



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND**

**PARKS AND RECREATION MUNICIPAL**  
**SERVICES**

**FIVE YEAR MASTER PLAN**  
**2007 - 2011**

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## PURPOSE OF THE MASTER PLAN

The purpose of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to establish a citizen-driven five-year plan for developing and improving parks and recreation programs within the Town of Shelter Island. The intent of the plan is to establish a schedule for implementing the identified park and recreation enhancements over a five-year period, commencing in 2007 and ending in 2011. The plan takes into consideration currently existing parks and recreation facilities and programs and identifies or recommends development of new facilities and services.

A survey was conducted during August 2006 to identify the parks and recreation needs and preferences of the citizens of the Town of Shelter Island. In addition to clearly identifying the present characteristics of the park facilities in the Town, the plan presents recommendations, based on the results of the citizen survey, which provides a clear vision for the future of parks and recreation services in this community.

The information in this document provides the Town of Shelter Island officials with an action plan to be implemented, which will expand the Town parks and recreation availability and usage for citizens of all ages and abilities. The Town Board will reevaluate this plan each year to determine what has been accomplished and what remains, and will reevaluate priorities and modify the plan accordingly.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Town of Shelter Island is to provide accessible, affordable and quality leisure facilities to all residents of the Town, and to actively inform and educate residents about the role of the Town. The Town of Shelter Island will ensure that all programs and facilities are available for the public to participate in regardless of age, gender, income, physical disabilities, creed or other barriers, which would preclude participation.

The Town of Shelter Island strives to give the best of recreational experiences to all of its residents and visitors.

# INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Shelter Island is 8,000 acres of forest, marsh and beaches nestled between the North and South Forks of Long Island. It is only accessible by ferry. Just over 100 years ago, the Town of Shelter Island was a farming community with a few fish factories lining its shores. Today it is a summer resort. There are about 2,500 permanent residents, and the population swells to over 8,000 in the summer. Land is very expensive.

The Town Board, in conjunction with the Superintendent of Highways/Commissioner of Public Works, assumes responsibility of developing and administering recreational facilities throughout the Town. In addition to more active recreational lands, the Town has been empowered by Section 64-e of the Town Law to participate in the Community Preservation Fund program. The proceeds from a 2% tax on certain property transfers are used, among other things, to acquire parks, nature preserves and recreational areas. The Town has also placed certain public properties in its Nature Preserve system (Chapter 91 of the Shelter Island Town Code) to protect them from inappropriate use and development. Both of these programs are overseen by the Town Board.

## Parks Facilities

In the Town, there are currently 12 parks that actively serve local residents and visitors to this community:

1. Crescent Beach, 0.78 acres: this park is a public beach which contains a public restroom and lifeguard stand. Floats in the water delineate the monitored bathing area.
2. Wades Beach, 8.31 acres: this park is a public beach which contains a public restroom and lifeguard stand. It has a large parking area but few other amenities. The parking lot and restroom need to be refurbished, and the town plans to develop a picnic area as well as a public volleyball court.
3. Menhaden Lane, 0.25 acres: this is a road end leading down to a beach, with no amenities. The parking area needs to be refurbished and the beach area more clearly marked to prevent the public from interfering with the piping plovers which nest in the area.
4. Shell Beach, 19 acres: this park is a half-mile long peninsula which provides public recreational access to Peconic Bay on the south, and the more sheltered waters of West Neck Creek to the north. Because it is adjacent to a transient mooring area, this beach is widely used by transient boaters as well as local residents. The beach has suffered serious storm erosion in the past few years and requires fill and stabilization.

