

Welcome to the 2nd Community Meeting

Presented by
**The City of Galveston
Beach Access and Dune Protection
Plan Review Ad Hoc Committee**

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A wide-angle photograph of a crowded beach on a sunny day. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The ocean is a vibrant turquoise color, with white waves breaking onto the shore. The beach is filled with people of various ages, many sitting on towels or blankets, some standing, and others swimming in the water. In the background, a long pier or breakwater extends into the sea. The overall atmosphere is one of a busy, popular beach destination.

The Texas Open Beaches Act 1959

The Dune Protection Act 1973

Beach Access and Dune Protection

Guiding Principles



- Free and unrestricted beach access should be available to the citizens of Texas, meeting or exceeding the Open Beaches Act standards.
- Promote diversity of uses in a safe and sustainable manner.
- Ensure the integrity and sustainability of the natural system and resources.
- Respect and recognize the rights of adjacent private property.
- Meet the GLO's accessibility (ADA) guidelines.
- Encourage beach patrons to utilize beach access points with amenities.
- Provide consistent, clear, and adequate signage.

Assessing Beach Access Points



**Access
and
Parking**



**Signage
and
Wayfinding**



**Access Point
Improvement**



**Natural
Resource
Preservation**

Access Point Example



BAP 15A

Pirate's Beach

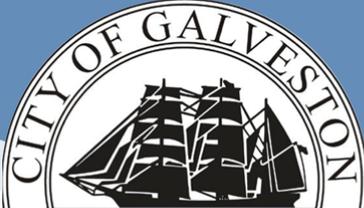
-Washed out
pedestrian path from
persistent erosion
and drainage issues

-Proposed
engineered solution

Vision of Guiding Principles



Beach Access Point 9 Pocket Park 2



2004



2018

Vision of Guiding Principles



- Consolidate Beach Access Pts 13-14
- Restore Pocket Park 3
- Restore Dune
- Provide ADA dune walkover
- Create drop-off turnaround

Beach Access Point 32 Pocket Park 4

Vision of Guiding Principles



- County-owned land
- Beach to Bay
- Develop with amenities



Vision of Guiding Principles

Beach Access Points 33-36



Restrict
Seasonal
and Year-
Round
Vehicular
access

Challenges

- Funding
- Private vs. Public
- More visitors
- Mother Nature



Top Public Comments



- Safe Access to the Beach
- Reduce Parking and Driving on the Beach
- Boundaries and Responsibilities—drawing the line
- Improved Signage and Wayfinding
- Beach Maintenance—trash, seaweed, etc.
- Restore and Expand Pocket Parks with Amenities



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