

# MARVEL DRIVE

REVITALIZED BEACH ACCESS


Slaughter Beach, DE



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# EXISTING CONDITIONS

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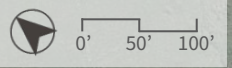
RESIDENTIAL  
PROPERTIES

MARVEL DR  
MARVEL SALT  
MARSH PRESERVE

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 GLENMOR'S  
GUEST HOUSE

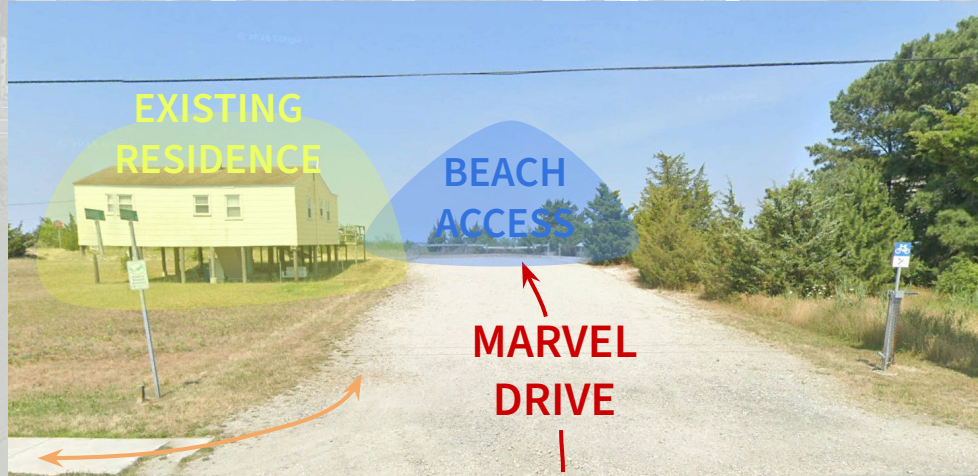
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# EXISTING CONDITIONS

## Site Photos

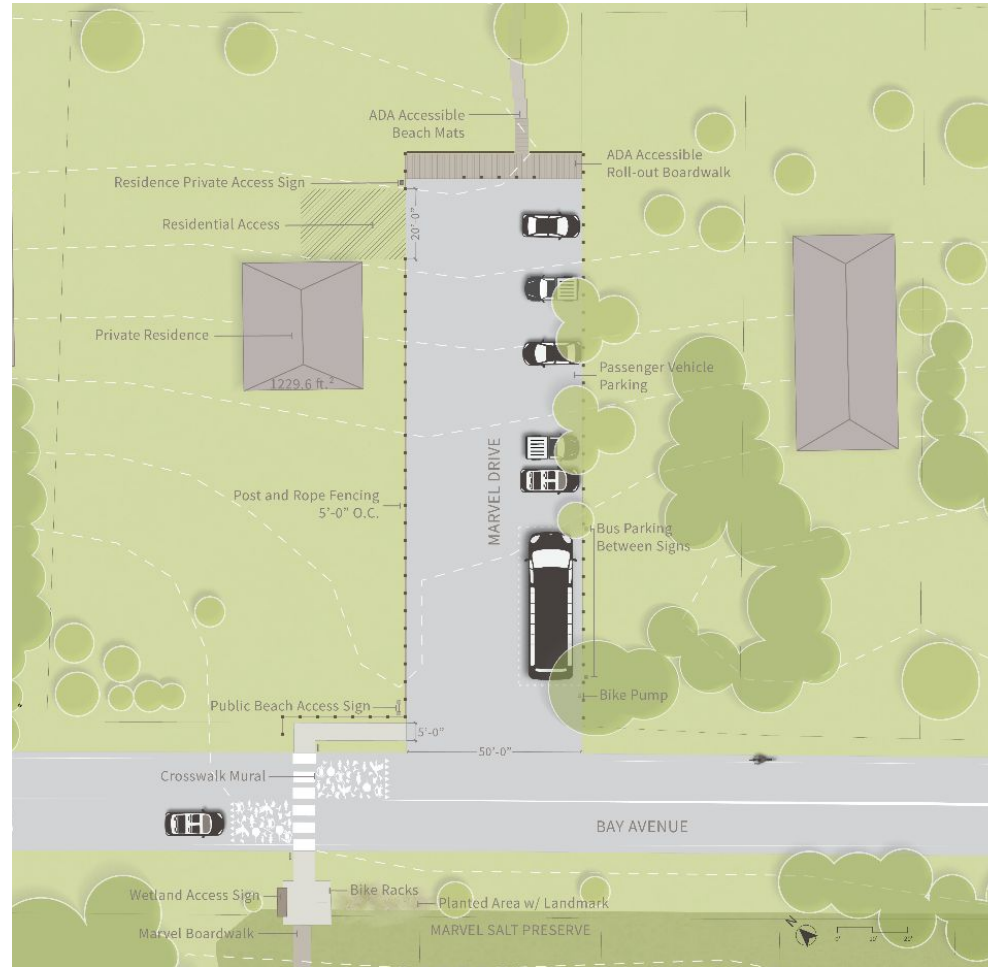
Key features to note are the **Marvel Saltmarsh Preserve** and **Marvel Drive's** connection to **Bay Avenue**. These site photos also show the **existing crosswalk** which prioritizes vehicles rather than pedestrians. Also, **beach access** is unclear due to fencing and a **lack of signage**.