5. Goat Hill Golf Course, 42.17 acres: this is a 9 hold public golf course containing a clubhouse constructed in the early 1900s. The clubhouse is in need of the constant renovation. The golf greens also are in need of rehabilitation.
6. Ice Pond Park, 9.53 acres: this is a largely unimproved park adjacent to a large fresh water pond used by early settlers to harvest ice. The park contains a picnic table.
7. Taylors Island, 1.5 acre: this park is on a peninsula which is inaccessible from land at high tide. It contains a house constructed in the 1920s, which has applied for status on the federal and state historic register. The park is bulkheaded on three sides and has a dock on the south for boat access. The park is part of the water trail in Coecles Harbor for use by boaters and kayakers.
8. Sachem's Woods, 35.95 acres: This is a heavily forested park with trails for passive recreational use. Several areas require protection from erosion and the trails require marking and maintenance.
9. Wayside Park, 0.75 acres: This is a small park with water views. It contains a picnic table for public use.
10. Bridge Street Park, 0.1 acres: This is a planned park giving the public access and views of Dering Harbor and Chase Creek. It is bulkheaded on two sides. The goal is to remove the existing dilapidated building, install grass and plantings, add seating, repair the bulkheads, and add fencing so that the public could use the park for fishing as well as relaxing.
11. Tot Lot, 0.1 acres: The Town and Shelter Island School have cooperated to provide a playground for small children. It contains roughly a dozen pieces of play equipment and is surrounded by a 3 foot chain link fence. The town repair the fence, replace some of the equipment and improve the surface of the play area to increase safety.
12. Nursery/Rasmussen property, 25 acres: The Town of Shelter Island and County of Suffolk have jointly acquired these properties with community preservation funds. The properties have a trail system, with a number of trails through meadow and overgrown nursery stock, and a number of trails through virgin woodlands. The Town will develop the trail system to include signage, seating, and equipment to keep the paths property cleared.

## Recreation Facilities

The Town also has the following recreational facilities:

1. Shelter Island Youth Center – This is currently housed in a 20' x 40' trailer next to the town landfill. It is open varying evenings throughout the year for use, primarily by youth between 12 and 17. It contains a television, DVD, video games, pool table, game tables, and computer.
2. Shelter Island Senior Center – This is currently housed in the basement of the town's medical center. It includes a central room and a kitchen. The town runs an adult day care program out of this facility.
3. Project FIT – The town and school district jointly operate a community fitness center with tennis courts, for use by members of the public who pay a membership fee. The center is approximately 40 x 20' with a small office, exam room and bathroom. The office is used by the town's recreation director.
4. Community Center – This is a proposed facility currently under study. It will consolidate the youth and senior centers for improved facilities with better supervision. It will also provide the community with a large meeting and banquet room. Current recreational and community activities are held in various church, school, library and private facilities. This will provide a central place for these activities, especially in light of growing numbers and need.
5. Active Town Beaches – The Town designates a swim area at Wades and Crescent Beach, and has a staffed lifeguard stand during the day in the summer months. Both Wades and Crescent Beaches have public bathrooms. There is a volleyball court at Crescent Beach.
5. Boat Ramps – The Town has approximately 80 boat ramps, which provide public access to the waters surrounding Shelter Island. Most were developed where a road runs into the water. They are constructed of various materials, including wood, concrete or crushed stone. They are maintained by the highway department. They are subject to damage by storms, tides and public usage.

# HISTORY OF PARKS DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND

To date, the Town has not had a formal Parks and Recreation Plan. Parks have developed based on historical traditions, donations of land, and the efforts of prior Town Boards to save significant parcels of land on Shelter Island.

The parks are traditionally maintained by the Highway Department, who keep laws mowed, beaches on good shape and buildings repaired.

Recreation programs, including lifeguards, the fitness center and youth programs, are overseen by the Recreation Coordinator.

In order to assess the public's goals and needs for parks and recreation, the Town conducted a survey. The survey was published as a full page ad in the town's newspaper at the height of the summer season, and was available for pickup at town hall. All survey results were tabulated and analyzed. The results have been incorporated into this Master Plan. The tabulations of data are attached as Exhibit A to this Plan.

