

METROPOLITAN BEACHES COMMISSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS – BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**Lynn and Nahant**

**Things you love about the beach**

**Things you want to see changed**

*Maintenance*

great swimmable beach, cleaned each day	Landscaping needs to be maintained with constant weeding
sea walls, park benches, ornate lamps	landscaping at rotary& all beaches
overall appearance landscaping service	algae
lighting	algae
Preserve the barrier beach -the dunes	water quality
great sand	odor
landscaping but need more flowers	smell-algae
millions spent to clean the water at the beach	garbage and natural materials in the water & sand
frequent cleaning of the algae	smell-algae
trash barrel placement & timely collection	clean up algae on a regular basis
clean	landscaping
water seems cleaner at King's Beach	residents who let their hedges grow on the sidewalk
landscaping at Red Rock-weekly mowing is great	lamp posts should be repaired
landscaping	DCR raking trucks don't go all the way into Lynn
good lighting at night	facilities&maintenance
plenty of grass	not enough trash barrels
landscaping is fabulous	no functional bathhouse
conditions of the walls, Red Rock,& Pedestrian ways	state of the bathrooms is terrible
	trash on beach from boats
	add free potable water
	fix bathhouse
	deal more effectively with the point, pollution where is it coming from
	fix broken barrier on the causeway
	remove algae
	trash pick up
	odor-remove algae
	improvement of the toilet facilities
	repair bathhouse
	there are no sanitary facilities on King's Beach
	beach debris
	fix causeway drainage system

*Programming*

preserve habit for migrating waterfowl	algae makes good fertilizer, clean it up and sell it
incredible beach resource which supports migrating birds	algae makes good fertilizer, clean it up and sell it
space to congregate (Red Rock)	completion of half way house
great views	Long Beach should be closed in the evenings
preserve the dune habitat for the native and naturalized plants that grow there	need a concession stands, kiosks w/ signs "pick up your trash, etc."

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preserve the availability of the beach for everyone	more lifeguards patrolling the beach during day light hours
DCR partnership w Friends of Lynn/Nahant Beach Association	off season access for kite flyers
preserve the social aspects events) of the waterfront	more visible lifeguards
community interest, encouraged citizen groups	more control of dogs on the beach
beach clean ups	no recycling bins with art on them
community involvement	DCR needs to fund & assume safety issues for sanitation, potable water, and personal injuries.
programming	put a concession stand in the bathhouse to help pay for it's up keep.
annual kite festival & concerts at Red Rock	educational center for beach clubs, etc.
accessible playground	need public/child educational programs
sunsets & view of the city from walking, parking, etc.	no American flag at the half way house
	vision for the area, master plan
	lack of clear vision for the area
	outreach to community for water base activities
	outreach program for beachgoers
	needs an onsite manager for customer satisfaction
	enforcement of littering; use state and city police
	enforcement of no dogs on the beach
	no dogs on beach
	meet with town reps to see how they help the state manager
	clear postage of signs for unsafe swimming
	unleashed dogs; more clear signage about no dogs on beach

## *Safety, Traffic and Noise*

a great parking area	crosswalk-cars don't stop add lights
good bike paths	crosswalk-cars don't stop add lights
police protection is excellent	commuter traffic morning & evening
pedestrian walkways	speed of traffic
bike path & side walk on Lynn Shore Drive	enforcing the fines for breaking the law
polite & quiet public	feels unsafe, should allow dog walkers in the evening for a mix of people
keep parking fees low	access
the police presence	enforcement & attitude
troopers on horseback	much more noisy-Lynn Shore Drive
enforcement of existing laws to increase regulations	traffic flow around Nahant circle
State Police patrols	Lynn Causeway needs to be reworked
no boats or jet skies allowed	traffic is terrible
public safety	traffic out of control
parking & traffic control, stickers required for Short Beach	need to ban noisy boats and jet skis on the Lynn/Nahant beach
parking curfew 11pm.	
mounted policemen	
curfew at 11pm for parking	

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## Revere

Things you love about the beach	Things you want to see changed
<b>Maintenance</b>	
<i>Landscaping</i>	<i>Water</i>
beautification of flowers	better treatment from Lynn
hanging baskets	The dumping of sewerage
hanging plants	water could be more clean
barrels with covers like Kelly's	
general beautification	<i>Trash</i>
	more trash barrels
	barrels on both sides of the beach
	trash barrels with lids like Kelly's
	<i>Sand</i>
	beach sand
	dredge sand
	clean sand
	eliminate grass in sand
	remove sand
	get rid of miserable sand
	<i>Pollution</i>
	dirty diapers, cigarette butts, needles
	urine smell pavilions, bandstand
	<i>Other</i>
	fix clock and correct time
	clean pavilions
	drainage
	flashing light at end of beach
	better equipment for cleaning
	irregular grass cutting and flowers
	better maintenance
	restore murals
	preserve stands on beach
	no dogs on beach
	bath house needs better house keeping
	graffiti removed at Short Beach
	sidewalks repaired Short Beach
<b>Programming</b>	
<i>General</i>	<i>Want Built</i>
diversity of usage a place people love to get together	A pier at Elliot cir.
partnership and celebrations	working pier in the north making Revere a seasonal boating community
people using beach again	lack of playground & amphitheater
	Revere Beach Pier Short Beach
<i>Events</i>	tots park at Short Beach
sand castle event	
sand castle festival	<i>Improvements</i>

