

NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Protect and Preserve Existing Ecologies

- Expand the existing Bird Conservation Area east of St. Johnland Road to 25A to include forested slopes along eastern portions of the park
- Protect and restore vegetated slopes along the Nissequogue River and adjoining coastal area
- Monitor and stabilize shoreline areas, control access to minimize erosion of coastal bluffs
- Enact stormwater and runoff management policies
- Expand the forested buffer that encircles the park, strategically restore woodlands and increase the overall tree canopy in formalized park areas
- Expand meadow habitats to support ground-nesting birds, consolidate manicured lawn areas to active use areas, increase permeable surfaces
- Connect fragmented habitats with managed natural succession and planting of native saplings concurrent with trail improvements
- Create and enact an invasive species management plan
- Interpret and manage the historic landscape

CULTURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT

Cultural Resources

- Retain and protect existing buildings within the National Register Eligible area known as the Veteran's Memorial Hospital District
- Seek partnerships for strategic building rehabilitation and programming
- Advance the rehabilitation of York Hall
- Prioritize the removal of buildings that are too large in scale to support compatible park programming
- Establish horticultural / agricultural programs to highlight historic landscapes and interpret the site's past land use as farmland and farm colony
- Create an interpretive trail loop that connects key historic features and settings and offers interpretive information
- Protect and create interpretive information for the cemetery

Archaeological Resources

- Protect and preserve all existing archaeological resources.
- Perform additional localized studies during project planning and development, especially during construction
- Safely abate hazardous materials from existing facilities.

RECREATIONAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Increase Potential for Active Recreation

- Provide expanded access to active recreation in the form of flexible use fields, running trails, and localized development of formal sports fields
- Continue to support model airplane use; provide locations for disc golf and other informal sports

Provide Neighborhood Scale Amenities

- Locate small scale facilities such as comfort stations, dog runs and health and fitness stations strategically throughout the park to serve local neighborhoods
- Provide universally accessible play areas for children of all abilities

Park Access and Entrances

- Formalize and enhance park entrances
- Install wayfinding maps at all park entrances
- Provide bicycle amenities, including fix-it stations and rentals
- Increase multi-modal access and local connectivity
- Provide parking adjacent to program areas; target lot creation on previously paved or disturbed areas

PARKWIDE CIRCULATION SYSTEM

Create a Layered Multi-Modal Circulation System

- Create a layered circulation system that provides designated uses for different types of trails, including jogging, walking/hiking, biking, snowshoeing
- Provide a park map at each entrance, locating park patrons and providing distances and routes to park amenities and program areas
- Provide traffic calming measures and controlled grade crossings with stop signs and pedestrian activated signals at intersections between park trails and major roads to reduce conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles
- Provide wayfinding, trail, and interpretive signage throughout the park
- Connect new trails to the existing Kings Park Hike and Bike Trail network to form a continuous paved loop that enters the park from 25A, crosses over St. Johnland Boulevard and loops through the northern portions of the park and waterfront, then along the upper portions of eastern edge of the park back to the park entrance
- Remove roadways that no longer serve former KPCC campus buildings, including Kings Park Boulevard
- Improve universal accessibility throughout the park

FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

Utilities and Infrastructure

- Phased upgrade of all utilities throughout the park
- Fill and abandon steam tunnel system in areas proposed for development
- Phased site-lighting plan that is dark-skies compliant
- Safely abate hazardous materials from tunnels

Promote Sustainable Park Facilities

- EV charging stations in new parking areas
- Locate canopy solar in parking areas not in viewsheds for parks initiative
- Utilize green infrastructure and environmentally friendly design components

PARTNERSHIPS AND CONCESSIONS

- Support and foster partnerships with municipalities, non-profit and for-profit organizations for expanded park programming, interpretation, rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of existing park structures
- Support the mission to interpret and educate park visitors about the history of the Kings Park Psychiatric Hospital (KPCC) and Pre-Contact Era

West Farmstead

- Remove Buildings 29, 41-43, and 45
- Preserve open space for landscape uses compatible with the market operations, potential agriculture concessions or non-profit partnership with a focus on sustainable agriculture
- Improve natural surface trails in the woodland
- Renovate Building 5 (Old Laundry Building) as a year-round market space operated through a partnership
- Create an outdoor plaza adjacent to Building 5
- Provide a comfort station within the renovated market building