# ANALYSIS OF CURRENT PARK USAGE

The Town details the following annual usage for the following Town parks that lend themselves to recreational activities:

## Crescent Beach

- Public swimming
- Youth swimming lessons
- Public picnicking
- Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks

## Wades Beach

- Public swimming
- Youth swimming lessons
- Public picnicking
- Storage and use of non-motorized boats

## Shell and Menhaden Beaches

- Public swimming
- Public boating
- Fishing

## Goat Hill Golf Course

- Golf
- Clubhouse used by community groups

## Taylor's Island

- Educational forums held by The Nature Conservancy
- Landing and resting point on Coecles Harbor water trail

## Wayside Park

- Picnicking
- Designated site for unclaimed Indian/pioneer remains

## Bridge Street Park (proposed)

- Fishing
- Picnicking



## Deficiencies in current parks

There are several deficiencies in the parks programs. A number of the parks have aging structures that are in need of repair. Since many of the parks are on the water, and thus subject to erosion, efforts must be made to repair existing bulkheads or otherwise stabilize the property.

The Town is interested in keeping the current low-key nature of the parks, by limiting formal development and preserving the ecological values of the properties. These goals are balanced against public needs for usage.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This section lists the goals and objectives of the Park's Five Year Master Plan. They are broken down into the following categories: Parks General, Parks Specific.

### PARKS GENERAL

#### GOAL 1:

To improve park and recreation facilities.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- By concentrating on improving the aesthetics of passive and active recreation areas by adding trees, flowers, and properly maintaining lawn areas.
- Dead wood will be cleaned out of these areas pursuant when the town annually opens up the areas to the public for the collection of firewood.
- By improving accessibility to park facilities and equipment by 2010.
- By working cooperatively with the Highway Department's staff to develop a Parks Maintenance program. This will involve sharing equipment and staff as needed for each project. The Recreation and Parks Department will continue to take the lead in coordinating maintenance work and improvements within the park system.
- By educating maintenance staff on proper care of trees, shrubs, grasses and plants through attendance at local park conferences annually.
- By leaving the undeveloped areas alone as much as possible. Avoid planting in or disturbing these areas.
- By cleaning unnatural debris out of beaches and around parks as needed.
- By proper sealing and paving of walkways, park roads and parking areas as needed.
- By planting of beach grass and other stabilizing vegetation along beaches as necessary to help with erosion control by 2010.

## GOAL 2:

To identify land within the town for use as future park, recreation, or open space areas.

### OBJECTIVES:

- By having the Community Preservation Board identify sensitive land areas within the Town and to work with Town, Planning, and Conservation Advisory Board to identify these areas as protected special land use, or dedicate for public use by 2010.
- By working jointly and cooperatively with other government or nonprofit organizations to acquire land that can be used for future park, recreation and open space development.

## GOAL 3:

To expand outdoor recreation opportunities for Shelter Island residents.

### OBJECTIVES:

- By promoting conservation and nature study using town parks by 2010.
- Plan and develop a town-wide trails system, using Community Preservation Fund properties and other land to allow citizens to appreciate the beauties of the Island.
- Promoting Town parks by offering a variety of special activities and group clean-ups within the parks by 2008.
- By utilizing Boy and Girl Scout troops for specialized projects that meet the requirements of the 5 year master plan, such as clearing trails and lining with fallen timbers and wood chips annually.
- By constructing new play apparatus with "soft" ground covering (i.e.; wood chips or sand) that is also accessible to those with physical disabilities by 2010.
- By acquiring additional parkland in the Town of Shelter Island.
- By maintaining and repairing the boat ramps that provide public access to town waterways, but which are constantly damaged by erosion and storms.

## GOAL 4

To educate residents as to the available natural resources of the town and the value of having local parks and historic places.

### OBJECTIVES:

- By having park awareness days and special events held in the parks such as: Earth Day and Arbor Day events annually.
- By organizing community group participation in park clean up, nature hikes, March for Parks, and camp outs annually.
- By producing a Cable 22 show with facts about the town parks.

- By involving local media in writing feature articles about the history and development of each park.
- By strengthening cooperation with the Shelter Island School District to open the parks as a learning environment to their classes and encourage school group projects in park improvements.
- By holding educationally and environmentally appropriate activities at parks and historically significant places within the Town of Shelter Island.

