

Noyac's Gem: Long Beach

Town of Southampton, NY

RE-VEGETATE • STABILIZE

Establish recovery and resilience program to protect and sustain the beauty at Long Beach now, and for future generations.

Long beach is designated as a
“Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats”
in Southampton Town’s water protection plan.





Long Beach is:

Noyac/Sag Harbor's prized and most cherished recreational area – a true gem – a favorite vista perfectly situated for sunset viewing, and one of the most used beaches/parking lots in Southampton.

The Noyac Civic Council Beach Committee recommends:

- Re-establishment of the native shrubbery, trees, and grasses to provide and strengthen resilience against storm erosion and pollution and enhance scenic beauty.
- Southampton Town work to “improve the resilience of our coastal vegetative buffer zones.” There are many benefits to specifically protecting these areas and identifying them as valuable resources.
- Southampton Town engage the following to help educate the public: Dark Skies, Local Scouts, Cornell Cooperative, SoMass, Group for the East End, The Peconic Estuary Program, etc., and if necessary, use resources from The Community Preservation Fund.
- Southampton Town oversee the protection of clean water for swimming and recreation.

Timing... When will the Town be able to re-vegetate? What is the general time-frame for studies, approvals and implementation of proposals?

Funding... How are funds allocated for the Town's beaches and parks? What is the Town's current budget for Long Beach?

We are not interested in seeing the park transformed so-to-speak, but rather maintained to high standards with enforcement of existing rules.

PRIORITIES, METHODS & GOALS:

1. BAYSCAPING/LANDSCAPING

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| A. Delineation between parking and the beach | • Establish a protected, sustainable planted zone between the car park and the beach as a vital buffer for beach stabilization, erosion, scenic beauty, shade, block headlights. Protective low fence while plants establish. |
| B. Establish clear paths from cars to beach | • Reduce trampling of flora and erosion |
| C. Sustain the rural preserve flora | • Proper plantings and maintenance
• Create a long-term plan for sustainability to preserve native, rural, natural beauty and characteristics of the area (Keep rural, unspoiled character).
• Apply careful/thoughtful landscaping/cleanup. Address unsightly dumping of sand. |

2. SIGNAGE & EDUCATION/ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

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| A. Display rules more sightly and effectively | • Planned signage at entrance points... Upgrade to be smart and clear; Focus attention; Reduce “visual noise”; Use icons for multilingual understanding ; hire a consulting firm |
| B. Education (opportunity for public outreach) | • Install artistic/tasteful educational signage along the park about native wildlife, plants, environmental best practices (stormwater runoff, trash, baywater- algal blooms, nitrogen, pesticides) |

3. FACILITIES/BATHROOMS UPKEEP & ENHANCEMENTS

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| A. Bathrooms | Finish painting/use wood that doesn't need it.
Septic concerns-need long term planning/replace system |
| B. Positives | Big Belly/surveillance, dog pick up bags, outdoor showers, trash cleanup, lifeguards |
| C. Access/Gates/Walking lane(s) | Allow easy pedestrian access at both ends |

4. SWIMMING LESSONS/WATER SAFETY

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| A. Bring back swimming lessons for local children. | Used to have... Can we revisit? Why stopped? |
| B. Designated boaters area(s) | ? |

5. ACCESS TO LONG BEACH; TRAFFIC CIRCLE; NOYAC RD

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| A. Make more pedestrian-friendly/safe | Work with Hwy Dept.; Do a traffic study.
Noyac Road: cross walks, stop signs... |
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1. BAYSCAPING/LANDSCAPING

A. Delineation between parking and the beach

- Establish a protected, sustainable planted zone* between the car park and the beach as a vital buffer for beach stabilization, erosion, scenic beauty, shade, block headlights. Possible low fence.