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sand castle event	more restrooms
the revere beach partnership	open more longer
a community event celebrating Revere	longer season
children's programs	Revere needs more control of the beach
cultural events	increased water activities
movies night	summer entertainment
band concert	lack of historical recognition
biological resources: birds & invertebrates	needs ramp repaired now, Short Beach
free concerts	raise the sidewalk at Short Beach restore the view
<i>Activities</i>	
public art installments	metered parking
Sea kayaking	prefer to pay higher water rate to preserve ecology of the marine life of broad sound
Fishing at Elliot cir.	
more family activities	
educational programming for kids	
<i>Want Built</i>	
amphitheater	
youth parks on beach	
botchy courts	
<i>History</i>	
keep/preserve history	
make historic landmark	
<b>Safety Traffic and Noise</b>	
<i>Traffic</i>	<i>Protection</i>
cross walk signs	safety
easy access	more police patrols on beach
ease of access (anyone can get here by train, bus, or car)	unsafe
open space	more policing
parking restrictions	gangs/vagrants
parking restrictions to limit commuters	gangs
	people stay too late
<i>Safety</i>	more police available at Short Beach
state police patrols	
	<i>Noise</i>
	no loud music
	loud noise/disrespectful behavior
	elimination of boom boxes on the beach
	<i>Traffic</i>
	enforcement signage
	no scooters on side walk
	speed bumps
	speed control
	lane for roller blades/bike riders
	no angled parking

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## Winthrop

Things you love about the beach	Things you want to see changed
<b>Maintenance</b>	
beautiful beaches	Short Beach: ramps repaired
water is clean	side walk repair
clean water	lack of tic toward: beach, sidewalk, road
cleaning of beach in spring by Rep Deleo & neighbors	fix flight of stairs; needs a hand rail
being cleaned like last Thursday (all in one day)	modify lights on shore drive can't see stars @night
5 sisters help to break the waves	we need bathhouse to accommodate seniors & children
no major problems as in some other areas	need working bathrooms/showers
the "sisters" & rock jetty is some what of a deterrent for storms	another breaker to save the sand you bring in
clean water	get rid of the weeds, grass, trash,& rocks-and put in sand
keep wide side walk for families to stroll together	remove all boulders dumped on the beach
	sidewalks needs repair
	smaller trash barrels so people don't put their week's worth in the larger ones
	put some trees and flowers along Shore Drive
	there are other smaller beaches that haven't been improved since 1952
	drainage is extremely poor
	winter snow remove off of sidewalk not on sidewalk
	remove the weeds down at the end of Shore Drive
	drainage and roadway repairs/maintenance
	improve bathhouse building to have facilities and be a central area
<b>Programming</b>	
Short Beach/Rocky Beach walking on the beach watching the sun come up from my deck & breakfast	access
good for long walks	put coin operated viewers so public can see cruise ships, sailboat races, etc.
able to see cruise ships go out in the afternoon	more sharks like last week
walking the beach	benches/seating
watching the sun come up	lack of bench seating
It's great seeing the American flag flying from the breakers	more businesses & concessions
summer neighborhood meeting place	teach swimming
Short Beach, Rocky Beach Winthrop walking on the shoreline	need swimming lesson's for the children (some adults) Red Cross used to conduct classes
every morning having the sunrise in my front yard	restore "teach swimming" on the beach
Winthrop Beach reflects the infinite moods&power of nature	try to keep the tide poll for the children
family beach for the neighborhood	just to see it start, cleaning up the beach
watching the sunset on a quiet peaceful day	beach access for Short Beach & Rocky Beach
Sandy beach @ the highland area of Shore Drive	more lifeguards
that it's free (no fee)	could we have a sprinkler or shower to clean our feet
I love the fact I can walk to my beach in 5 minutes	some seating pavilions with h20 fountains
enjoy fishing and boating	provide shelter for the elderly & babies
enjoy beautiful coastline, spectacular views	access to the beach needs to improved, especially for the disabled

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the smells & sunrise	dog enforcement
keep the flag flying year round it lifts my spirit	
keep easy neighborhood access	
the proximity to our neighbors & towns people	
I've always loved the summer time, I grew up in Chelsea and didn't have a beach in the city. When I moved to Winthrop and began to raise my family- we loved our family gatherings at Winthrop Beach, the children loved to discover the ocean	
open access	
<b>Safety, Traffic and Noise</b>	
continue state police patrols year round	jurisdiction
	police patrols
	better police/ranger presence (bike-walk) to keep drug dealing cars away
	more police presence
	better police protection at night
	public safety being ignored

## East Boston

Things you love about the beach	Things you want to see changed
<b>Maintenance</b>	
quality of water is better	need better maintenance
water quality has improved	removal of trash
water is definitely cleaner	barbecue on tables
free open space	poison ivy everywhere
beach users helping to keep beach clean - just as you sweep your sidewalk	lack of maintenance
new bathhouse	dogs' waste and unleashed
bathhouse	funds for maintenance
public restrooms	trash, glass, dog waste, geese
like the new showers	needles found, equipment not maintained
like the grass and trees	yacht clubs need to landscape (OHYC & EBYC)
like the new bathhouse sponsored by "Back to the Beaches" program	water testing for toxins
trash barrels are emptied	airport run off does not go to the treatment plant
recycling bins	clean the sand
	trash- have surrounding businesses help w/ the clean up
	bathhouses remain open after lifeguards go home
<b>Programming</b>	
in my neighborhood	dogs messing on the beach. No dogs supposedly allowed from may to oct 1

