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 public restrooms, 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 KPPC campus buildings, including Kings Park Boulevard
- Improve universal accessibility throughout the park



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