Erosion, runoff



Replenish native shrubs, trees, grasses along parking lot on west side to create a natural buffer zone to:

- Stabilize the shoreline and protect against erosion from storm surges and extreme weather events
- Create natural delineation between beach and parking lot
- Absorb and filter runoff/pollution
- Enhance scenic beauty
- provide shade and habitat
- help block/reduce annoying headlights at night (preserve enjoyment of dark skies and those using the beach at night)
- Establish/maintain paths; use wooden rails to direct foot traffic and allow sustained growth



Use Native Shrubs:

eg. Beach Plums, Rosa Virginiana, Staghorn sumac, Bayberry, Inkberry, Cedar, Bittersweet, Pitchpine, Beach, grasses

Possible Source: Perennial Charm Wholesale Narrow lane, Sagaponack, (631) 537-0775

Control Poison Ivy, around bathrooms, etc.

Also, plan for natural shrub screening between parking and CR60

1. BAYSCAPING/LANDSCAPING (CONT.)

North end looks better, possibly due to protected areas for Terns.
Attend to vegetative area between parking lot and highway. Gentle clearing around benches.
Area of natural beauty:



Invasive, but possibly OK to leave as already established

Too many footpaths trample vegetation



1. BAYSCAPING/LANDSCAPING (CONT.)

- Area needs thoughtful landscaping/management.
- Rework piles of sand on east side and north end.
- Use sand to replenish beach?
- Clear/gently cut back plants around benches
- Create walking path around gate at south end (by Waterside)
- Idea: create a walking lane on east side between telephone poles and road edge
- Idea: Par course/workout stations/mark mileage for exercise trail/path



*Maidstone Park in Springs:
example for prolific beach plums/
native plants, clear pathways,
large buffer between parking lot
and beach — >*



NOYAC CIVIC COUNCIL

ANNOUNCES

Town of Southampton Parks & Recreation,
Noyac Civic Council &
Cornell Cooperative Extension Marine Program present

LONG BEACH SHORELINE RESTORATION VOLUNTEER EVENT

Help us plant native coastal grasses and shrubs to replenish
the natural buffer between the beach and parking area.

SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2022
(RAIN DATE SUN 4/3)
10 AM TO 12 PM

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
ONLINE AT:

BacktotheBays.org/programs/long-beach

This event is made possible through Town of Southampton CPF funding. It will be capped at 25 people, who must pre-register and be willing to physically participate. Guided instruction and tools will be provided by CCE Marine Program Habitat Restoration Specialists.

LONG BEACH SHORELINE RESTORATION VOLUNTEER EVENT

Help us plant native coastal grasses and shrubs to help replenish the natural buffer between the beach and parking area at Foster Memorial Beach aka Long Beach in Noyac/Sag Harbor. For this event, we will be working together with the Southampton Town Parks & Recreation Department and Noyac Civic Association to focus on the area surrounding Memorial Rock, and hope it will bring attention to the need to protect and preserve our shorelines from erosion and runoff.

Participants will learn about the importance of coastal plants to help anchor our beaches in place, serve as habitat for wildlife, filter runoff and preserve the natural beauty of our landscape. The Noyac Civic Council hopes that this event will be a springboard for future restoration workshops and other environmental efforts needed at Long Beach.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Marine Program received Town of Southampton CPF funding in 2021 to expand the coastal plant nursery at the Tiana Bayside Facility in Hampton Bays in order to have a source of plants for town shoreline restoration projects. Coastal plant and shrub species grown by CCE at Tiana Bayside will be utilized for this project as well as some on-site transplantation of additional grasses if needed from healthy donor areas around the property.

The restoration area will be focused near Memorial Rock, a central location along Long Beach which has been completely washed out from winter storms, and will serve as a good starting point. Participants will help plant beach grass, high marsh grass, and some small shrubs such as eastern red cedar, beach plum and virginia rose.