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in my backyard	need more beach activities and programming- bring more people to the water!
rink	need more over sight
playground attracts families	it's in my backyard
families are coming back to the beach	DCR
great beach to swim	lack of maintenance, lack of responsiveness
beach brings the community together for all ages	can't walk my dog on the beach in the summer
lifeguard program helps to maintain the beach	I want to walk on dog on the beach
Constitution Beach is our watering hole. We can walk to the beach save gas and get exercise and socialize	
wonderful memories from my youth	
sunsets are spectacular from my back deck	
non-profit to run concession stand	
to see so many families enjoy the beach	
families on the beach all day	
skating arena	
sailing	
learn to swim	
kayaking	
use MIT interns to help kids explore alternate energy sources	
allows dog walking before 9am & after 5pm	
put dog waste bags at the entrances	
dog bags to welcome us	
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<b>Safety, Traffic and Noise</b>	
access for all- inc. disabled	signage
people from out of town are finding there way	kids destroying property
beach is accessible to the neighborhood	lack of security
parking spaces	behavior of irresponsible people
access to the water	get more money to DCR for more staffing
no undertow, no waves, basically safe	need more security
	get help from Massport with enforcement and security
	enforcement and security (dogs)
	security- there is noise after 9:00pm
	walk through security
	not safe over night
	the airport noise on some days unbearable
	Logan Airport
	airport pollution-noise and air
	Impact from airport
	noise from aircrafts
	airport noise
	lack of security
	safe all day

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## South Boston

Things you love about the beach	Things you want to see changed
<b>Maintenance</b>	
water quality	clean up the trash
water	beach trash/glass
water quality	infrequent trash removal
M St. beach is nice	lack of barrels
enjoying the water, able to see my feet	manpower to clean beaches
clean water	fix roof of shade shelters
clean water, swimmable	lack of trash receptacles
improvement of water quality & bathhouse	not enough walk lights
bathhouse	maintenance cleanup& graffiti
water is so much cleaner	high grass in some areas, being used as a bathroom around K st.
foot showers& outside showers	sand piled on sidewalk near L st beach
Improvements to the bathhouse-pavilions,& beaches	litter, trash
condition of the beach is very clean	trash when it's not adequately maintained
bathhouse	trash thrown around
cleanliness of water, drastically improved	remove graffiti from benches
improvements & upgrades to beach & facilities	not enough barrels
the ocean	mismanaged or nonexistent scheduled maintenance consistently applied across all sections of the beach
	sugar bowl disrepair and no available seating in the interim
	sand on sidewalk
	trash
	condition of K st. beach erosion
	better water quality monitoring
	not enough vegetation to stabilize sand
	terrible DCR management
	maintenance of facilities
<b>Programming</b>	
view of islands	handicap/stroller access ramps
the community that constantly uses the beach	access is limited due to out of town visitors
I can walk to the beach	had canoe/kayaking rentals
length of the recreation area	bad reputation as far as it is clean, swimmable water
mothers rest pier	no enforcement of littering
no more tampons on the beach	congregation of people usually later who make it uncomfortable or dangerous place to be there
enjoy seeing all ages, races, ethnicities, enjoying the public place	see entertainment on the beach
Senator Jack Hart	adopt a beach
usage	Dunkin' Donuts sponsored trash barrels
best looking lifeguards in the state	unequal application of resources

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It is in walking distance	bus transportation to Castle Island & to the beaches
more commercial businesses. etc	close off road on weekends to allow biking, rollerblading, arts, music
I love sitting on the beach everyday, all day	the return of Fort Independence
The mile open water swims	access to boardwalks
harborwalk	expand boardwalk
everything that was added over the last 5 yrs	
accessible by car and by foot	
the view from the boardwalk, beach,& the city	
relaxing & breathtaking views	
publicly accessible to all	
place to walk & run	
peaceful, the view is priceless	
nice to see families, children playing	
unobstructed views of the water	
<b>Safety, Traffic and Noise</b>	
	safety i.e.: lifeguards & enforcement
	overcrowded parking
	Impossible to cross Columbia rd/Day blvd to reach beach parking
	lack of enforcement
	more lifeguards
	parking, more parking, meters, stickers
	lack of beach patrols
	safety issues after 5pm a lot of unsavory people
	not enough crosswalks
	all cars parked illegally on the blvd
	traffic & pedestrian

## Dorchester

Things you love about the Beach	Things you want to see changed
<b>Maintenance</b>	
beautiful greens around the beaches	confirm water quality through reliable method e-mail or phone#
water quality	dredge outer area for increased water flow
water appears clean	address the water issue (dredge)
water is more clean	deal with contaminated storm water
the light scheme is beautiful	concerned about the silting at Malibu beach
	barrels are removed after sunset
	lack of basic maintenance
	maintenance is extremely poor
	tree maintenance
	swimming in water without grass
	walking in the water without sinking mud
	invasive vegetation seems to be gaining territory each yr
	invasive species of plants-particularly those w/ negative health effects
	upkeep of beach replacing doggie bags, raking, supplies for

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the bathhouse
repair bikeway connection
timely information regarding quality of the water to the public
regular maintenance
maintaining clean sand
take down the gas tank
continue to reclaim Dorchester's waterfront
clarity of the water
need more bin recycling for glass & cans, broken glass& can litter the beach
maintenance & upkeep particularly between McConnell & yacht club
better lighting
overall cleanliness
repair sidewalk (Malibu Beach)
unsafe facilities, don't work
water quality
water quality & need fro dredging
need the grass cut on the slope at savin hill
storm drain runoff needs cleaned before entering ocean
water still needs improvement
keep sand on Tenean Beach
bags for doggie pick up
water needs to be tested daily
bathhouse at the ball field/barrels
operating maintenance, lights, trash, landscape
dredging
soil testing
water quality & testing

