



Friends of Wildwood

Supporting Wildwood Park & Benjamin Olewine III Nature Center

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Wildwood's Save The Boardwalk Status Update

Dear Save The Boardwalk Donor,

Thank you for supporting the Friends of Wildwood's "Save The Boardwalk" campaign! 2022 is gearing up to be an exciting year with the boardwalk repairs expected to take place and we wanted to provide you with an update on the project.

The boardwalks are a long-time vital feature of Wildwood Park, providing access to the wetlands for recreation, study and reflection. The Save The Boardwalk campaign has been raising funds to repair sections of the boardwalk damaged by flooding. The Boardwalk renovations are expensive and material costs continue rise. To date, we have raised \$62,000 in private donations and secured over \$150,000 in state and local grants.

Initially our campaign focused on addressing the failed bridge section of the North Boardwalk. We are planning to reconstruct this section with a better design to withstand future weather events. Currently the behind-the-scenes activities for completing the permitting and design work are taking place, and construction is expected to take place in late summer 2022 for this portion of the project.

In addition to the repairs to the North Boardwalk we intend to address other needed boardwalk repairs, including the section of the Delta Boardwalk damaged by Tropical Storm Ida on September 1, 2021, as funding allows. We are continuing our fundraising into 2022 so it is not too late to increase your donation.

We also wish to inform you that we will be publishing a list of donor names in the upcoming Friends of Wildwood spring newsletter and on our website. If you would prefer your donation remain anonymous, please let us know by February 15th at wwstaff@dauphinc.org. Donors over \$500 will also receive special recognition. We are thrilled with the number of donors who have already reached this level.

This is an exciting time for Wildwood as we work hard to continue the Park's much needed improvements. THANK YOU! We appreciate your commitment.

Keep up to date as the project unfolds on our website at explorewildwoodpark.org.

Sincerely,

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