CLERMONT STATE HISTORIC SITE MASTER PLAN Proposed Actions

• Develop and implement a comprehensive Conditions Study to appropriately protect and preserve the mansion.

Historical/Cultural Landscape

- With Historic Preservation staff, evaluate remnant historic structures and stabilize selected
- Implement a comprehensive archaeological survey and develop a report and sensitivity
- Develop a management/maintenance program for historic landscape elements.
- Assess the feasibility of providing public access to the Site's holdings along the
- · Retrofit Sylvan Cottage as an accessible, multi-use education center.
- Rebilitate the interior of the Red Barn to accommodate three-season use while preserving character-defining elements.
- Stabilize the icehouse and root cellar structures.
- Restore the Locust Tree allée.
- Implement a comprehensive plan to stabilize the Arryl House Ruins.

Collections

- Develop a furnishing plan that documents objects as they existed historically.
- Work with the Bureau of Historic Sites to re-evaluate Clermont's Collections Policy.
- Improve access to Clermont's collections by developing an online "Virtual Wing."
- Evaluate storage conditions for object collections held in the mansion.

Environmental Stewardship

- Develop long-range planning recommendations to protect the Site's natural elements from future impacts of climate change.
- Define and prioritize regular invasive species management tasks.
- Protect old-growth trees in Clermont's woodlands and historic landscape.
- Evaluate water resources site-wide and determine actions for their protection.
- Incorporate green infrastructure, where feasible, in retrofits and new infrastrucutre.
- Implement pollinator support strategies (e.g., reduced mowing, planting native species).
- Partner with landowners at adjacent properties to improve habitat connectivity.

Education, Interpretation and Outreach

- Develop programs and educational content about the experience of enslaved people, indigenous communities, Palatines, servants, and tenant farmers.
- Cultivate funding sources for developing an annual exhibit for the mansion gallery.
- Update the interpretation program/plan to define new content goals and ensure a cohesive
- Strengthen role of the Clermont's Advisory Committee to guide interpretive development.
- Foster more visibility for Clermont and its programs by increasing type and volume of outreach.
- Revise and update Clermont's Interpretative Statement.
- Develop interpretative content for the Site's underutilized resources.
- Implement special programs about different aspects of the Site's history, such as civilian experiences during the Revolutionary War.

Accessibility

- Conduct a comprehensive site analysis to identify accessibility issues with recommendations for providing universal access where feasible.
- Develop a study to determine how to provide the mansion with accessible entrance and restrooms, and an elevator for universal access to exhibits and staff office spaces.
- Create accessible picnic facilities in the exisiting picnic area.
- Develop an accessible trail from the Arryl House to the Site's north section with connections to key points of interest.
- Improve access to the Visitor Center by providing an accessible route from the parking lot, clear signage, and entry improvements.

Operations, Maintenance and Management

- Upgrade the maintenance facility.
- Select energy-efficient equipment, materals, and low impact, green approaches for Site maintenance and operations.
- Develop solar power at Clermont to offset utility costs.
- Purchase fuel generators to provide emergency backup power for the mansion and
- · Station staff at key locations on high-volume days to address FAQs and address ongoing maintenance issues, such as littering.
- Develop a plan that identifies current and anticipated future climate change impacts at Clermont with strategies to address at-risk elements.
- Install a site-wide security camera system.
- Develop a staffing plan to ensure that levels are sufficient to support planned development.
- Improve litter/debris management using new strategies to educate visitors.
- Evaluate the Site's utility infrastructure to ensure it meets current and future requirements.
- Improve drainage infrastructure to address wet areas, erosion, and deteriorated pavement.
- Upgrade the Site's Internet/WiFi technology or both staff and public use.

River

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Clermont

Mansion

· Close or re-route unused or wet trail sections and install or replace trail bridges and culverts.

Make repairs to the Red Barn and develop

Build a small addition at rear of the Red Barn to

Rehabilitate the barn interior to accommodate seasona

include a comfort station and warming kitchen to support events

Rehabilitate and retrofit Sylvan Cottage

Proposed accessible viewing platform

ruins to Clermont Cottage.

oposed accessible route to Visitor Center Develop accessible walking path from Arryl House

Add accessible picnic facilities adjacent to the Ice Pond

Town of

Red Hook

Restore the historic locust allee

Redevelop visitor parking lot

Establish formal trailhead/parking area.

with green infrastructure

Relocate visitor entrance.

nstall solar power system

at the maintenance facility

an adjacent area for outdoor events

Provide accessible parking, walkways, and entrance at Clermont Cottage.

Sylvan

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Historic Site

Entrance

Develop and implement a plan to stabilize the Arryl

House Ruins and associated historic elements

Extend Riverside Trail on existing mowed path

Abandon trail connection

Simplify trail alignments

Remediate interior mildew/mold at and install appropriate insulation.

exhibits and programs.

Develop new parking area

Create new picnic area

Create accessible trail

Reroute wet

trail areas

Relocate existing restroon

Close trail segment

Stabilize the Icehouse

and Root Cellar

Barn

Cottage

Historic

Gardens

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Parking

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Children's Playhouse

- · Make connections with the nearby Empire State Trail by installing, where appropriate, signage, maps, bicycle racks, and/or picnic tables.
- Develop a trail signage plan and install trailhead kiosks, trail marking blazes, and signage.
- Develop an accessible interpretive trail near the mansion.
- Improve the existing trail system by addressing areas with erosion, wetness, or steep grades.
- Develop a trailhead and parking near the flagpole.
- Formalize trail access points and encourage connections with the Empire State Trail.

- Develop special events that highlight equestrian use as a historic recreation activity at the Site.
- Develop outdoor events to encourage new visitorship (e.g., youth groups, cyclists).
- · Asses the feasibility of providing public access to holdings along the Hudson River shoreline.
- · Create a new picnic area adjacent to the Ice Pond.

Circulation and Parking

- Improve existing parking areas at the mansion, Sylvan and Clermont Cottages, and the Red Barn.
- Improve emergency access by installing a route from the main parking lot to the mansion with firm, stable materials.
- · Improve access to north section of the Site by re-paving the carriage road.
- Relocate the main public entrance.
- Redevelop the visitor parking lot with green infrastructure, pedestrian paths, and clear pavement markings.

Legend

A Picnic Area

* Trailhead

V Visitor Center

✓ Trail Blaze Varie

Close trail segments and connect loop

Historic Point of

Town of

Clermont

Public Restroom

✓ Unmarked Path

Roads

/// Railroad

Stream

County Line

Proposed Trail

Proposed Trail

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Clermont State Historic Site

Proposed Area

Building

Wetland

Ruins

Water

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── Bridge

Gate

Sike Rack

Historic Structure

Maintenance Area

Parking Lot

• Develop a parking area with green infrastructure in the north section of the Site.

Partnerships and Volunteers

- Create a paid position for a volunteer coordinator.
- · Identify partnerships to help support a range of projects, including education, trail maintenance, invasive species removal.
- Develop stronger connections with local fire department, EMS, and police.







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