**GOAL 5:**

To utilize creative methods of fund raising and park sponsorship to offset park maintenance and improvements.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- By creating a “Park Stewardship” program in 2008.
- By assuring that 3% of the community preservation fund is earmarked for repair, maintenance, and improvement of existing facilities annually.
- By establishing an “Adopt-A-Park” Program to encourage community businesses to contribute for park improvements by 2010.
- By continuing a Tree Dedication Program to provide an incentive for persons to make a donation for purchase and planting of a tree in a park.
- By developing and keeping current a five-year capital improvement program and budget for the parks by 2011.
- By working closely with the “Friends of Shelter Island Recreation & Parks” group to fund special park projects.

**GOAL 6:**

To design, construct and rehabilitate park facilities to meet the needs of the community.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- By applying for available state grants on an annual basis.
- By applying for federal grants such as the Trust Fund on an annual basis.
- By applying to foundations for funding on an annual basis.
- By establishing an ongoing maintenance program for the parks in cooperation and coordination with the Building and Grounds and the Highway Department by 2010.
- To clean out unused ornamental vegetation from various of the former nursery properties to beautify public areas and to provide sufficient growing space for the remaining vegetation.

## PARKS SPECIFIC

### GOAL 7:

To rehabilitate facilities at **Taylor's Island** to meet the needs of the community.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- By applying for available state grants in 2007.
- By applying for federal grants such as the Historical Preservation grants in 2007.
- By applying to foundations for funding in 2007.
- By establishing an ongoing maintenance program for the parks in cooperation and coordination with the Highway Department by 2010.
- Implement a project with The Nature Conservancy to rehabilitate the existing bulkheads or to establish other shoreline protection devices to prevent erosion by 2008.
- To maintain the structure in a safe condition until funding for more extensive renovations are available in 2007.
- To have Taylor's Island listed on the state and federal historic registers during 2007.

### GOAL 8:

To maintain facilities at **Goat Hill** golf course to meet the needs of the community.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- By applying for available state grants in 2007.
- By applying for federal grants such as the Historical Preservation grants in 2007.
- By applying to foundations for funding in 2007.
- By establishing an ongoing maintenance program in conjunction with property manager Shelter Island Country Club, to ensure the structure is maintained and enough money is set aside to fund necessary capital improvements.
- To obtain funding and equipment necessary to rehabilitate and maintain the greens.

### GOAL 9:

To rehabilitate facilities at **Crescent Beach** to meet the needs of the community.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- By applying for available state grants in 2007.
- By applying for federal grants such as the Historical Preservation grants in 2007.
- By applying to foundations for funding in 2007.
- By establishing an ongoing maintenance program for Crescent Beach in cooperation and coordination with the Highway Department by 2010.
- By working to maintain and rehabilitate the existing stairs and bulkheads to prevent erosion.

- To provide ramps and other equipment to make beach accessible to persons with disabilities by 2009.
- By acquiring additional adjoining beach properties as they become available, to accommodate demands of increasing population.

**GOAL 10:**

To rehabilitate facilities at **Wades Beach** to meet the needs of the community.

OBJECTIVES:

- By applying for available state grants in 2007.
- By applying for federal grants such as the Historical Preservation grants in 2007.
- By applying to foundations for funding in 2007.
- By implementing a maintenance program for Crescent Beach, in cooperation and coordination with the Highway Department, in 2007.
- By working to maintain and rehabilitate the existing bathrooms by the end of 2007.
- To complete a project to provide ramps and other equipment to make beach accessible to persons with disabilities by 2009.
- To add amenities to the beach such as game courts, model gardens, enhanced bathroom facilities, etcetera by 2009.

**GOAL 11:**

To rehabilitate facilities at **Shell Beach** to meet the needs of the community.

