

REACH 17 - JAMAICA BAY / ROCKAWAY

Location: Southern shore of Brooklyn from Marine Park to Spring Creek, Queens from Spring Creek to the Nassau County border, the Rockaway Peninsula, and the islands and waters of the bay.

Upland Neighborhoods: Flatlands, Mill Basin, Bergen Beach, Canarsie, Ozone Park, Howard Beach, Brookville, Rosedale, Broad Channel, Far Rockaway, Edgemere, Arverne, Rockaway Beach, Rockaway Park, Belle Harbor, Neponsit, Roxbury, Breezy Point

Neighborhood Strategies

Reachwide

- Improve coordination between city, state, and federal agencies to create a comprehensive public access strategy for the bay, including coordinating with the National Park Service on the General Management Plan process for all sites that are part of Gateway National Recreation Area (GNRA).
- Implement marshland restoration projects, including local sponsorship of the U. S. Army Corps restoration project at Yellow Bar Hassock.
- Complete installation of nitrogen control technologies at Waste Water Treatment Plants.

From Spring Creek to Fresh Creek

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- Preserve and promote public awareness of salt marshes and support restoration plans for Spring Creek.
- For portion of Belt parkway between Fresh Creek and Knapp Street, support bridge and roadway improvements to enhance pedestrian and bike connectivity, and with improvements to natural landscape.
- Explore opportunities for boat launch and fishing based on the criteria described in the Citywide Strategy.
- Improve pedestrian access to existing waterfront parks.
- Continue monitoring of capped Pennsylvania and Fountain Ave. landfills and explore future opportunities for public access (GNRA).
- Improve maintenance and explore options for public access in Fresh Creek.

From Fresh Creek to Paerdegat Basin

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- Conduct a ribbed mussel pilot, evaluating filtration of pollutants.
- Explore options for rehabilitation and further active, cultural use of historic Canarsie pier (GNRA).
- Complete restoration of Canarsie Park including a nature trail.
- Complete CSO storage facility and Ecology Park including tidal wetland and adjacent upland habitat.

Mill Basin (Fort Sparrow Marsh)

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- Support development of city-owned land along Flatbush Ave with public access where appropriate and protection of ecologically-sensitive areas.

Floyd Bennett Field & Jacob Riis Park

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- Support plans to maximize public use and activation (GNRA).
- Explore options for boat access to Jamaica Bay in Jacob Riis Park.
- Collaborate on work of the Floyd Bennett Field Blue Ribbon Panel.

Former Schmitt's Marina Site

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- Explore options for creating a nature preserve and publicly accessible open space with walkways and seating.

Beach Channel West/Beach Channel Park

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- Secure funding for seawall repair from the Cross Bay Bridge to Beach 156th St. and improve public access along the bay by enhancing walkway connections between Tribute Park at Beach 116th St. and Beach 130th St.

Beach 108th St.

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- Examine options for the reuse of the LIPA site once remediation is complete, as well as the vacant City-owned waterfront lots on the bay for waterfront recreation and transportation opportunities.

Beach Channel

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- Improve Beach 88th St. for waterfront public access with walkways and seating.
- Support proposed commercial and marina development at Beach 80th St. which will restore the wetlands located on the site, provide public access on designated walkways, and provide a human-powered boat launch.

Arverne Urban Renewal Area

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- Complete construction of the Arverne by the Sea project, including the Dunes, and a new YMCA recreation center, and ensure implementation of all five oceanfront public access paths, including Beach 67th St. which would lead to the elevated transit station.
- Improve wayfinding along Beach 59th St. to connect waterfront resources on the ocean and bay as well as the elevated transit station and planned Rockaway Institute for Sustainable Environment.
- Support planned educational center and nature preserve and maintain habitat between Beach 44th St. and Beach 56th St.

Edgemere

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- Continue construction of Edgemere Urban Renewal Area with housing, parks, and additional open spaces.
- Examine possible future uses for remediated landfill in conjunction with a master plan for Rockaway Community Park that improves pedestrian access and includes opportunities for boat launch based on the criteria in the Citywide Strategy.
- Address mosquito issue and restore shoreline and habitats.

