



Port Washington Water Pollution Control District **Sunset Park Steel Bulkhead Replacement** **March 2026**

The property currently known as Sunset Park was originally the site of the Port Washington Water Pollution Control District's (PWWPCD) wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) from 1915 into the early 1950's. Due to the increase in population growth after World War II, the PWWPCD relocated the WWTP to a larger property to expand their treatment operations. The old WWTP was converted into a smaller footprint as a wastewater pump station, including a below ground force main and gravity sanitary sewer, allowing the majority of this beautiful waterfront property to be used as a passive park by the public, Sunset Park.



Today, Sunset Park is open for public use free of charge and includes a baseball field, basketball court, a band shell built in 1967 by the American Legion and maintained by the John Philip Sousa Memorial Bandshell Sunset Park Committee, green space for picnicking and enjoying the scenery. A gazebo donated by the Alzheimer's Foundation, and a concrete walking trail along Manhasset Bay are also other amenities of this park. Included are several benches dedicated by members of our community in the memory of loved ones. The park is truly a special spot for our Port Washington Residents.

In addition, the Sunset Park walking trail enables the community to walk along the shore of Manhasset Bay starting from the Village of Port Washington North, through the Village of Baxter Estates, along Sunset Park to the Town of North Hempstead Town Dock. The Walking Trail is known as the beloved "Manhasset Bay Walk". The existing steel bulkhead was originally constructed in 1964 to protect the below grade infrastructure (force main and gravity sewer). Today, it also protects the public facilities at the park, the ball field and the "Manhasset Bay Walk". Unfortunately, the bulkhead is reaching the end of its useful life.



Existing Bulkhead



Hole in Sheeting



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To be proactive and prevent catastrophic future failure which would not only jeopardize portions of the critical sanitary sewer and force main infrastructure but also the public use of the park, the PWWPCD is proposing the replacement of this steel bulkhead.

Sunset Park is a passive park used by our entire community, not just the taxpayers within the District's boundaries. Under a 2005 lease agreement, the Town of North Hempstead utilizes a section of the Sunset Park municipal parking lot and is responsible for maintaining and replacing, as necessary, a 350 lineal foot section of the total 570 lineal foot steel bulkhead. However, the District is committed to minimizing the burden on local taxpayers and is actively seeking local, state and federal grants to fund the full replacement of the 570 lineal foot bulkhead.

The cost to replace the 570 lineal foot steel bulkhead in its entirety is estimated to be \$3.0 - \$4.0 million in today's dollars. Although this is a significant cost, we believe that the benefits of this project far outweigh the costs. Not only will it maintain public access to the waterfront, which is ever decreasing due to private development, but it will protect the health of our environment and benefit the local businesses and residents who rely on this critical infrastructure and use of the park.