# MARVEL DRIVE PLAN

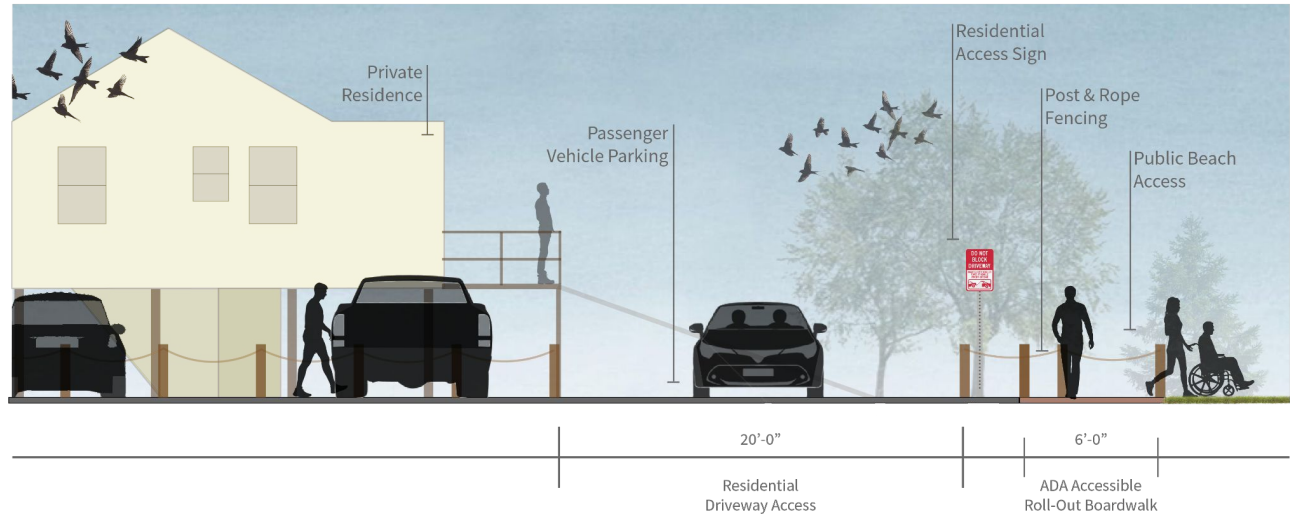
## Revitalized Beach Access

Improvements in **signage, vegetation, and edge conditions** would formalize public beach access through Marvel Drive. The **upgraded access route** will clearly link the beach to the salt marsh across the road. Altogether, these enhancements will better **guide both local and out-of-town visitors**, making Slaughter Beach's coastal resources more accessible.



# PARKING & BOARDWALK Section

Proposed elements create an **efficient parking area** for visitors and ensure **residential access** remains uninhibited.



