

Golf Maintenance Area
The golf course maintenance area will be moved across Naples Ave near the golf course entrance. The current maintenance area will be used for golf activities and events. As part of this project, the golf course irrigation pumps will require moving and fuel tanks would be removed.

Golf
Courses will continue to serve mid-level golfers. Improvements made to the course will raise course standards and improve the quality of play for patrons.

Cultural Resources
Consultation with SHPO concerning NRE structures and ground disturbing construction will continue.
Partnership with the Kings Park Heritage Museum is encouraged for cultural resource interpretation.

Historic Fire Tower Site
The site of the former fire tower will be interpreted to educate patrons about its location and past use to protect Long Island from wildfires.

Natural Resources

Invasive Species Management
Phragmites will be managed through the implementation of the Sunken Meadow Creek Restoration Project. An Invasive Species Management Plan will be developed for the park to identify areas of invasive species and methods to control them.

Fish and Wildlife Resources
Continue to implement park policies concerning wildlife. OPRHP will work with partners to address these policies.

Bird Conservation Area
A Bird Conservation Area will be designated.

Wetlands
To protect and preserve the wetlands a wetland interpretation and education program will be implemented. Additional research projects will be encouraged through new and existing partnerships. The Sunken Meadow Creek Restoration Project will be implemented.

Shoreline Erosion
Shoreline protection and nourishment will continue. OPRHP will continue to place the material from dredging operations on the Nissequogue River on the shoreline as it becomes available. When they become unavailable, parks will reconsider shoreline management strategies. To protect the bluff, the placement of materials will be expanded to include both sides of the jetty.

Utilities

Water
Investigation into the system and potential leaks will take place in the future. Replacement will take place as indicated by the investigation.

Wastewater
Wastewater systems for the main bathroom and the East/ West Orchard Picnic Areas will be replaced.

Electric
The electric system throughout the park will be investigated and upgrades made as required. Emergency generators will be provided for main facilities including the bathroom, maintenance area, golf course irrigation system and concession buildings as appropriate.

Outdoor Lighting
Lighting will be installed in portions of Parking Fields 1 and 2 to enhance patron experience during low light and evening events. Low level down-lighting will be provided at key locations along the boardwalk for use during low light and during evening events. To reduce the impact of lighting on the surrounding area, strategies to minimize light pollution will be used during the design of these lighting systems.

Driving Range
Improvements to the driving range will be made to increase accessibility to patrons with limited abilities.

Golf Course Roadway
Vehicular access to the golf course will remain on Naples Ave. A multi-use pathway will be developed between the roadway and the bluff to provide an area for pedestrian activity and connectivity away from the golf course roadway.

Swim Beach
The swimming beach will remain as is. Operational constraints as well as resource protection do not warrant the expansion of the guarded swim beach.

West Pavilion
A stairway will be constructed for event goers to access the beach reducing impacts of patrons using the boardwalk.

Boardwalk
The boardwalk will have improvements including additional benches with backrests through the memorial bench program; waterline replacement; the installation of low level, Dark Skies compliant lighting at key areas of high use.

Main Bathroom/ Park Office
Improvements to the main bathroom are underway. Improvements will make use of space in the bathroom not presently used and provide additional and improved facilities to meet the year-round demands at the park.

Parking Field 2
The adjacent picnic area is expanded into Parking Field 2. Shade and rain shelters are constructed in this area and stormwater runoff issues are addressed. The surrounding American Platanuses are replaced upon death or removal and the parking field will be open to patrons seasonally.

Bandshell
A bandshell and/or an amphitheater with a concessions stand will be constructed adjacent to Parking Field 1

East Pavilion
The concession building will be rehabilitated and long term maintenance plan developed.

Overlook Area
Selective pruning and removal of the trees adjacent to the overlook area will take place to allow patrons convenient access to a significant vista of the Long Island Sound.

