



Fire Island National Seashore
120 Laurel Street
Patchogue, New York
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Replace Patchogue Bulkheads and Complete Ferry Terminal Building (\$6,036,000)

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding provides Fire Island National Seashore with more than \$6 million to address deferred maintenance and construction at the park's facilities in the Village of Patchogue.



Approximately 2,180 feet of deteriorating bulkhead along the Patchogue River will be replaced with an environmentally friendly alternative. With permits already in place, this project was “shovel-ready” at the time of ARRA project consideration in early 2009.

In addition, components of the park's new Patchogue- Watch Hill Ferry Terminal building—already under construction but scaled back due to unforeseen contingencies—can be finished as planned.

**New Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal under construction in June 2009.
More than 2,000 additional linear feet of bulkhead will be replaced by spring 2010.**

The 4,000 square foot building replaces an earlier 1,000 square foot structure. It features energy efficient geothermal heating and cooling, photovoltaic panels and lighting, landscaping, and a 1,500 square foot multipurpose room. Signage, park orientation and interpretive materials, and extensive decking will be added to the new facility.

Authorized ARRA Funding Amount: \$6,036,000

will cover the following costs:

- Contract for the removal and disposal of old bulkhead
- Plan, engineer and install new fiberglass bulkhead
- Restore components which had been pared from the planned ferry terminal building

Benefits:

- Correct existing safety hazard along Patchogue River
Bulkheads are more than 40 years old, predating establishment of the park. Most portions are seriously deteriorated and some lengths which pose a safety hazard have been closed off. With soil behind these bulkheads eroding into the Patchogue River, they place an extra burden on routine channel dredging.
- Complete the multipurpose room in the ferry terminal, expanding the capability to provide space for public use and for accommodating groups
Fewer than 15,000 people rode the Watch Hill Ferry in 2008, clearly an underutilized service to an outstanding resource. Improving park facilities is expected to encourage greater use of facilities on Fire Island at Watch Hill.

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