The 63rd Street Beach is almost a quarter-mile long. The areas that see the greatest use are closest to the restored beach house, which has formal gardens in the courtyards and an interactive splash fountain. But at the east end of the beach closest to the pier is a triangular area of sand that was seldom used. When left ungroomed, natural beach vegetation began to re-colonize the area. The prevalence of cocklebur was likely a further deterrent to sunbathers, and so gradually the area’s natural character increased.

As funding becomes available, future restoration plans include planting additional native dune species to enhance the diversity of the site.