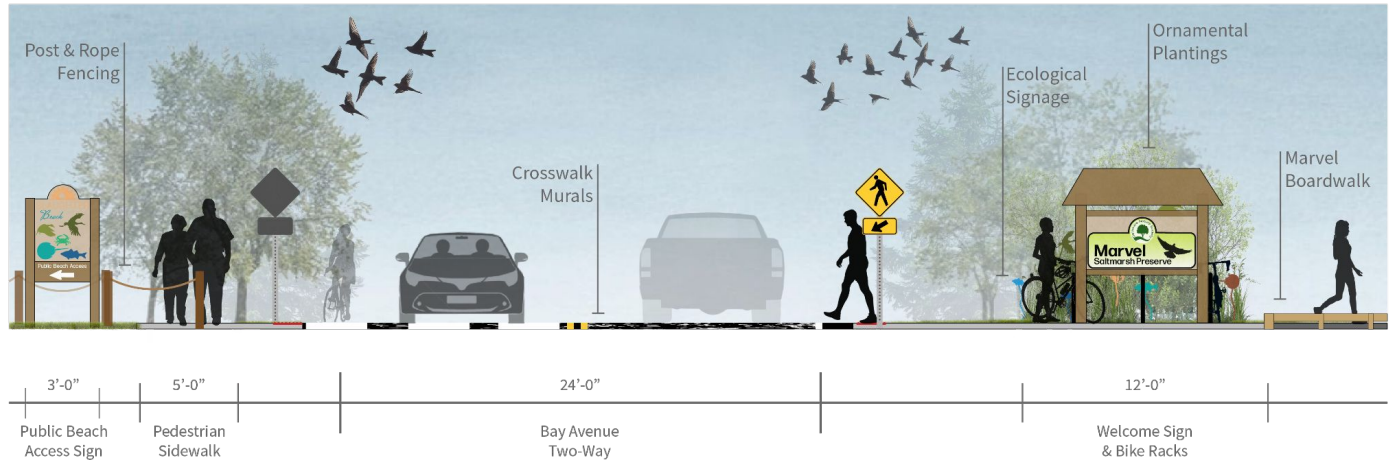
# ENLARGEMENT Plan

By using **accessible materials**, we are able to attract new visitors and provide a pleasant experience for all.



