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## Folly Beach County Park opens with new amenities

[FOLLY BEACH] – The Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission recently opened new amenities at its Folly Beach County Park.



A newly built Dunes House now stands on the property after the original structure was demolished after Hurricane Irene in 2011. The new Dunes House features outdoor showers, changing stations and eight covered picnic tables on the ground floor; the second floor provides restrooms, concessions, offices, a room for lifeguard staff, additional picnic space and a large viewing deck.

The building was designed to take advantage of the park's beautiful sunset and ocean views, and the large deck offers a place to admire these vistas. Concessions sold will include snacks and lunch items. The Dunes House also offers a drop-off area, ADA parking and a crossover to the adjacent beach.

Walls of the first level of the Dunes House were designed to break away to protect the building in the event of storm surge.

Folly Beach County Park will now be open until sunset daily so that guests can take advantage of the sunset views.

In addition to the Dunes House, the park also unveiled several other new amenities, including two new boardwalk access paths from the parking lot to the beach with showers and changing stations, and improvements to the park's Pelican Watch Pavilion.

The Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission opened Folly Beach County Park in 1982. The Pelican Watch Pavilion and the original Dunes House also opened at this time. In August 2011, Hurricane Irene caused major erosion at Folly Beach County Park, effectively closing the park. After a shower stabilization project and construction of a terminal groin at the park, Folly Beach County Park reopened to the public in July 2013.



For more information on Folly Beach County Park, visit [CharlestonCountyParks.com](http://CharlestonCountyParks.com).

*Folly Beach County Park is located at 1100 West Ashley Avenue on Folly Beach. The mission of the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC) is to improve the quality of life in Charleston County by offering a diverse system of park facilities, programs and services. The large park system features over 11,000 acres of property and includes six regional parks, three beach parks, three dog parks, two landmark fishing piers, three waterparks, a historic plantation site, a skate park, 19 boat landings, a climbing wall, a challenge course, an interpretive center, an equestrian center, cottages, a campground, a marina, as well as wedding, meeting and event facilities. CCPRC also offers a wide variety of recreational services – festivals, camps, classes, programs, and much more. For more information on CCPRC, call 843-795-4386 or visit [www.charlestoncountyparks.com](http://www.charlestoncountyparks.com).*

