

Top Ten Recommendations for Beach Access

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1. Restore Pocket Parks #1 (AP-6), #2 (AP-9), #3 (AP-13), and Develop Pocket Park #4 (AP-32) to alleviate pressure on natural resources and neighborhoods.
2. Restore the dune line, prioritizing critically eroding beaches (as defined by BEG shoreline change analysis).
3. Implement strategies to mitigate dune and beach erosion from beach access activities such as on-beach vehicular access.
4. Restore Non-Compliant and Non-Functioning Access Points.
5. Develop and implement a uniform City-branded program for directions and wayfinding (i.e. signage, apps, and promotional materials).
6. Improve beach access safety by developing and implementing a plan for mitigating erosion associated with drainage to the beach.
7. Where the City owns rights-of-way to the beach at access points, engage a credentialed coastal engineer to develop methods for drainage, walkovers, etc.
8. Clearly identify on-street public parking spaces by providing adequate signage and pavement-markings.
9. Use city or county-owned property for off-beach parking areas, and if possible, acquire more property.
10. Research and clarify ownership of public access resources (streets, lots, parking, access paths to beach)

Recommendations for Dune Protection/ Erosion Response Plan

1. Establish a Coastal Resiliency Overlay Zone.
2. Mitigation requirements of greater than 1:1 enforced for a landowner who materially changes or destroys a dune without the proper City Permit.
3. Dune Protection Line (DPL) defined: The Dune Protection Line is defined as the most landward of either a line 25' landward of the north tow of the dune, or 200 ' landward of the line of vegetation (LOV).
4. Define DPL seaward of the Seawall: For Seawall Zone, 12th to 103rd Streets, there shall be a 10-foot offset seaward of the LOV. Trash barrels only allowed within 10-foot offset during high tides.
5. No new construction is allowed within the Dune Conservation Area to 25 feet landward of the DPL. (Dune Conservation Area is LOV or 4-foot elevation to DPL). Allowance for reconstruction of existing structures.
6. Add ADA reference, Texas Beach Accessibility Guide, to criteria for publicly constructed walkovers.
7. Delete reference to Upton- Jones Act; replace with TRNC 61.025, acknowledgment of risk when purchasing coastal property near a beach.
8. Any mitigation plan for impacts seaward of the DPL shall be sealed by a Texas Coastal P.E. and completed before vertical construction begins.
9. Review the ERP regarding development conditions and standards in the Seawall Zone.
10. Coordinate between regional governmental agencies, local governments and NGOs for efficient beach management and grant opportunities.
11. Create a dune maintenance buffer 10 feet seaward of the Dune Conservation Area or LOV.
12. Establish a "Pack in-Pack out" pilot test site as an extension of the "Leave No Trace" ordinance.