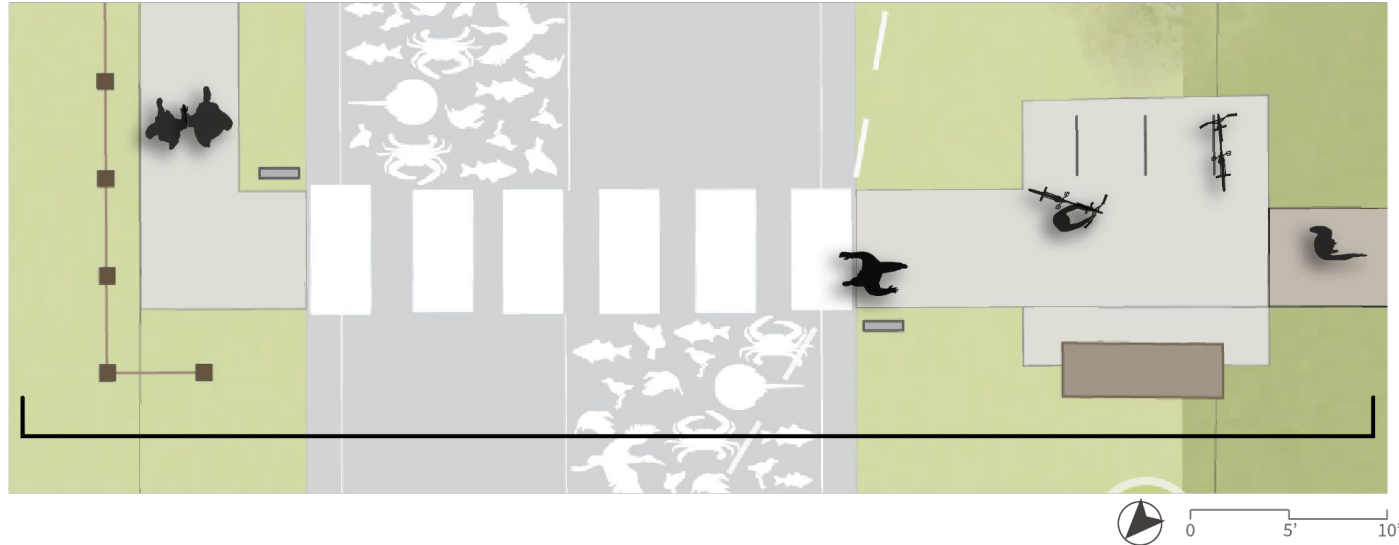
# CROSSWALK Section

Proposed elements create a **safe pedestrian environment** and also encourages visitors.



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With **additional signage** and **ecologic imagery**, we are able to better connect the Marvel Saltmarsh Preserve and the public beach.



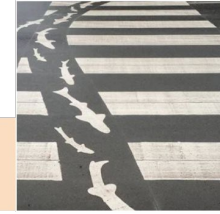
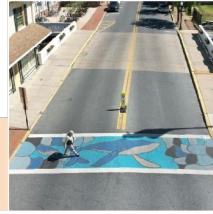
# MATERIALS Palette

This palette prioritizes sustainability, accessibility, and a strong sense of place. Durable, **low-maintenance** elements support long-term use and **reduces negative environmental impacts**.

While **ADA-accessible pathways** ensure equitable access for all users, artistic, **nature-inspired features** reinforce identity and ecological awareness.

Together, these materials create a **welcoming public space** that celebrates the site's character.

## Crosswalk Murals



*Proposed Mural: Highlights Native Species with Painted Silhouettes*  
Inspiration: Nautical Crosswalk Mural in Milton, DE  
White Painted Shark Silhouettes

## ADA Accessible Boardwalk



*Mr Boardwalk: A Modular Walkway System for Public Beach Access*  
Materials: Trex (wood & plastic composite) and Teak (wood)  
Available in 4', 5', and 6' Widths

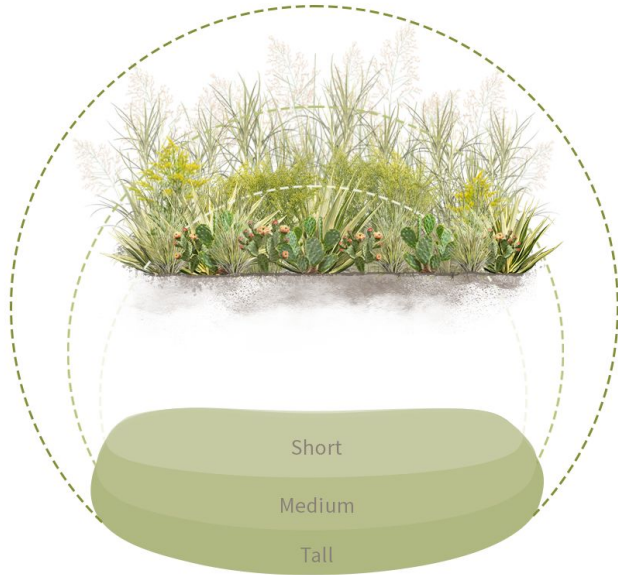
## Post & Rope Fencing



*Nautical Post & Rope Fencing Along Parking Lot & Sidewalk Edges*  
Materials: Short 6x6 Wooden Posts with Connecting Rope  
Decorative Elements like Caps or Floats



# PLANT Palette



## Grasses



## Shrubs



## Trees & Succulents



1. American Beachgrass  
*Ammophila breviligulata*
2. Bayberry  
*Morella pensylvanica*
3. Eastern Red Cedar  
*Juniperus virginiana*

4. Bitter Panicgrass  
*Panicum amarum*
5. Beach Plum  
*Prunus maritima*
6. Yucca  
*Yucca filamentosa*

7. Switchgrass  
*Panicum virgatum*
8. Seaside Goldenrod  
*Solidago sempervirens*
9. Eastern Prickly Pear  
*Opuntia humifusa*

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*Thank You!*