

## Paul Foley

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TO: Paul Foley, DRI Coordinator, M.V. Commission  
FR: Nancy Read Hendricks, North Bluff Homeowner family  
RE: Proposed Sea Wall Project DRI #659

I am writing in support of the questions brought up by Jason Lew 12/5/2015 expressing concern about the proposed Sea Wall Project on the North Bluff, and to encourage your thorough review. I just recently became aware of the magnitude of the solution being proposed.

I certainly appreciate any efforts to stabilize the bluff from erosion. However, the proposal as described sounds like a massive amount of steel armoring that seems out of place?  
And again, while I appreciate the concept of improving pedestrian travel in that area, a 12-ft wide boardwalk seems excessive and potentially a challenge to maintain?

My main concern is the beach. That area has been used by our family and visitors for generations. My dad tells of arriving as a boy, running to the house and coming out quickly in his swimming trunks to head straight across the street to the beach. I always visit that beach when I'm on the island and there's usually others there as well enjoying being at ocean-level, wading or taking a quick dip in the expanse of safe, shallow water with an awesome view of the ferry dock. I'm not sure I understand the plans - it looks like there is a nice ADA compliant ramp that goes to water level, but the rock armor comes out to the MHW line? Does that still leave us with a beach? It looks like the nourishment plan might actually expand the beach?

I hope the M.V. Commission, with your extensive experience in these issues, can help make sure this project is an appropriate way to stabilize the bluff without loss of a treasured public beach.