Picnicking
The East Orchard bathrooms will be rehabilitated. The enclosed portion of this pavilion will be converted to a food preparation and warming area.

Cross Country Running Course
The park will continue to use crushed asphalt to stabilize the course. The layout of the course will remain the same.

Fishing
Upon the restoration of Sunken Meadow Creek, fishing access points along the creek may need to be reevaluated.

Flora and Fauna Observation
To assist patrons with flora and fauna identification, additional education and interpretation will be provided at key locations in the park.

Disc Golf
Disc golf will be allowed in the park if it is constructed and maintained by an outside organization and does not interfere with other activities in the park.

Model Airplanes
Opportunities will remain in the Parking Field 2 area. Any further additional seasonal expansion will be considered at Nissequogue River State Park.

Scout Camping -Backpacking
Primitive group camping opportunities will be provided to scouting groups wishing to use the park for park service projects.

Dog Walking
On-leash dog walking opportunities will remain in their present location. Trail signage will be installed at access points identifying the trail conditions at each location.

SCUBA Diving
Areas of the park will be designated by park staff for SCUBA access.

Spray Park
A spray park will be constructed in the West Orchard Picnic Area.

Kayaking/Canoeing/ Paddle boarding/Windsurfing
To improve water access for park patrons and protect the surrounding maritime grassland habitat, changes will be made to improve and consolidate the access points for kayak/canoe/paddle boards on Sunken Meadow Creek. Windsurfing access to the Sound will remain unchanged.

Astronomy/Star Gazing
Opportunities will remain in the Parking Field 2 area. Any further additional seasonal expansion will take place at Nissequogue River State Park.

Mini Golf
Mini golf will not be constructed in the park. Considerations will be given only if funding and staffing levels improve.

Shade/Rain Shelters
Shade/Rain shelters will be provided at key locations in open picnic areas for people to use for picnicking. Shelters will also be constructed adjacent to playgrounds for parents to use while supervising their children on the playground.

