

Lake Metroparks Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park Harbor View Deck



- Boardwalk-style deck/trail on top of sand beach
- About 500'
- Construction cost: \$8,600
- Labor: 456 hours
- Designed, funded and constructed by Lake Metroparks

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The total project consists of about 490 feet of 6' wide floating boardwalk with 6- 10' wide by 6' deep decks.

Ground contact treated 2"x8" "feet located at the 10' seams and one in the mid-span supporting four ground contact treated 4"x4"x10' spaced evenly across the 6' span and changing to 12' with at the deck areas and decked with 2"x8" MCA treated lumber.

The project was built in two phases:

- first phase: about 200' of boardwalk in May of 2013 with about a week of labor (120 hours) requiring \$2,200 to construct
- second phase: completed in March 2014 at about two weeks with \$5,400 and 320 hours of labor built within house staff. Additionally benches were added at \$500 (16 hours).

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Level access from parking lot over dunes to beach; benches, picnic tables and shade structures as well as a variety of views of beach, harbor and sunset

Provides beach access and unobstructed lake views to park visitors with mobility challenges

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This boardwalk/deck was modeled after a similar project observed in Conneaut, Ohio. It was designed with the purpose of extending access on top of the sandy beach to park visitors who are unable to venture onto the sand safely. The response was immediate and positive, and after the first phase was complete, expansion and additional enhancements (canopies to provide shade) were planned. The harbor view deck is enjoyed by park visitors of all ages and abilities. This project demonstrates Lake Metroparks commitment to increasing access, particularly along the lakefront, as well as matching resources to delivering mission-related programs, services and amenities.

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The T-shaped beach-level wooden platform extends from the parking lot toward Lake Erie. Wooden benches and picnic tables are placed along the deck for visitors to sit and enjoy the view of the harbor.

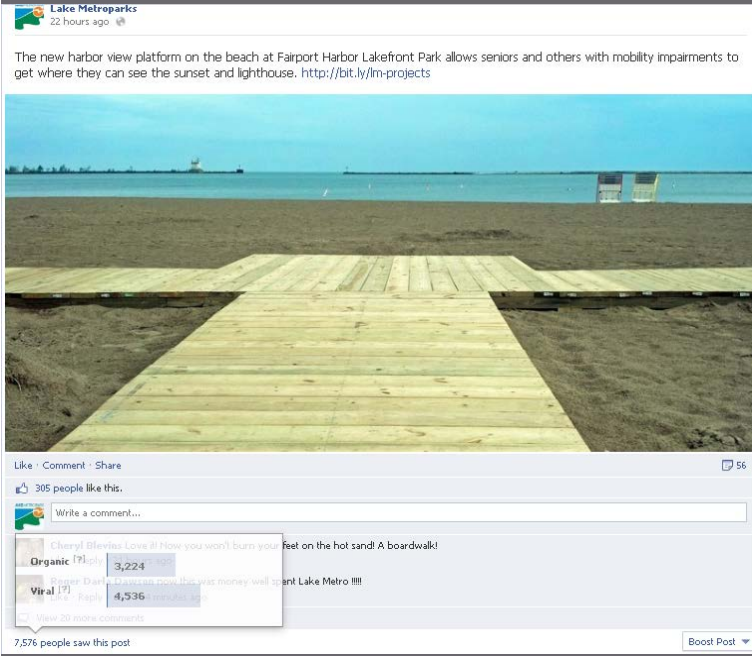
“This deck allows seniors and others with mobility impairments to get from the parking lot down to beach where they can see the sunset and lighthouse,” said Lake Metroparks Executive Director Paul Palagyi.

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Canopy structures will be added along the deck for summer 2014 to provide strategic spots of shades.

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Top comments:

Awesome ! I love it, now I can bring my dad down for sunsets.

That is fantastic!!

I appreciate Lake Metroparks for adapting their spaces so that everyone can enjoy the outdoors!!

Now this was money well spent Lake Metro!!!!

What a wonderful addition!

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