OBJECTIVES:

- By applying for available state grants in 2007.
- By applying for federal grants such as the Historical Preservation grants in 2007.
- By applying to foundations for funding in 2007.
- By establishing an ongoing maintenance program for Shell Beach in cooperation and coordination with the Highway Department by 2010.
- To implement a project to add sand and a groin to repair and prevent existing erosion in 2007.
- To seek funding in 2007 to provide ramps and other equipment to make beach accessible to persons with disabilities.

**GOAL 12:**

To remove and create facilities at **Bridge Street** to meet the needs of the community.

OBJECTIVES:

- By applying for available state grants in 2007.
- By applying for federal grants such as the Historical Preservation grants in 2007.
- By applying to foundations for funding in 2007.

- By removing the existing dilapidated structures down to ground level, capping off any utilities, in 2007.
- By adding lawn and landscaping for the park area in 2007.
- Seek funding to renovate and repair the aging bulkhead, and add railings along the creek on two sides to protect public safety while promoting public activities such as fishing in 2009.

**GOAL 13:**

To create and maintain trails throughout the town to meet the recreational needs of the community.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- By applying for at least one available state grants in 2007.
- By gathering the support of community groups, scouts, and willing businesses to develop trails on town owned property by 2008.
- By developing plans for an overall town trails system highlighting significant town ecological features such as freshwater wetlands, kettle holes, meadows, forests and beaches in 2010.
- By developing and implementing a system for monitoring the ongoing safety and maintenance of the trails in 2007.

## Deficiencies in current recreation facilities

There are several deficient areas where the Recreation Department needs to improve the types and variety of programs in order to reach more participants. The following programs are not offered through the recreation department due to lack of proper space, facilities and staff needed to implement such organized activities.

More active recreational programs are needed geared toward family participation i.e.; Family Game Days, Family Festivals and Family Entertainment. There is also a need for year-round, indoor athletic activities such as basketball and volleyball and also after school activities. This is not being done due to lack of gym space.

It should also be noted that at present, the public school is at maximum capacity in usage. Therefore, another alternative will be to build or purchase a multi-purpose community center. A community center will give residents a place to recreate, meet other families, and learn skills. Development of swimming skills is especially important on an island, but outdoor pool usage is limited to the summer months, therefore there will be much value in developing an indoor community pool.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This section lists the goals and objectives of the Recreation and Parks Department's Five Year Master Plan. They are broken down into the following categories: Department, Staff, Facilities and Recreation Programming.

### DEPARTMENT

#### GOAL 14:

Implement a plan to educate for leisure by informing residents of the value of leisure in their lives and for the well-being of the community.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- By increasing the distribution of the Town of Shelter Island Recreation & Parks Department program brochures to Town residents in 2007. Included in the brochure are all leisure programs, activities and park information offered by the Recreation and Parks Department along with a brief description of the benefits of program participation. Also included in each brochure is a section on the benefits of recreation.
- By commencing the sending of a welcome letter and brochure to all new Town residents informing them of recreational opportunities in their community on a monthly basis commencing 2010.

- By creating a videotape depicting the department and its impact on the recreational needs of the community by 2008.
- By showing announcements of 2007 department programs, activities and Public Service Announcements on Channel 22.
- By the attendance of the professional staff at at least one conference and workshop in 2007 focusing on the benefits of recreation and leisure and community education for health, yearly.
- By keeping the town website current to inform the public of our programs, services and benefits of participation during 2007.

### **GOAL 15:**

To interact with representatives from community and civic organizations, businesses, churches and schools for the purpose of conducting and promoting leisure services.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- By quarterly attendance of a liaison from the commission to the Town Board meetings to report on recreational activities, including the youth and senior programs during 2007.
- By meeting at least quarterly during 2007 with representatives from the Shelter Island School District to discuss mutual concerns and issues.
- By continuous dialogue with non-public groups and churches through correspondence and presentations on an ongoing basis.
- By monthly monitoring decisions of the Shelter Island Town Board that may have an impact on the delivery of leisure services.
- By meeting periodically with representatives from other community organization boards, such as the Shelter Island Historical Society, to discuss mutual concerns on issues.

