

## Paul Foley

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**From:** Cara Lane [caralane1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 12, 2015 2:40 AM  
**To:** Paul Foley  
**Subject:** The North Bluff Project

Hi Paul,

I'm writing as a resident of the North Bluff to support the concerns of my neighbors and voice the the opinion of the consensus of locals in Oak Bluffs regarding the new project along the sea wall. I understand that many people are questioning the design, material choice and maintenance of the proposed steel structure and I echo their concerns. But I primarily question just one simple, though major, impact of this project: the loss of a loved and well-used beach.

Stretches of beach, no matter how small, are sacred. Proponents of the project claim the North Bluff Beach sees little use. This is misinformation. Neighbors, residents, locals AND tourists do sit, walk and swim there very regularly from the early morning into the evening. It is a charming and vital piece of the North Bluff and only adds to its lure as a destination for tourists who have many choices when planning a visit to the Island.

I do hope you reconsider and reapproach the design of this renovation to avoid encroaching on this little, but cherished piece of the North Bluff. A simpler rehab of the existing sidewalk and sea wall would preserve the charm and feel of what's left of this historical neighborhood and will leave visitors and residents a vital, attractive and, most importantly, natural, option to the nearby and already very accessible harbor front walkway. Proponents may not realize just how much appeal the North Bluff already has and what this project could ultimately take away.

Thanks,  
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5 Saco Ave.