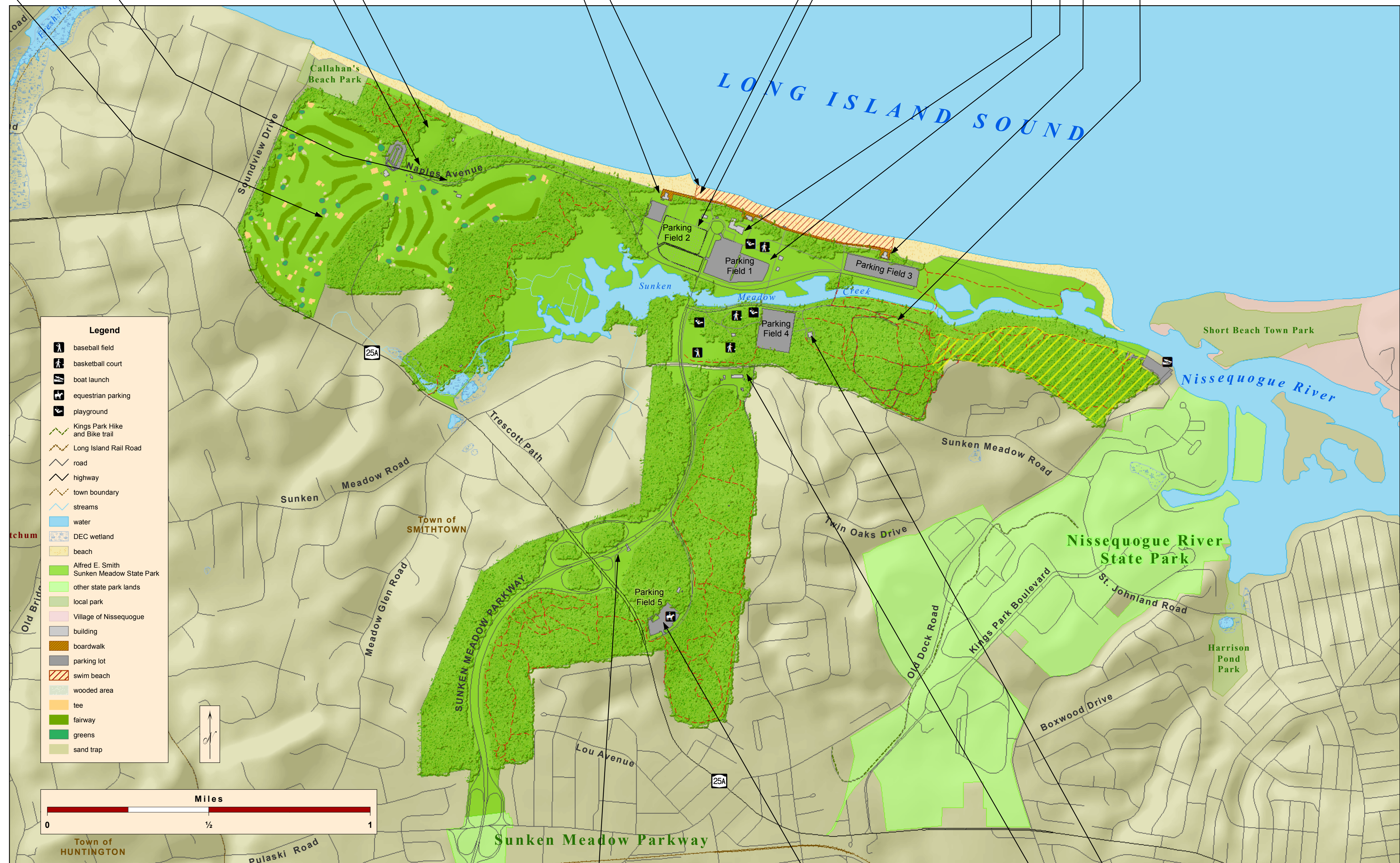
Trails
Outreach will be provided to local trail groups for planning, design, maintenance, relocation and reclamation of trails as identified by OPRHP trail standards. Connections will be made to adjacent parks to enhance pedestrian access to the park.

Trailheads
Parking Fields 3, 4 and 5 will be designated as trailheads. Park signage will be developed to include these areas for trail access.

Hiking
With the exception of the Bridle Path and the Greenbelt Trail, trails in the park will be multi-use trails.

Mountain Biking
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Equestrian
Equestrian use will remain on the Bridle Path.



Roads and Bridges
The roadways in the park will be repaired and repaved as needed. The bridges over Route 25A and Sunken Meadow Creek will be rehabilitated and upon the construction of a separate pedestrian bridge, the sidewalk will be removed from the Sunken Meadow Bridge and the vehicle lanes widened.

Park Landscaping
A planting plan will be developed. Vegetation will be planted at key locations to eliminate picnicking from areas around parking fields and roads. Historic trees will be replaced upon death, damage or disease.

Parking Field 5
Parking Field 5 will be improved to serve BOCES. Scouting groups and other patrons more effectively. The parking area will be paved and striped to assist vehicular traffic and improve the patron experience.

Toilets Plaza
The toilet plaza will be replaced using current design standards and aesthetics consistent with the park and the parkway.

Pedestrian Connections
Connections to the surrounding communities are improved and the usage of non-motorized transportation to the park is encouraged. A multi-use pathway will be developed adjacent to the Parkway, the roadway to the golf course and, to Nissequogue River State Park.

Multimodal Connection
A connection to the Long Island Railroad (LIRR) will be made and/or supply information to people taking the train on how to get to the park.

Rental Pavilions
The East Orchard pavilion will be modified to include a for food preparation and warming area. An additional pavilion will be constructed in the East/West Orchard Picnic Area for large group rental.

Maintenance Area
A conceptual plan will be developed for the maintenance area to provide improvements. The Kohr Road entrance will be available for staff, emergency and delivery vehicles to improve access to the park.



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