### **GOAL 16:**

To provide a safe environment for staff, participants, and spectators who are involved in leisure activities which are sponsored by the town.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- By creating a Safety & Incident Committee to rectify and prevent potential safety hazards or future incidents.
- By inventorying, on a biannual basis, all equipment and supplies to determine repair, replacement, needs and cost.
- By repairing and replacing equipment as needed or required.
- By inspecting, on a continual basis, all facilities and park equipment for potential hazards.
- By communication with the Highway Department on an as-needed basis regarding deficiencies within park facilities and grounds.
- By maintaining a Safety Manual for the department and updating as needed.
- By providing first aid and CPR training to staff members on a yearly basis.



- By providing up-to-date complete first aid kits and mobile packs for all facilities and programs.
- By making follow up calls on all accident reports and investigating any preventable accidents.

**GOAL 17:**

To assure that the quality of programs, services and facilities provided by the Shelter Island Recreation Department meet the public’s needs and desires.

**OBJECTIVE:**

- By providing fully qualified, competent and trained staff through annual participation in training seminars, conferences, and workshops.
- By asking for feedback from program participants through the use of program evaluation forms and comment sheets on a seasonal basis.
- By orienting new staff and re-orienting existing staff in departmental policies, procedures and guidelines annually.
- By maintaining National Accreditation through the National Recreation & Parks Association.

**STAFF**

**GOAL 18:**

To expand programs and services based on the Town’s human resources.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- By adding full-time or part-time personnel to the department, or to reorganize responsibilities, as determined by the Town Board by using the following criteria:
  - A. Participation
  - B. Attendance
  - C. Facilities
  - D. Population
  - E. Legal mandates
  - F. Diversity
  - G. Attainment of short term goals

**GOAL 19:**

To provide ongoing training for part-time staff.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- By attendance at at least one Long Island parks workshops by 2008.

- By attendance of Senior support staff at workshops sponsored by Suffolk County Office for the Aging on an annual basis.
- To provide job-related educational literature and material to part-time staff in 2007.
- To provide annual in-house staff training on topics pertaining to health and safety in 2007.

## **FACILITIES**

### **GOAL 20:**

To develop a community center that will be available at a site deemed appropriate by the Town of Shelter Island Community Center Committee.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- By conducting a feasibility study by the end of 2006.
- By commencing a fundraising campaign in 2007.
- By 2007, appointing a Ways & Means Committee to audit the community for available alternate sources of funding.
- By researching alternative sources of funding with the Towns Grants Consultant in 2007.

### **GOAL 21:**

To rehabilitate Town Boat ramps to meet the needs of the community.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- To apply for at least one state/county grants in 2007.
- To apply for federal grants dealing with erosion control and emergency access in 2008.
- To receive an annual update of the WMAC report on the status of all town boat ramps, identifying needs during 2007.
- By establishing an ongoing maintenance program for boat ramps in cooperation and coordination with the Highway Department by 2008.
- To submit applications for at least ten maintenance permits with the DEC to add rip rap as necessary to stabilize ramps and minimize erosion during 2007.
- To have the WMAC monitor unlawful encroachments of boats or other objects into the ramp area in 2007.

## **RECREATION PROGRAMMING**

### **GOAL 22:**

To provide a variety of quality leisure programs, activities and services for all residents of the Town of Shelter Island.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- By offering one new program for each age group each season.
- By requesting participants to complete a program evaluation form at the completion of each program.

**GOAL 23:**

To utilize and promote the concept of "joint programming" with other public and private agencies for co-sponsorship of activities.

OBJECTIVES:

- By 2007, scheduling meetings with other public and private agencies to discuss the possibility of co-sponsorship of activities, services and programs.

**GOAL 24:**

To become less dependent on tax dollars as a means of support for the department.

OBJECTIVES:

- By evaluating and adjusting user's fees for specific programs on an annual basis.
- By developing a co-sponsorship program to share the costs and benefits of successful programming.

**SENIOR ADULTS**

**GOAL 25:**

To program for the entire adult life span.