<b>Programming</b>	
like seeing the water	connect Tenean and rainbow park on the outside of the expressway (by the water)
parks/playgrounds	increase efforts to increase marine life
like water fountains & foot showers	will we see change before the Pops concert next year
hearing happy children at play	the apparent inability of the city & state depts. To work together on this
bay is not crowded with large commercial boat traffic which enables safe youth boating programs	lack of federal funding and involvement I these areas
boardwalk is nice	state/city should offer more beach type programs; swimming lessons, canoe rides, tours, etc.
boardwalk , beauty & use	concerned about the lack of water
preserve the wildlife that is clinging on	how do you acquire a permit for the beach
like being able to walk the beaches	disproportionate roof/overhangs on the benches
increased usage	property walk
nice looking	more kids programming to connect kids with the bay
promenade	lack of supervision and knowledge of the staff
I love the boardwalk along the savin hill/Malibu	kayaking down the Neponset river
I like the walkways and scenic nature of the beaches	recreational areas
beaches are near or in my community and accessible	create a beach at Norfolk-there used to be one there
proximity to the city/ ease of access	no designated areas for fishing
playground activities in a lovely outdoor setting for families	need more state & federal dollars to accomplish

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the beautiful Olmstead design of Savin Hill & Malibu Beach	areas to have picnic & grills
people who can't travel to the cape, they seem o really enjoy the beach	we need more resource management plans to have beaches maintained staffing is spread too thin
	we need benches, flowers to make the beach beautiful
	no signage to beach from MBTA
	public policy fix it first left out initiatives- like beaches to get facilities to make beaches & river front area more attractive
	less lifeguards, doesn't work
	lifeguards need to be on the Savin Hill beach daily and do their job
	need recreational activities such as kayaks & canoes
	teach summer workers how important their jobs are
<b>Safety, Traffic and Noise</b>	
seems like a lot less noise- partying on the beach	needs better patrolling
public drinking, drug activity & other questionable behavior	enforcement of rules, especially illegal grills
	more patrolling by the police
	lack of police enforcement

## Quincy

Things you like about the beach	Things you want to see changed
<b>Maintenance/Aesthetics</b>	
Water quality, weekly testing/flag posting	Lengthen cement boat ramps drop off is too severe
efforts improving water quality	Weeds removed plants added natural planting beautification beachgrasses, looks natural not necessarily native
Clean water, it is only when water is clean and safe that people will use the beach. It is cleaner than previous years, yet still needs improvement	Preserve and maintain the dune grass and shrubs along the road – center island. The state hacked it down this past summer
Views of Boston	If new wall is graffitied – immediately repainting graffiti encourages more
Preserve view from the beach, it's beautiful. Skyline and Islands	Could improve the results of the testing of water quality – have them posted the day of testing not the next day
Smell of Beach	I'd love to see the water clean enough on a consistent enough basis that people would feel comfortable swimming there again
Caddy Park is a Hidden treasure	clean water
Bathroom – but need another one	Pollution in H2O
Preserve the beach as an asset from the neighborhood with aggressive state/city/resident collaboration for maintenance.	What to change? Water quality analysis, updated lab analysis with faster more timely results
Seawall/ rip/rap	You can't clean a beach when the street drains empty into it
The new seawall of wide flat stones is attractive (Fenno St. to Black's Creek)	Dislike poor water quality
I think the beauty of Wollaston Beach is unsurpassed. I have lived here at QSD for 42 years and never get sick of its beauty. If you walk down to the water's edge and turn around you won't even believe where you are, its magnificent.	Question: The catch basins are mostly clogged. How do you improve that?
Dunegrass offers a more natural look to the beach. It also acts as a barrier against tidal surges.	Change/update/police personal boats dumping in the bay
The marshlands	Dislike outfall pipes and washwater outflow

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The trees along the north side of the beach – on beach side	clean water
Preserve the scenic beauty of the beach – landscape the overgrowth of trees at the north end	I would like a dedicated bike path that runs the length of Quincy Shore Drive. To be particularly helpful to bicyclists it would need to run on both sides of the drive.
the bird life – terns, sandpipers, egrets, etc.	Change dead tree limbs vegetation and debris along caddy park fence trail
the sunrises over the water	What to change? Landscaping/maintenance, the current schedule of grass cutting, pruning & general clean up is unacceptable. These efforts may be better suited for the Quincy Park Dept. to take over.
Boat ramp	Love to keep it but update/fix and paint green railing at Black's Creek
	Attractive rubbish barrels and recycling barrels closer together
	Litter: Maintenance and beautify. Put barrels everywhere and empty them!
	Let the city of Quincy maintain Wollaston Beach
	The city of Quincy should have control of the beach – the state is not doing a good job
	The state has a record of capitol improvements followed by total neglect
	If the "people" want a clean beach they should use trash cans (that are no longer there)
	What to change: Take down the "back to the beach" banner they are tacky.
	Change the appearance of the yacht clubs. Their exterior condition takes away from the beauty of the beach
	Well lighted for nite revelers on beach who may be discouraged
	Change street lights are ugly
	No rocks on beach,
	rocks on beach - old piers to be removed more sand added
	Antique "Beacon Hill - Street lights lanterns in black
	Fence in front of beach ? Parking lot, political signs, etc, unsightly foliage
	Improve rubbish containment
	Trim sidewalk weeds
	Change: Litter - a bunch of slobs, enforce littering law and more barrels
	Regular maintenance and clean up
	Plastic bag dispensers for dog walkers
	Would love to see tall high crown trees
	Clean sand and "de-rock" it
	Sand kept cleaner, crew for daily maintenance
	Cement walk at corner of Quincy Shore Drive & East Squantum Street across from ? Wall should be taken down, it blocks the view of the water and no one likes it there
	Dumping sand on a beach only fills in the bay - the boat anchorage between Wollaston and Squantum has

