



Town of Damariscotta

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Q: Why is this project happening?

A: Years of planning to mitigate flooding in the back parking lot have led us to this final phase of this project. This project will raise some of the lowest elevations along the Riverfront Park by a foot. It will also include an underground stormwater retention system, new catch basins, outfalls with check valves, and a deployable floodwall.

Q: Who is constructing this project?

A: Crooker Construction LLC

Q: Will I be able to park in the parking lot during the project?

A: Most of the parking spaces will be unavailable for the majority of the project. There are some alternate areas that the Town has worked to secure during this project, refer to the map on the town website for locations.

Q: Will the parking lot be closed for three months?

A: No. We expect a large portion of the parking lot unavailable for parking for 6-8 weeks. Once the underground stormwater retention system is installed and covered, we expect some of the spaces to become available. Traffic patterns will shift as the crews work around manholes/catch basins as they work to wrap up their excavation work by the end of October. Base pavement will be laid before winter so the lot can be safely used during winter.

Q: Why is the project happening during one of the busiest times of the year?

A: The Select Board considered many aspects of this project and mitigating the impacts to the community is always a top priority. The Town received a grant from US EDA in April 2020, which was matched with over \$1M in private donations. US EDA's terms expect the project to be completed within 60 months, which means completion in April 2025. Though the project was put out to bid late in 2023 with the hopes of a company starting work in the spring of 2024, the opportunity was not available to us. In order to complete the project on time, we were only left with this option.

Q: Why couldn't this project be done in the winter?

A: This project requires excavating the parking lot and working in tidal conditions. The project specifications would be near impossible, if not impossible to meet during those cold weather months. Additionally, the weather conditions during the winter months are when we are most susceptible to flooding and severe weather that would create delays.

Q: Will the boat launch be accessible?

A: Yes. There will be small, short-term access interruptions, but the launch will be largely available for use. The project footprint will require the use of the four boat trailer parking spots, but we expect to preserve the two spaces along Misery Gulch throughout the project.

Q: Can we haul our boats out in September?

A: Yes, however, there may be some limitations depending on your boat size/truck and trailer needed to remove your boat. You may want to have your boat hauler reach out to the Town Manager to discuss this in more detail.

Q: Will the project result in more parking?

A: No. This project was not going to create more parking. Parking has been a long-term challenge that will require additional conversations with the community.

Q: Can I access my favorite businesses that front the parking lot?

A: Yes. Though your normal parking space(s) may be limited or unavailable, all businesses will be accessible throughout this project.

Q: Will there be a way to receive updates or notifications throughout this project?

A: Yes. We will keep the town website project page updated as needed. You can also sign up for the town's new notification system, CivicReady, to receive weekly updates about the project. Simply visit our town website and click on 'Notifications' on the home page or click [here](#).

Q: How can I contact the Town Manager if I have any questions?

A: You can use any one of the following:

- Phone: 207-563-5168 (office)
- Phone: 207-631-0393 (cell)
- Email: adorr@damariscottame.com