

## 3. GOALS

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The overarching goal for the *Nantasket Beach Master Plan* is to provide an enhanced natural and recreational experience at Nantasket Beach, with:

- Attractive amenities to support a wide range of activities.
- Safe and convenient access for pedestrians, cyclists, transit and ferry passengers and automobile users.
- Connections to adjacent bicycle paths and parking areas, as well as commercial and entertainment opportunities.
- Increased amenities for high-tide and shoulder-season visitors.

In order to focus the master planning process, the following master plan goals, organized around five focus areas, were developed.



### The Beach

- Provide and improve amenities on the beach (such as bath houses, shade structures, a widened promenade, space for vendors, bike paths, and other amenities as determined appropriate).
- Improve public access to beach for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, including: bicycle access, accommodation of public transportation, and improved parking and roadway design.
- Create a gateway to Nantasket Beach for arriving visitors.
- Foster local commerce by improving connections between the beach and local businesses

and encouraging a variety of uses that benefit from the beach setting.

- Interpret the historical context and natural resource systems of the beach and the region.
- Preserve the essential character-defining features of the landscape while adapting the beach for contemporary uses.
- Develop year-round uses along the beach.
- Link Nantasket Pier to the Reservation.

## Operations

- Establish an annual beach users meeting as a means of coordinating activities, sharing ideas and voicing concerns.
- Promote and accommodate regional events and programs on the beach.
- Ensure beach maintenance operations are adequately staffed and equipped.
- Maintain beach stability and sustainability.
- Ensure public safety by providing lifeguards and maintaining a clean beach.

## Access & Circulation

- Provide safe and continuous bicycle, skating, and pedestrian access along the entire length of the beach promenade.
- Separate foot paths and bike paths in order to ensure safety and ease of movement for all users.
- Provide a comfortable, safe, and secure experience for visitors by reducing congestion and minimizing conflicts on the promenade, streets, and bike paths.
- Establish easier and safer pedestrian movement from the beach to local businesses and remote parking, promoting pedestrian friendliness.
- Improve traffic flow and access to parking, including use of signage to direct pedestrians and vehicles.
- Increase public transportation to Nantasket Beach and create connections to existing and planned transit (i.e., bicycle connections to the MBTA rail station and to potential future ferry operations).
- Increase the use of the rear lot along George Washington Boulevard and open the pedestrian right-of-way along the Horizons Condominiums.

## The Built Environment

- Ensure that all building uses on DCR property are public in nature.
- Make efficient use of DCR's existing buildings and operations area.
- Rehabilitate buildings consistent with programming for Nantasket Beach and maintenance operations.
- Provide multi-use public facilities and spaces that are flexible, well-designed, and easily maintained.

## The Natural Landscape

- Diversify plant communities in the Nantasket Beach area, to the degree that climate permits, for a healthier and more attractive landscape.
- Establish a sustainable and maintainable landscape.