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**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING  
OF REBUILT SEA WALK AT CLIFFWOOD BEACH**

ABERDEEN, N.J. (8/2/18) – Members of the Aberdeen Township Council gathered by Raritan Bay to celebrate the grand opening of the Aberdeen Sea Walk at Cliffwood Beach on July 19.

On hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, which was dedicated to all residents of Aberdeen, were: Mayor Fred Tagliarini, Deputy Mayor Robert Swindle and Councilpersons Greg Cannon, Arthur Hirsch, Connie Kelley, Joseph J. Martucci, and Margaret Montone.

Reconstruction of the Sea Walk began last fall, following the August grand opening of Veterans Park in Cliffwood Beach. The new half-mile trail (which runs primarily behind the original seawall that had been damaged by hurricanes) features nine fishing outcrops and 15 outlooks with benches for fishermen, joggers and bay-watchers to simultaneously enjoy the scenic area. A total of 38 LED pathway lights and several security cameras have been added for safety and to help combat vandalism. The completed project also added a gazebo on the end of the trail closest to the beach near Lakeshore Dr., where a five-foot teak boardwalk connects the Sea Walk to an outlet path.

With the project's completion, the new Sea Walk now connects Beach Dr. to Lakeshore Dr., creating a unified recreational infrastructure in Cliffwood Beach for the first time in several decades.

The Sea Walk is open to the public from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., year-round. Fishing along the trail is restricted to the nine outcrops during those same hours. Individuals may also fish from the beach or in the surf at all hours, seven days a week.

“Taken together with the reimagined Veterans Park, the Sea Walk is emblematic of our efforts to restore Aberdeen’s waterfront, allowing residents of all ages to enjoy this natural resource along Raritan Bay,” said Mayor Fred Tagliarini. “The beachfront Veterans Park has been a huge hit since its reopening and we expect the trail to once again become a popular destination for fishermen, joggers, as well as folks out for a leisurely stroll along this scenic path.”

Veterans Park, which is located at Ocean Blvd. and Lakeshore Dr., now features a multi-dimensional active and passive recreation area, including a pirate ship-themed spray park for all ages; pirate and tall ship-themed playground areas for ages 2-5 and 5-12; a picnic grove with shade structures; a multi-purpose field for little league, softball, and soccer; a kayak and small water craft launch onto Whale Creek; a gazebo/band shell; a flagpole and War Veteran’s Memorial Monument; and a restroom/equipment/storage building.

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**Photo Caption:** Aberdeen Township Council members cut ribbon for Aberdeen Sea Walk at Cliffwood Beach.