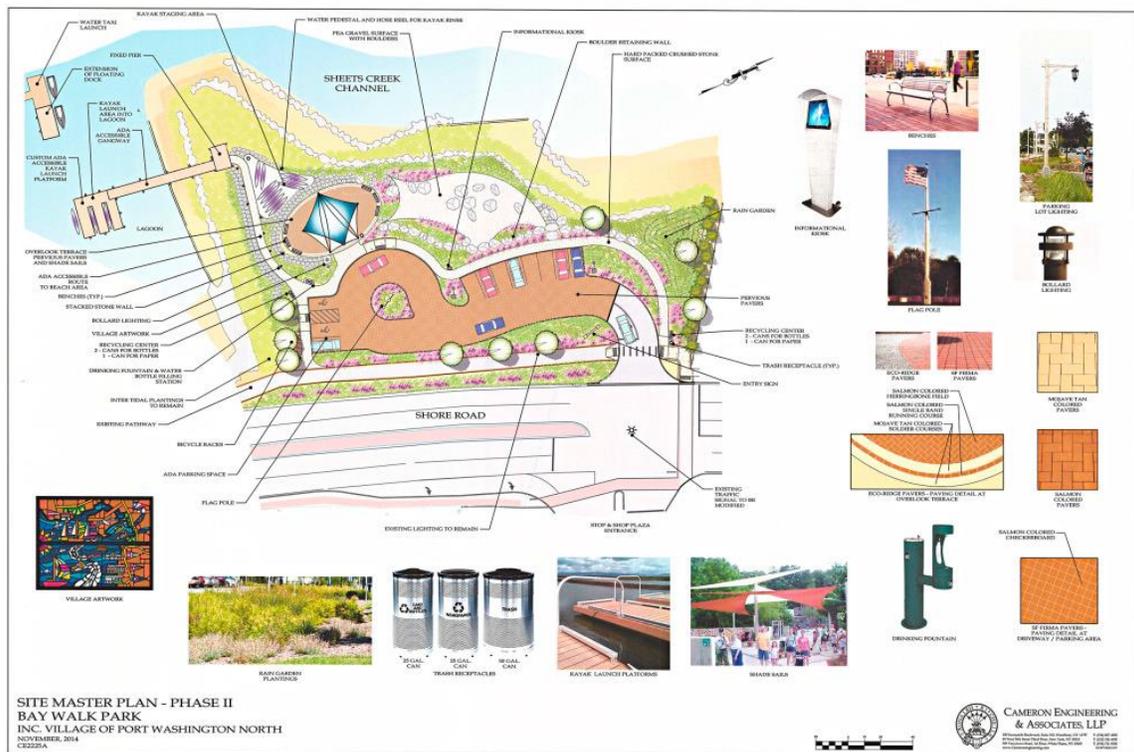
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Phase 2 of the Bay Walk Waterfront Park will begin shortly with a scheduled date of completion in the fall. This project is the final phase of the original Bay Walk Park Master Plan created in 2005. It will include the creation of a kayak launch and boat resting area, new artwork expanding the Outdoor Nautical Art Museum, a parking lot and drop-off zone, family picnic area with sun shades, an electronic informational kiosk, a water bottle replenishing station complete with a water fountain and a pet water station, a rain garden and the expansion of our Port North Pier float.

Cameron Engineering & Associates, LLP, designed the plan for the expansion of the Bay Walk and Woodstock Construction of Oyster Bay is performing the construction phase of the project.



This \$1.5-million project received the support of the entire Port North community and from nearly every level of government, including generous funding by NY State Department of State; NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation; the Town of North Hempstead; and Nassau County.

Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth, Town Councilwoman Dina De Giorgio, State Senator Jack Martins, State Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel and Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton have provided support and assistance in making this project become a reality.

“The final phase of the Bay Walk Park project will make Port North a true destination for anyone looking to spend some time along beautiful Sheets Creek and Manhasset Bay,” said Supervisor Bosworth. “The unique blend of recreational, cultural and educational elements will make it [a] one-of-a-kind park.”

“The new park will be a wonderful addition to our beautiful waterfront, and will be a real boost to our local economy by encouraging residents to stay in Port Washington, and support our small businesses,” said Councilwoman Dina De Giorgio.

The community should be aware that while the project is underway, there will be no pedestrian access north of the Port North Pier to the Gulfway Marina. The Bay Walk south of the construction zone, including the Port North Pier, will be open. Crosswalk access across Shore Road to points south of the construction zone is located at the corner of Shore Road and Mill Pond Road.

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