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become a mud flat
People change flags much more often. Appearance - beautification island maintenance all draw people to the beach. Adopt island maybe
Change weeds in median strip OSD used to be nice now sloppy
At least more sitting and bench areas on southern end of beach too scattered at that end
Grass needs to be cut, tress trimmed and weed type trees removed
I would like to see the sidewalk along the beach become a health fitness walkway. It should have 1/4, 1/2 & mile markers and exercise stations for stretching and monitoring your heart rate while you step/jog in place
Bathrooms on the beach
Trash barrels, including regular pickup and cleanup of existing trashed out areas; e.g. the rocky area at the end of the beach. ?
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Trash
Trash on beach
Make the trash barrels more attractive
Refuse God people are pigs aren't they
Litter
Trash, littering is a huge problem on Wollaston Beach. I would like to see additional covered trash receptacles as well as fines for littering enforced

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<b>Programming</b>	
Wollaston Beach business partnership, beach preservation	Need of more bath, water, shower fixtures, etc on Southern end of beach from clam box down to Rice Road. Without restaurants where do people go?
Successful businesses (restaurants)	Bring fireworks back to the beach like in the old days
I appreciate the 'public space' aspect of the beach; that it draws a diverse group; that there are restaurants along the strip; that it attracts walkers, runner, treasure hunters, kids playing in the sand.	Need elevated maps of metal or whatever material to show people the beautiful history of our bay, islands, etc. Most beautiful sunsets and sunrise
I enjoy the role of the beach as a public space and focal point for Wollaston and other nearby neighborhoods – this feeling peaks for me every year on the night of July 4 <sup>th</sup> when families come to watch kids setting off their illegal fireworks on the sand.	Add historical info signage
Increased "call to the beaches" via events/activities	More attractions. Kids playground
I like the diversity of people who use the beach – ages, ethnicities, their reasons for coming to the beach	Beach events are needed to attract attention. Concerts, movies, sporting events
events (but need more)	Display kiosks, showing maps, historical, and ecological facts of the area
Events. Currently there are a few annual events on Wollaston Beach. Augmenting these would be a good way to encourage beach appreciation.	
Stewardship. The concern and care expressed by local residents is encouraging.	
Successful businesses (restaurants)	
Saltwater fishing/clamming	
DCR/Quincy Partnership, combined effort	

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<b>Safety, Traffic and Noise</b>	
Bike path	Spell it out signs; 20 mph flow 30 educate public; enforce great new traffic lights system of 30 mph
Wide street	Labeling of lanes on new walkway for walkers runners, and bicyclists would be very helpful much like the boardwalk at Ocean City, NJ it reduces collisions.
great place to walk	More policing in the evening hours not closing or keeping people fro visiting but police presence
wide sidewalks	Improvements: Patrolling - Officers on bikes/foot making sure trash receptacles are being used, dogs stay off beach, etc. Dogs are a problem!
safe place for people to walk	In better days the MDC had walking patrols - No problems then.
Assuming construction finally ends, a long, solid path to walk end to end	Public drinking and tossing bottles should result in arrests not warnings.
pedestrian accessibility	Make bike path safer.
Preserve Caddy Park paths to shore off Black's Creek	Change: Beat cop/community police officer needed. Cop on bike
Preserve path and view along trail between Caddy Park and Fenno, view of Salt marsh	Sign with community police phone#
people watching	We need Quincy police to give out speeding tickets
Parking	Change the speeding conditions and add heightened curbing where appropriate to improve neighborhood side, sidewalk safety
Parking	Speed
Access	Speed
I like the plan for adding parking	Speed
	Noise levels
	Safety crosswalks - visible. Ex: Boston Huntington Ave area well designed crosswalks
	There should be a warning at North and South ends of the beach re: synchronized traffic signals and what speed will allow you to make all the lights
	Need rumble strip, safety issue, very condensed for strollers, bladers, etc, getting backed into highest priority to address the issue before paving
	Change: Control truck traffic - signs are continually being ignored safety
	Double yellow line, angled parking, we need turnarounds, are they being addressed?
	I would like to see better enforcement of traffic laws. State of the art traffic lights won't help without empowerment. As an idea, I'd like to see Quincy Shore Drive become less of a highway and more of a street with two lanes instead of four
	All speed limit signage for Quincy Shore Drive and neighborhood streets
	Safety crosswalks - visible. Ex: Boston Huntington Ave area well designed crosswalks
	Safety concerns possible alternatives - guard rails areas of concern
	I've heard of cameras that catch red light corners. I've stopped after walk light was on T a car sped through the red & yellow