OBJECTIVES:

- By publicizing the content and level of fitness programs in all brochures and flyers.
- By offering pre-retirement training classes on an annual basis.
- By developing a pool of active younger seniors to assist in planning and marketing programs that will appeal to this population.

**GOAL 26:**

To motivate older adults to be active participants in planning and living a healthy lifestyle.

OBJECTIVES:

- By making available continuing education programs relating to health, nutrition and exercise at weekly senior club meetings.

- By providing health information on the senior monthly newsletter.
- By providing creative and innovative programs that foster health and wellness consistent with current trends.
- By making available to seniors educational and recreational programs at community recreational sites and parks in the Town of Shelter Island.

**GOAL 27:**

To provide and facilitate more transportation to recreation programs for seniors with limited mobility.

OBJECTIVES:

- By including transportation options in the monthly senior newsletter and recreation brochures.
- By sending flyers and the senior newsletters to local churches, senior adult groups, and apartment managers monthly.
- By requesting funding through available grants to purchase a wheelchair accessible van.
- By sponsoring panels on transportation options in the community at senior club meetings and on Channel 22 during the winter season.

**GOAL 28:**

To assist homebound senior adults in developing a satisfying leisure lifestyle.

OBJECTIVES:

- By increasing the number of leisure assessment visits in 2007 and developing a monthly visiting schedule based on individual need.
- By increasing the recruitment and training for volunteers for craft and friendly visitor programs for homebound persons in 2007.
- By meeting with caseworkers from Lifespan and Catholic Family Center for referrals as needed.

**ADULTS**

**GOAL 29:**

To provide leisure programs that meet the changing lifestyles of community residents.

OBJECTIVES:

- By offering activities which encourage family participation in 2007.
- By offering programs at various times and various lengths to accommodate a variety of work schedules in 2007.
- By offering co-ed fitness programs by 2010.
- By 2008, offering additional social activities that provide opportunities for interaction for adults.

## **YOUTH**

### **GOAL 30:**

To expand programs and services for pre-school age children and teens at times and locations most convenient to family schedules.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- By identifying the number of children and areas of interest in specific age ranges through a town-wide survey in 2009 to correspond to the master plan process.
- By establishing linkages for at-risk youth with other public and private agencies by 2009.
- By increasing the number of pre-school/parent programs by 1 each season starting 2007.
- By working with the Juvenile Youth Counselor and Community Policing Officer to provide activities and programs for at-risk youth annually, starting in 2007.

### **GOAL 31:**

To increase community awareness of the Shelter Island Recreation Department especially among teens and their families.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- By increased staff visibility at school and community functions annually, starting in 2007.
- By utilizing the Internet to promote activities in 2007.
- By 2008, producing a video to promote the department.
- By annual participation in Career Day at area high schools in 2007.

## **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

### **GOAL 32:**

To provide qualified and competent staff members and volunteers to work in programs for the developmentally disabled.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- By conducting a staff workshop focusing on working with the developmentally disabled population in 2007.
- By monitoring all town-owned recreational parks and facilities to make sure that they are handicapped accessible in 2007.

### **GOAL 33:**

To increase the number of participants in programs for those with disabilities.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- By regular communication with area educators in 2007 to identifying potential participants.
- By providing additional programs geared specifically for persons with disabilities by 2010.
- By meeting with school authorities to provide assisting hearing impaired individuals with sign interpreters for theater performances in 2007.

## RESOURCES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Town has limited resources to accomplish the above-mentioned goals and must prioritize them. Here are the priorities for 2007. The Town Board will reevaluate the priorities annually to reflect progress made in the prior year:

Priority 1-2007. Taylor's Island – to stabilize the existing structure and bulkhead and to make improvements as funding allows.

Priority 2-2007. Bridge Street Park – to remove the existing structures and add landscaping, railings and seating sufficient to create a park fronting on scenic Dering Harbor.

Priority 3-2007. Community Center – to identify the best site and configuration for a Community Center in the Town and to raise funds sufficient to commence construction.

