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RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS

FORT SMALLWOOD PARK SHORELINE STABILIZATION Pre-Construction Meeting for Phase 2 & 3 – Project# P468710 & P468711

The Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Department of Recreation and Parks thank you for your interest in and attention to the planned Fort Smallwood Park Shoreline Stabilization project.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Department of Recreation and Parks (DRP) received questions and comments from two citizens regarding the Project's Construction. There was a total of 17 participants on the May 3, 2021 Zoom platform meeting, of which five were residents, and the remaining twelve included the County DRP and DPW staff, members of the design team and the construction contractors and inspectors. Comments were received from two citizens during the period following the Public Meeting.

The public comment period ended on May 17, 2021. This serves as a summary of those comments. A complete listing of those comments is posted on the DRP website at: <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/capital-projects/projects>

In an effort to address the overarching themes of the questions, we offer the following summary of questions posed and synopses of the answers:

1. In Phase 2, will all the existing vegetation along the shoreline be removed?

Response: No. The beach improvements and new plantings will tie into the existing vegetation.

2. How do we protect the pond during construction?

Response: No construction activities will occur on the east side of the walking path so as not to disturb the pond. The contractor will use the path for entrance to the project site and to bring in equipment, materials and personnel. All work and disturbance will be kept to only the beach area and path.

3. There are invasive Bradford Pears along the shoreline. Will they be removed??

Response: Only vegetation that has grown on the existing groins will be removed as part of the removal of the groins. The existing vegetation along the back of the beach will not be removed.

4. Will the fence around the pond be removed?

Response: No. The fence along the pond will not be removed during or after construction.

5. How will public be informed that swimming beach is closed?

Response: On May 15th the Beach Area will be closed for the remainder of 2021 and will reopen Spring/ Summer 2022. Information about the beach closure will be posted on the Department of Recreation and Parks website.

6. Is there still plans for second concessions?

Response: Yes, a comfort station that will include restrooms and a concession area will be constructed in the Park under a separate contract. You can refer to <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/capital-projects/projects> for the most up-to-date information on this project.