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## Hull

Things you like about the beach	Things you want to see changed
<b>Maintenance</b>	
seawalls & access ramps	remove front parking lot, restore beach and dune
historic buildings	remove road way and parking between commercial area and ocean put parking in rear and have off-site
bathhouses, pavilions, & older buildings	restore dunes to keep sand
beautiful white-grey sand	renourishing the beach with foreign sand scares me
broad flat sandy beach	DCR property a mess-lack of maintenance
water quality	seawall repair
clean water	trash
clean water	ramps for the handicap
sand (replenish from offshore)	trash control
bathroom maintained	beach replenishment
native sand on beach	bathroom on Philips St.
look of the new sea wall	improved maintenance of DCR buildings
clean water	seawall
the bathroom	start work on MJM bathroom before deterioration gets worse
	remove rocks, hate rats & trash in rocks
	repair/maintain drainage systems
	repair/maintain bathrooms
	improve paving, lighting, curbing along Nantasket
	clean up beach daily
	rocks, either remove or cover so we don't have rats
	restore all DCR buildings
	trash & seaweed on beach
	fix seawall in sustainable way for the long term
<b>Programming</b>	
all of the historic buildings by finding innovative and sustainable use	poor management practices that affect resource areas protected by the wetlands protection act
I love the use of our historic buildings & their beautiful architecture	change ownership of beach
keep views-nothing on the islands	make it safe to bicycle from one end of reservation to the other
accessibility for citizens who have limited means keep costs reasonable but proportionate to other recreational DCR activities	encourage street musicians/performers
lovely long strip of beach	funds to improve substation area/ holding area for the State Police detail
family use of beach	public & private funding
public access/use of the beach	sea wall project not thought out, throwing money away
swimming in the water	more grassy area behind walls
preserve Hull Shore Drive	town take over the old MDC police station
preserve & restore bathroom at Philips St.	bathroom kept open year round as promised
preserve peace & tranquility	restrooms open longer and earlier in the season
building sandcastles	prohibit private businesses from shining obtrusive lights into surf
wildlife: clams (stop daggers) restore dunes	greater recreation opportunities. Events sponsored

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	by DCR
public access	more funding for State Police patrols
save the old MDC police station	comfort stations opened later
remnants of "neon" & amusement past activities for family and children	keep Hull Shore Drive open
keep Hull Shore Drive extension open	need zero emissions trolleys
preserve access for the public	improve access for boats, trolleys,& bicycles paths
beach access all year long	
like to see children & families at the beach at night. Children in their pajamas	
like to see patrons walking on the beach after dinner	
I love the view of the Boston Harbor Islands, Boston Light, Granes Light & Minot Light & the open Atlantic	
wonderful place for families; keep parking fee low	
people & cosmopolitan	
long beach	
open space	
best beach before the cape	
I love the Fort Revere Park	
enjoying the view all year round	
community/business integration	
accessible to all	
only free beach in the statethe fact its open to everyone. It's a public beach	
public access	
access to MA bay shore	
family access	
I love the beauty of Hull beaches	
only beach that you can enjoy during high or low tide	
<b>Safety, Traffic and Noise</b>	
	non-automobile connections to the beach for travelers
	Hull police on the beach
	more policing on the beach
	parking- remote parking lot with shuttle service
	more State Police patrols
	more police
	increase parking capacity
	increased presence of the State Police
	poor street signage for Nantasket
	more patrols
	no parking places for DCR properties
	law enforcement

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Youth Focus Group

<b>THINGS TO CHANGE/NEGATIVE</b>	<b>POSITIVE COMMENTS</b>
<b>KIDS</b>	<b>KIDS</b>
<b><i>Trash</i></b>	<b><i>Things we like to do/want to keep doing</i></b>
Stepping on glass	eating my lunch
Pollution- Both beach and water	eating at the beach
There's too much trash on the beach and in the water	tanning
The graffiti on the small walled borders on the beach	not get kicked out when we didn't do anything
Needs- Recycle bins and garbage can sections	hanging out
Pollution	laying on the sand
Garbage on the sand!!! Can't walk without shoes	fishing
Polluted water, sewage pipes breaking	fishing
Band-aids/Junk in the sand	playing in the park
Trash	swimming
To make the beach clean	swimming
Too few garbage cans spaced few and far between	swimming
	swimming
<b><i>water quality/what's in the water</i></b>	swimming at the islands
Dirty water	floating
steppin on all the rocks	frisbee
lobster trap on the beach	playing volleyball
Too many jellyfish! swimming with Jellyfish is not fun	splish splash
No fish, or not that many	sailing
Too much seaweed	kayaking
<b><i>Other</i></b>	things we want more of
Need concession stands	Better transportation
	I would have mini vans/transportation that goes to the urban area communities and is open to everyone
Never enough people to play with	Marco Polo
Not enough places to sit besides in the sand	organize a beach clean up or take part in
	Add a pier or offshore platform to wollaston to jump off of
<u>bathrooms</u>	fishing
Get cleaner bathrooms	
Bathrooms	
	<b><i>programming</i></b>
<u>transportation</u>	Youth beach programs
not close enough better transportation	entertainment
difficult to get to	more activities like t shirt tie dyeing
	"how to" build sand castles
	sampling world food (what do other countries eat in the summer)
<u>safety</u>	
Not enough or no Police Officers (don't feel safe going to beaches at night, especially Revere beach)	more activities like t shirt tie dyeing