Priority 4-2007. Bulkheads – repair or replace deteriorated bulkhead at Taylors Island and Bridge Street Park.

Priority 1-2008. Taylors Island – to use grant funding to rehabilitate the house and open to public for public and educational meetings.







# Appendix A

## Shelter Island Parks Plan Questionnaire statistical summary

Question  
1

Please indicate priorities among the following general kinds of improvements,  
with 1 being top priority and 5 being lowest priority

# reflects rankings from survey

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
<b>Restrooms</b>	<b>Trails</b>	<b>Golfing</b>	<b>Picnic Area</b>	<b>Playground</b>	<b>Courts</b>
99	116	121	130	134	151

Note: Lowest score is top priority

Parks Questionnaire

Question 2: Shelter Island owns property of several different types.

Please indicate which type should get first priority for development money.  
1 is top priority and 5 is lowest priority.

# reflects ranking on survey

#1	#2	#3	#4
<b>Beaches</b>	<b>Small Parks</b>	<b>Woodlands</b>	<b>Fields</b>
59	87	89	101

4 no answers  
29 with answers

Note: Lowest scores reflect greatest  
priority

Question 3: Here are a number of properties that might be included the park plan.  
 Please indicate the properties in order of priority.  
 1 is top priority for inclusion and 12 is lowest priority.

#1	#2	#3	#3	#4	#5	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10
Wades	Bridge St	Crescent	Goat Hill	Shell	Taylor's	Ice Pond	Menhaden	Sachems	Tot Lot	Nursery	Wayside
145	170	175	175	183	204	214	226	268	276	288	325

4. What other kinds of parks activities should the town develop?

Bicycle Routes (make safer) 6	Peaceful and quiet areas
Walking trails 3	Animal refuge
Wildlife habitat 2	Historical
Tennis courts with backboards 2	Cooling Station like in Greenport
Activities accessible to everyone	Platform tennis
Places to stroll and sit	Bird watching stations
Affordable Golf clinics like the tennis ones	Native plants/flowers display
Aqua center with lap pool, elder swim programs	Running trail in Mashomack
Get Legion Hall as community center	
Picnic pavilions with electricity at all parks	
Restrooms and picnic areas, playgrounds and community center	

5. Are there any properties you would like to see acquired as a town park? If so, describe.

Prospect Park 2  
Sylvester Manor 2  
Lot to south of Dering Harbor near Piccozzis near Chase Creek  
Reclaim more area in front of Sunset Beach – also need handicap parking  
Empty lot next to Fedis  
Brandensteins near Crab Creek  
more access to Fresh Pond  
all Ram Island Causeways  
yellow house across from school for ballfield  
Bowditch Road parcel between Hampshire Farms and Larson pit  
Fallert woods  
N. side Rams Isle Road vacant land

6. What kinds of recreational activities would you like to see? (check box)

16 Outdoor music concerts 6 Children's play dates 9 Nature walks 4 Sports

Other activities listed:

Golf 2	Outdoor movies
Flea Market	Softball teams
Outdoor theater plays	Children's day camp
Lights in tennis courts	Community tennis association
Fenced in swings/slide at Wades Beach w/ shade	

*Other Comments:*

install speed bumps on Menantic Road and New York Avenue  
better equipment and more space for Project FIT xx  
Tear down old highway barn and restore site to natural  
purchase Sunset Beach Hotel and make into park with rec facilities, toilets  
purchase cottages at North Ferry, tear down and make public beach  
Course upgrades Goat Hill  
Fix toilets at Louis' Beach  
Provide trash cans that are emptied regularly xx  
Pump out boats in West Neck Harbor and dredging creeks  
maintain medical center w/ better A/C and public restrooms

## INFORMATION ON RESPONDENTS

7. Give us some information about you.

I am a:

- Full time resident **19**
- Part time resident **13**
- Visitor **0**

Age:

- 0-21 **0**
- 21-40 **4**
- 40-65 **22**
- 65+ **8**