A couple of people on a beach

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**Needs and Opportunities**

* Noise and safety– while much improved, some concerns remain over safety at night and loud noise from traffic and loud music.
* Dogs and dog waste are still a problem.
* Trash and recycling barrels, including the solar compactor style that seagulls can’t get into, and more regular emptying of the barrels are needed.

**Capital Improvement**

* Concerns raised regarding confidence in sewer system and particular outfall pipes.
* Need for better upkeep of recent capital improvements including the seawall

**Events and Programs**

* Programs and events are some of the best things about the beach. Additional events such as movie nights, and adult-oriented events such as dance lessons were suggested.
* Need a centralized place to communicate everything happening at Wollaston.

**Connections and other Initiatives**

* Walking paths and pedestrian access are excellent. Some walking paths could be extended and sidewalks improved.
* While the beach is somewhat bike friendly, there is need for more bike racks, bike sharing, and a dedicated bike lane on Quincy Shore Drive.
* More robust public communication about the water quality improvement is necessary.
* Sand, while well maintained and groomed by DCR, is increasingly rocky. Efforts to remove of sand from Quincy Shore Drive after the winter storms was praised, although a few remaining areas were highlighted. Longer term issues of erosion, shallow tidal zones as sand gets pulled out, and a need for dredging to retain access to the Yacht Club were also mentioned.

**Amenities**

* Existing amenities such as restaurants and restrooms were highly praised.
* Additional vendor amenities including umbrella and chair rentals, kayak rentals, and food trucks and/or push carts especially at the north end of the beach were requested.
* Aesthetic improvements including more shady spots, more seasonal plantings, and better maintenance of grass beds are needed.

**Staffing**

* Most attendees praised Wollaston Beach’s Beach Manager by name.
* Lifeguards were also praised as going above and beyond to steward the beach.
* A need for more lifeguards at the north end of the beach was expressed.