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	better performers
	I would like to see more entertainment and healthy advertisements (sunscreen, water)
	more parties
	bonfires
	parties
	bahama style regatta
	sandcastle festival
	passion plunge
<b>ADULTS</b>	<b>ADULTS</b>
<b>Programming</b>	Good excellent showers and restrooms
More public events that foster values of stewardship and environmentally responsible behavior (clean ups can be fun)	clean water is bringing fish back- more small piers for fishing and access
offer programming for people of all ages. Daytime for everyone, evenings for youth until 8, teens until 10	DCR does a great job cleaning the beaches
Revere beach and all beaches- more park rangers to teach kids about the importance of taking care of the beach and what lives on the beach.	The beach has a park for the children to use
need more beach programming with rangers, teachers, etc. that we can tap our kids into on field trips	Good parking, free
	Very walkable for non swimmers
<b>Water</b>	3 things we like:
In the Lynn area there is an odor that permeates at certain tides, how can this be corrected?	natural ecosystem renewing due to better water quality
annual water test for bacteria	Harbor islands used by many boston region youth and community groups
getting the word out that the water is clean and activities are fun! Don't fear the water!	the formation of the MBC
water quality needs to improve so that inner harbors are clean enough to swim in	partnerships
<b>Facilities</b>	
A kids/tots park for families of young children to enjoy.	
Develop the waterfront in East Boston with open space.	
An amphitheater for outdoor performances for families and youth	
Bocci courts for young and old to join together and enjoy	
A pavilion at Elliot Circle and spigot to enhance and expand the Revere Sea Kayaking program and clean up after kayaking.	
designated swim area with docks to accommodate for tides	

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children have no bathroom facilities or drinking fountains. We would also like benches.	
Docks for small boats	
swimming area in chelsea	
complete cleanup of inner harbor	
<b>Partnerships</b>	
rotate guards with tides every day doesn't always mean there's water	
change the communication between different programs using harbor finding ways to work together	
Partnerships	
needs outreach/consciousness raising mechanisms to teach kids that the beaches belong to them and how to access "intellectual access"	
<b>Other</b>	
Needs public transport options- ferries, trolleys, shuttles for those without cars	
pet waste all over nanatasket beach	
not working- lots of cigarette butts people use beach as their ashtray. Need no smoking policy on beaches	
city control of beach rather than State	

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### Summary

There were many similarities and some surprising differences within the body of comments collected by the Metropolitan Beaches Commission at the seven community hearings held so far. Participants at those hearings were asked to write down their comments on post-it notes in two charrette groups. Those notes were then collected and organized for future reference.

In very general terms, positive comments praised natural assets of the beaches and supported work that had been done as a part of state- or locally-funded improvement projects. At the same time, there were many comments critical of incomplete or insufficient improvement projects, inadequate maintenance of those improvements, and minimal police presence. Several communities also had concerns unique to their regions.

Almost every community had several positive comments about water quality improvements, and many reflected favorably on recently built or upgraded bathhouses. Community involvement, the ability to walk to the beach, and spectacular views were also brought up at most locations. Unique features such as the breakers in Winthrop or sand castle events in Revere were also mentioned frequently.

Problem areas listed in comments were often very specific to the area, but from these specific problems emerge several general trends. Every community had complaints about insufficient maintenance, especially trash removal, all but two beaches requested increased police presence, and many comments were directed at repairs needed at bathhouse and bathroom facilities. Sidewalk repair, revenue generated at the beach being lost to the state general fund, and lack of programming such as swimming lessons were also common among the seven communities. In several areas, many comments were devoted to unique problems such as the algae buildup in Lynn and Nahant, siltation in Dorchester or the seawall in Hull.

Trash removal, littering, and dog control were some of the most commonly raised issues. Several comments addressed the issues specifically, suggesting the addition of more trash barrels, or the use of smaller barrels to prevent residents from using them instead of the city collection service. In the case of littering, several people requested that police enforce fines. Dog control introduced debate both during the hearings and in the comments, with comments from people asking for better dog control and enforcement, and other comments from people respecting the rules but wanting to bring their dogs to the beach. One group suggested that a dog park area be created as a compromise.

Issues unique to specific towns were almost always geographically local issues. For example, the siltation problem at Malibu Beach in Dorchester is a result of the bottleneck created by a Morrissey Boulevard bridge. Algae in Lynn and Nahant seem to be restricted to that area only, and the Hull seawall issues are also unique to Hull's ocean-facing location.

The comments from each meeting are explored more specifically below, in North to South order.

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### **Lynn and Nahant**

In Lynn and Nahant, many comments lauded the strong police presence, although it was unclear whether the police presence was supplied by the State Police or the Nahant Police. Several comments did mention a problem with trash pickup, and various other comments form a laundry-list of necessary repairs, from lamp posts to broken barriers on the causeway. A number of notes also mentioned a need for repairs at the bathhouse, and regular maintenance of bathroom facilities. Many comments did laud the landscaping efforts being made including weekly mowing.

In context with all of the other beaches, beachgoers in Lynn and Nahant also left many comments asking for more educational and community programming, and were hoping for a vision or plan for the area. Also, although there were no problems with police presence, several comments referenced a large traffic problem, especially during rush hour. Some comments did mention a problem with dogs on the beach, although there were relatively few comments about that relative to other areas.

Many comments were concerned with the algae buildup, which is unique to the area. The algae build up on the beach and rot quickly in the sun, producing an unpleasant odor. Most comments simply mentioned algae as a problem, while one comment suggested that algae could be sold for fertilizer.

With the exception of algae and positive feedback for police presence, comments in Lynn and Nahant fit into the general trend neatly.