Restore historic viewsheds of the park with selective clearing and pruning

Protect, preserve and interpret the existing cemetery

The Green

- Remove Buildings 3, 15, 19, 37, 90, 91, and 93
- Retain Building 83 (The Firehouse) and Buildings
- Remove the section of Kings Park Blvd from St. Johnland Road to the intersection with Flynn Road
- Create a new path system that connects and frames program areas
- Create a series of expansive centrally located multi-use fields, offering flexible space for passive recreational activities, large outdoor events, model airplane usage, and disc golf course

Traffic Calming

- Install traffic calming measures at key pedestrian crossings where the park path network intersects existing roads (typical)

Natural Surface Trails

- Create a soft surface trail network that loops through natural areas of the park
- Close and revegetate redundant trails
- Site trails to minimize erosion

Wayfinding

- Install signage and park map at park entrances
- Promote multi-modal access
- Install interpretive signage

Create a grade-separated multi-use trail bridge across St. Johnland Road

Maintain active use and local sports partnerships at Tiffany Field

Multi-use sports area including bike area

Electronic fee collection at each parking area

New canopy solar array over new trailhead and seasonal market parking area

Trailhead parking for West Farmstead trails and agricultural area

Reservoir

- Create a universally accessible loop around the existing reservoir
- Create strategic access and views to the reservoir as a scenic and historic resource
- Rehabilitate the existing bird blind

Access to The Bluff

- Create a parking lot to offer universal access to the northern portion of the site and future museum
- Close a segment of Soundview Court Drive to allow The Bluff to become a primarily pedestrian area

Improve neighborhood entrances. Provide signage, access and connectivity to Sunken Meadow State Park

The Bluff

- Retain all 14 buildings within the National Register Eligible district
- Retain buildings currently in use: 62, 65, 67
- Restore and re-program select existing building(s) within the district for use as a museum with an archival space, exhibit space, and cafe

Maintain and Improve Small Boat Access

- Maintain small boat/canoe launch and kayak rentals
- Make kayak launch universally accessible

Protect and Improve Waterfront Access

- Create accessible path connections between the Marina and nearby park destinations
- Improve waterfront access for both vehicular, and non-vehicular park visitors
- Improve access and signage to the Greenbelt Trail, coordinate trail alignment with proposed marina
- Install a comfort station
- Provide a seasonal cafe or concession stand
- Enhance viewsheds and add additional water-related amenities

Botanical Garden Area

- Create a botanical garden that preserves, highlights and restores and amends the specimen plantings from the former superintendent's house
- Offer dedicated areas for community horticulture
- Rehabilitate Building 67 (Superintendent's House) through partnerships

Maintenance and Operations Structures

- Upgrade maintenance garage, roads, yard and greenhouse

Create new lot to serve as additional parking for York Hall

Building 80 (York Hall)

- Advance restoration of York Hall as a community and for performance space
- Support partnerships for programming
- Install comfort station

Create an improved park entrance with plantings, wayfinding, and effective circulation

Create a trail connection across the OMH Parcel with an easement or transfer

Southern Fields

- Remove Buildings 7, 21, and 22
- Re-develop former building sites areas for new parking lot, flexible athletic fields, and comfort station
- Install small-scale neighborhood amenities such as universally accessible playgrounds, health and fitness stations, and dog runs
- Protect and expand existing woodland

Install comfort station to serve Southern Fields

Canopy solar array over improved parking lot at recreational area

Transfer parcel from DASNY to OPRHP

LOCATION MAP



LEGEND

- Coastal Pinetum
- Forest
- Forest Expansion
- Agricultural Areas
- Open Lawn / Recreation
- Grassland Habitat
- Freshwater Reservoir
- Marina / Estuary
- Wetland Planting
- Beach
- Acquisition/ Easement
- Gathering Place
- Parking / Vehicular Access
- Private Parking
- Non-vehicular Entrance
- Vehicular Entrance
- Primary Path
- Secondary Path
- Tertiary Path
- Soft Trail
- At-grade Crossing with Pedestrian-activated Signal
- Elevated Crossing
- Existing Structure
- New Structure