**Cornell Cooperative Extension
Marine Program**

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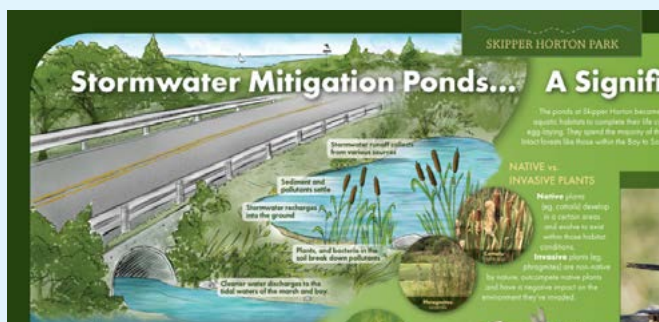
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Use icons to display rules more simply and effectively



https://www.downbeach.com/2020/07/24/ventnor-upgrades-beach-signage/?fbclid=IwAR0Y0_uCu2CY_LgzZ8eV-J_3eERGIKIP9mofTrLh4fw3AJQVJFNTRSx3s3LM4

Educational signage



Examples of current signage; Consolidate signage to be mostly at entrance(s)



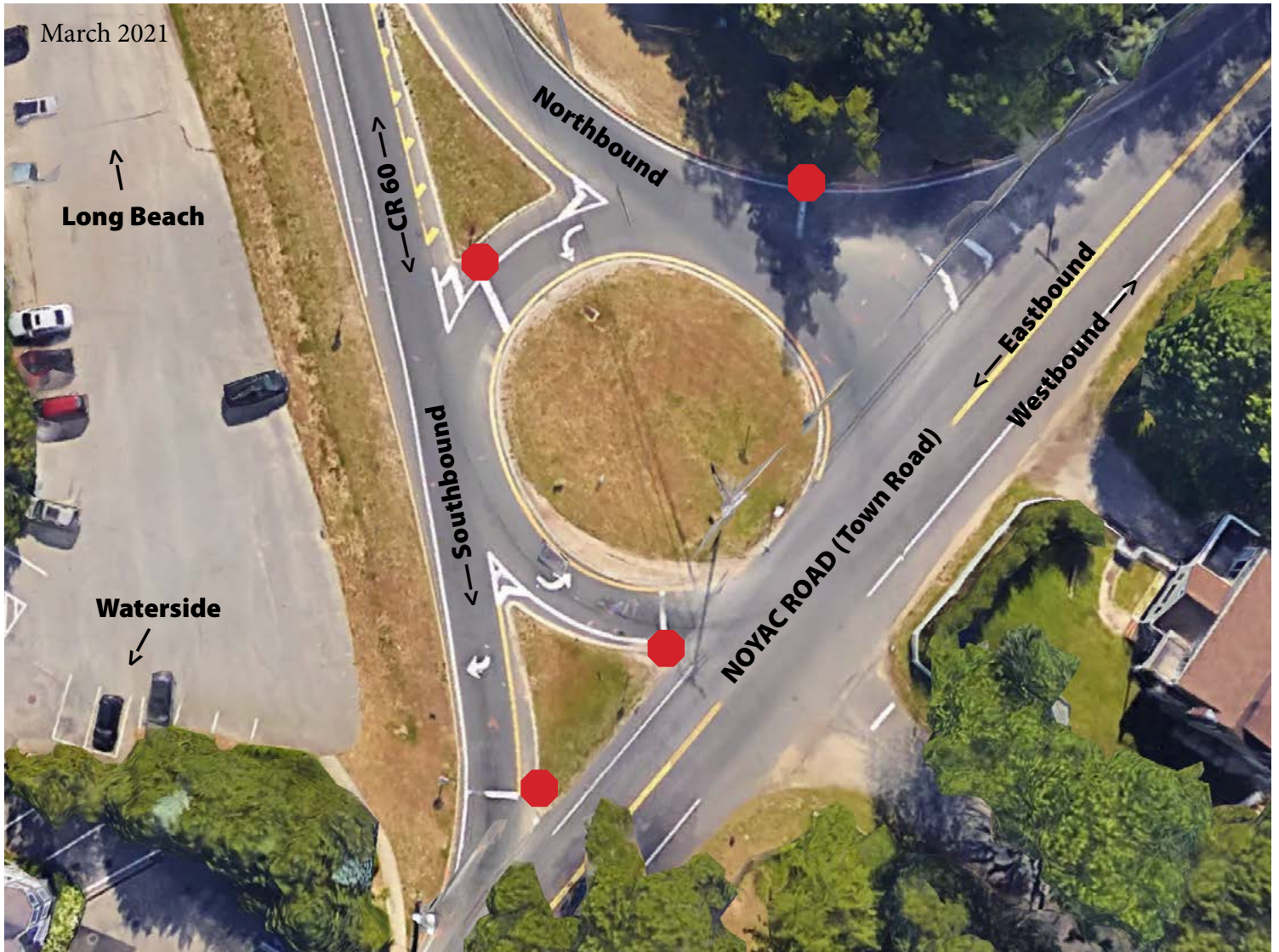
Proposal for “smarter” signage... concentrated at access points to focus attention. Since signage is dispersed throughout, haphazardly, the message gets lost. If [most of] the signage is reworked and clearly stated at the entrance points, it would be more effective. Entrance points would be more defined, as well. Who is responsible for protection and enforcement?