### **Revere**

Like in Lynn and Nahant, several comments lauded local beautification along the beach, including hanging flowers. Also, as in most other communities, comments from Revere praised the easy access to the beach. Comments also referred to well-designed parking restrictions, and events like a Sand Castle contest which are unique to Revere Beach.

In context of larger trends across the region, Revere comments also included a list of repairs to building around the beach, not enough trash barrels, and insufficient police presence. Problems with speed of traffic in the area were also mentioned. There were few requests for capital improvement projects, although a few comments mentioned that a pier or a playground should be added to the area. Several comments also mentioned poor water quality, one mentioning Lynn as a source.

The unique feature at Revere, similar to algae in Lynn and Nahant, was the sand. A significant number of comments said that the sand needed to be cleaned, dredged, or outright removed.

### **Winthrop**

Comments from Winthrop did not fit as well into all parts of the general trends because the beach does not have much sand left due to erosion and is inaccessible at high tide. Positive comments focused upon the beautiful view and clean water, as well as the breakers and the American flag flying from one, and the easy accessibility of the beach.

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Negative comments were generally consistent with general trends, mentioning the need for a bathhouse, sidewalk repairs, more weeding, and increased police presence. Other comments requested a return of swimming lessons and better accessibility for the elderly and disabled.

One significant, if humorous, unique comment was a call for more sharks, referring to an incident where two sharks were spotted near the beach and drew large public attention to the area.

### **East Boston**

Comments from East Boston nearly perfectly represent the general trends in public comments. Residents were very appreciative of improved water quality, the new bathhouse, easy neighborhood access, and families returning to the beach. A few comments also mentioned easy access for the disabled and elderly, which is a common objective at many beaches, but rarely an established asset. Unlike some other beaches, the view was not mentioned, probably because Logan Airport is directly across the water from the beach.

Also fitting in with general trends, there were comments about poor trash removal, general maintenance, many comments about rules concerning dogs on the beach both for and against, and concerns about a lack of security and police presence and subsequent vandalism from neighborhood kids. Several comments also addressed the local issue of Logan Airport, which may be having a negative environmental impact.

### **South Boston**

Comments at South Boston also followed the general trends for the most part, with a few additional comments regarding reputation and access. A significant number of comments were enthusiastic about the newly refurbished bathhouse, improved water quality, easy community access and great views of both the islands and the city.

Many comments were concerned with the trash problem on the South Boston Beaches, including insufficient barrels and badly scheduled pickups. Facilities maintenance was another significant concern, especially with the recent bathhouse upgrade. Additionally, several comments requested that the boardwalk be extended and additional access points be added, including stroller-friendly ramps.

A few other comments also mentioned insufficient parking and difficult pedestrian access, while others said that there were too few lifeguards on duty. One unique but important comment described the bad reputation of water quality in South Boston, which prevents people from wanting to come back to the beaches. A small number of comments (relative to other communities) also mentioned that more beach patrols and police enforcement are necessary.

### **Dorchester**

As with other communities, several comments in Dorchester praised the improved water quality, the recent addition of a playground, the boardwalk, and the easy accessibility of the beach for the neighborhood. However, as in other areas, comments gave the general impression that while the current conditions have their good points, improvements are still necessary.

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Despite some positive comments about the water quality, other comments claimed that the water quality was poor, with one comment citing contaminated storm water runoff. Some comments called for additional trash bins, but trash was less commonly mentioned than at other locations. Just like most other beaches, a general lack of basic maintenance was described, including invasive vegetation and staff who don't understand their work. Poor police enforcement was also mentioned.

Although poor maintenance was brought up in other areas, many comments in Dorchester focused on the staff, saying that the maintenance staff were spread too thin, poorly supervised and uninformed. The geographically unique problem of siltation at Malibu and Savin Hill Beaches was also mentioned in relation to water quality and a need for dredging.

### **Quincy**

In Quincy, most of the comments focused on negative aspects of beach maintenance, and concerns about the ongoing capital improvement project on the beach and Quincy Shore Drive. The comments did show that Quincy seems to have strong community involvement and good programming, as positive comments outweighed the negative in that category.

Positive comments focused on the improvements to access to the beach, the success of businesses in the area, the role of the beach as a public space and the natural beauty of the beach as well as the view of Boston Harbor and landscaping efforts. Negative concerns focused in four main areas: traffic and pedestrian safety along Quincy Shore Drive, trash pickup, water quality, and a desire to place the management of Wollaston Beach firmly under the control of the City of Quincy.

On the whole, the comments at Quincy seemed to be in line with comments from the other regions, with perhaps more specific understanding of the issues, likely due to concern with the ongoing capital improvements.

### **Hull**

In Hull, a larger number portion of the comments focused on positive aspects of the beach, suggesting that Hull has some of the improvements that need to be made already. Many of those comments were phrased as "preserve this," suggesting that although beneficial aspects of the beach may be available now, they aren't receiving the upkeep they need.

Positive comments ranged from appreciation of the clean water and bathhouse to the easy beach access, and included comments about the beautiful view, long open beach, and historic nature of the area. Many of the comments mentioned a specific favorite building or area of the beach.

Other comments showed concern about the ongoing plans for rebuilding the seawall, which is a major local issue unique to Hull.

Similar to other beaches, there were large problems with trash, and comments regarding low parking capacity. A number of comments described public bathhouses or bathrooms inaccessible at key hours, and many others requested increase police patrols and general presence.