



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **Final Stage of Plum Point Park Trailhead Construction Begins in September *Park Additions Will Include Playground, Walking Labyrinth and Revitalized Landscaping***

NORFOLK, Va. – (September 2020) The Elizabeth River Trail (ERT) Foundation is pleased to announce the final phase of construction for the Plum Point Park Trailhead will begin in September.

To ensure that additions to this hidden gem remained true to the spirit of the site, ERTF partnered with the park's original designers, [WPL](#), to find the perfect way to maintain the rolling landscape and gorgeous riverfront views. Enhancements will include an award-winning playground, revitalized entryway and a meditative walking labyrinth in the heart of the park. ERTF is honored to have been awarded a Vibrant Places grant from the [Hampton Roads Community Foundation](#) to complete their first signature trailhead.

Located between historic Fort Norfolk and Chelsea, neighboring working shipyards, the Sentara Healthcare/EVMS Medical Complex and Harbor's Edge, this section of the ERT sees nearly 1100 users daily. The Plum Point Park trailhead already features a recently completed ADA-accessible kayak launch, bike racks, bike maintenance station and Double Turbo Challenge Course. Those new amenities will remain accessible during construction. The perimeter trail encircling the park will also remain open during construction. However, visitors should use caution and follow any posted signs or detours for a fun and safe visit. Anticipated completion is expected later this fall.

The Elizabeth River Trail Foundation's mission is to promote, enhance and transform the Elizabeth River Trail into the most iconic urban riverfront trail in the country. The ERT runs 10.5 miles and connects businesses, historic attractions and 28 neighborhoods within a five-minute walk. The multi-use trail is designed for walking, running and biking. It comprises 11 sections and 11 trailheads from Norfolk State University to NIT Terminals along the Elizabeth River. Highlights include Harbor Park, Downtown Norfolk, Freemason Historic District, Sentara campus, Fort Norfolk, Chelsea, West Ghent, Lambert's Point, Old Dominion University, Larchmont and Lochhaven. In 2018, the ERT Foundation launched a \$4 million comprehensive capital campaign to raise funds to activate and enhance the 10.5-mile trail. It successfully achieved the goal in 2020. Major sponsors include Sentara and the City of Norfolk. For more information, visit [www.elizabethrivertrail.org](http://www.elizabethrivertrail.org).

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