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Dear Assembly Members,

My husband and I were traveling last month and loosely following news from home when we noted a news story that Rotary was shovel ready to begin the playground renovation at Sandy Beach Park which seemed like a good thing. However, on our way home from the airport we noted extensive tree removal and disruption of the site all the way up to the road and we were very surprised to find that this major activity had been started without thorough oversight or any approved plan.

What has been done cannot now be undone and lack of expertise in the alteration of the layout leads to an unstable structure in the root system and risk of blowdown in the area which is my first concern, my second major concern is that we already have a large patch of invasive Japanese knotweed further down the beach at a home along the park and the owner told me that it was brought in by dirty fill from the same company being used for the park project. I don't think they deliberately seeded the noxious weed but I do think that oversight on this work is essential to avoid a repeat of that event as again what has been done cannot be undone afterward.

While having a playground upgrade will be very nice we need to see an overall plan for the park and ensure public input before anything more is done and then going forward the work needs thorough oversight to ensure the best implementation and long term result.

We are very fortunate to have our Rotary club and its dedicated members but this is a public property and not a private project let's get our ducks in a row before anything more is done.

Thank you for your consideration of this input.

Sharon Hunter

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