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Town of Sunset Beach

Beach Access Walkover Extension And First Street ADA Beach Access Widening Project

Spring projects will provide easier beach access!

Sunset Beach, NC – Sunset Beach has approved two significant beach access improvement projects for this spring. The need to extend walkways has been created as dunes have built up over time burying the walkways and stairs and creating accessibility difficulties for families with young children and those with physical challenges.

“We are fortunate in Sunset Beach to be one of the few beach strands along the east coast that is actually gaining sand,” said Mayor Ron Watts. “These projects are a good problem to have as a coastal town. Extending the public beach accesses means we are not experiencing the major erosion issues that unfortunately are found along most of the coast.”

The *First Street ADA Beach Access Widening Project* includes expanding the five foot width to an eight foot width and extending the access thirty feet toward the Atlantic Ocean. It includes the extension of a ramp that connects with a blue matt that will provide an additional flat surface over the sand. In addition, the Town plans to build its first pergola on the beach access walkway to provide shade and a resting area approximately mid-way to the beach. This project will also provide an additional ADA access for residents and visitors who rent the Town of Sunset Beach surf chairs. The First Street ADA Beach Access Widening Project is scheduled for completion on **March 25, 2016**.

Sunset Beach also plans to begin construction to extend ten existing beach access walkways on **March 14, 2016**. The beach accesses to be extended include the walkways located between 29th Street through 38th Street. The *Beach Access Walkover Extension Project* is scheduled for completion on **May 23, 2016**.

Engineer drawings and future updates including a Beach Access Closure Schedule will be available for review at www.sunsetbeachnc.gov.

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