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Note: Community members have devised their own system and installed red flags on either side for people to use to get across Noyac Road (get a photo)

Pathway around gate(s)



Let's support this mission statement from December 2013 and sustain this resource: Long Beach

Southampton 400+ Sustainability Element Addendum to the Town of Southampton Comprehensive Plan

MISSION STATEMENT

June 25, 2013



Wanting to maintain the unique characteristics that define the Town of Southampton, specifically, its scenic vistas, maritime heritage, agricultural heritage and culture, vibrant hamlet centers and unsurpassed beaches, the Town of Southampton wishes to insure the future of the Town. Recognizing and respecting individual property rights, as well as the intent to retain and reaffirm our ability to define our own destiny through local jurisdiction, the "Southampton 400+" Sustainability Plan ("The Plan") seeks to do this. While the term "sustainability" may have global application in other non-town documents, the term as used herein is not in furtherance of those global objectives but is meant to directly apply to the resilience of our local community. The term is relevant only in the context of our local environment and how we can, maintaining our local jurisdiction, best meet the needs of our community in an ever changing context.

It is important to note, that while adopting this as an Element of the Comprehensive Plan, we do so with the knowledge and intent that the goals are aspirational and that tactics identified which pertain to policy matters, legislation and budgetary issues will have to be addressed, debated and and/or deliberated upon separately in the context of future circumstances. The 1999 Update similarly recognizes that the recommendations and policies must be applied in ways that will vary for each hamlet and business center, based upon the physical characteristics, zoning, demand, tax base and other hamlet conditions, including the priorities of local citizenry and businesses.

The intent of the Plan is that it be used in the Planning and Land Use process and provide the means by which the Town may set sustainable priorities via suggestions or recommended actions to consider with mechanisms for measuring success. Potential funding sources for tactics within the plan, as with all policy implementations would include budgetary surplus, grant opportunities (which grants shall be readily available for review and any assurances or other obligations associated with same shall be fully disclosed) and all other viable mechanisms, which would all be the subject of public vetting through a due process.

The Plan sees the potential for possible governmental participation through legislation and the ability of government to act as a facilitator particularly in the area of education. In some areas, its goals are ambitious but decidedly so to encourage a continued desire to improve and progress.

Sustainability, as used in the Plan should be read in the context of "sustaining", namely to sustain the beauty, culture and history that have made our Town among the most desirable places to live and vacation. For those of us who live and work here, this document should be seen as a way to preserve the essence of the Town in perpetuity so that what we treasure most will remain for generations to come.