

## **Boardwalk Eco-Restoration Project website and survey announced**

**WEST HAVEN, Oct. 17, 2022** — As part of the West Haven Boardwalk Resilience and Eco-Restoration Project, the Shoreline Restoration Committee has collaborated with SLR International Corp. to create an informational website that features an overview, some history about the location, and plans for public engagement in the form of a survey and an on-site event on Saturday, Oct. 22.

The website is: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/806ffac8f509415a8278595435707de4>. The on-site event's Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/events/417144427243612?ref=newsfeed>.

The project sits on 1.5 acres of shoreline adjacent to the boardwalk at Old Grove Park on Palace Street.

“Community engagement is a vital component of this project,” said committee co-leads Marilyn Wilkes, the vice president of the Land Trust of West Haven, and Mark E. Paine Jr., the director of the city Department of Parks and Recreation. “We are actively seeking the public’s input at the on-site event and through the survey on the website in order to gain diverse perspectives and a better understanding of the community’s needs.”

An initial community engagement event will take place at the project site from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 22, and will feature drawings of the possibilities for the area to spark the public’s imagination. The rain date is Saturday, Oct. 29.

The website survey will be open until Thursday, Dec. 1. Feedback from the on-site community event and the survey will inform conceptual alternatives, and a community workshop will be held in early 2023 to explore the opportunities.

Shoreline Restoration Project updates can be found on the Land Trust's website at <https://landtrustwesthavenct.org/> or the city's website at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/354/Shoreline-Restoration-Project>.

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