Idlewild Park

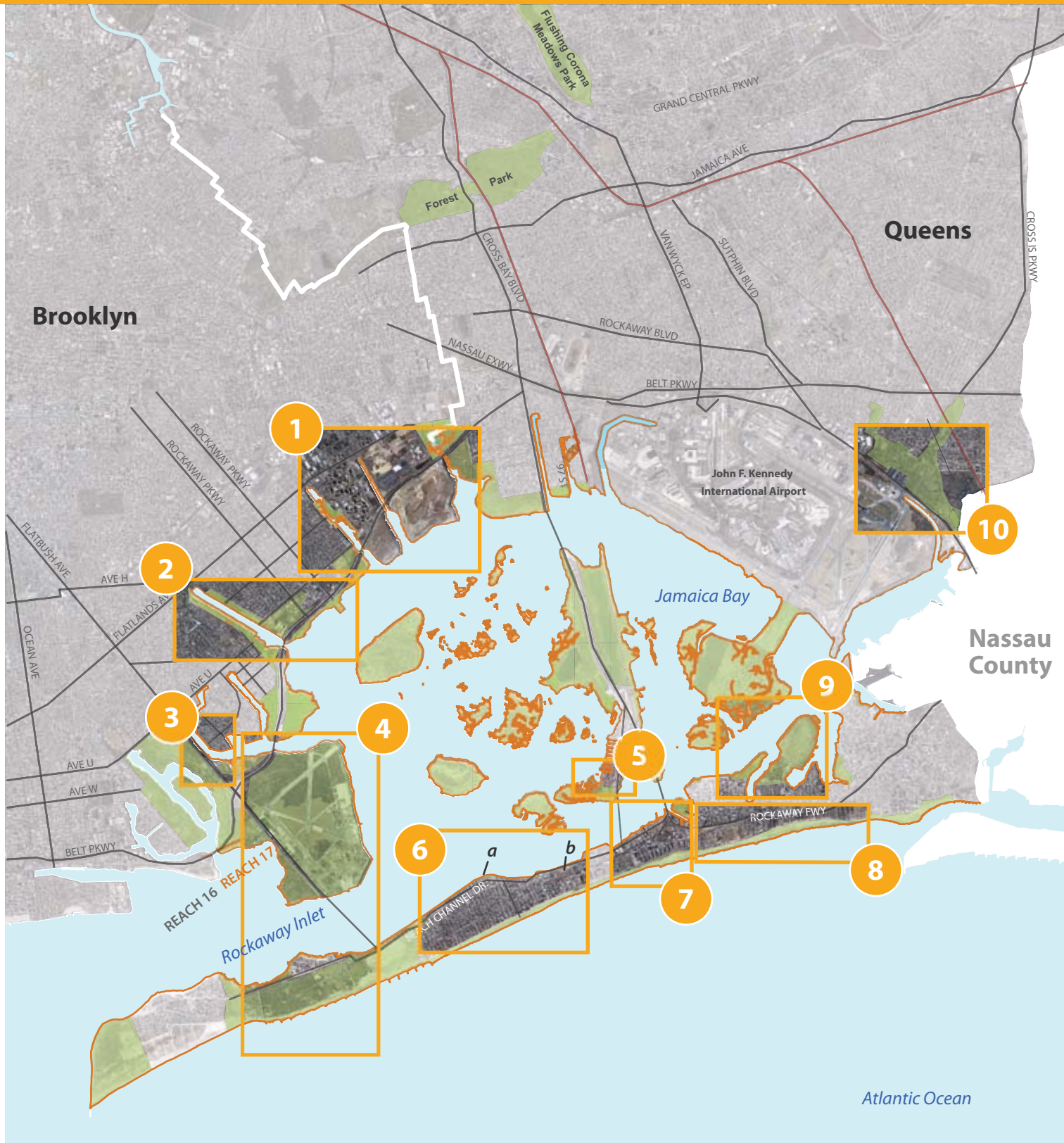
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- Advance park master plan to enhance public access including an environmental education center.
- Explore opportunities for an additional human-powered boat launch based on the criteria described in the Citywide Strategy.

Rockaway Peninsula

- Conduct an eel-grass pilot study at Breezy Point Tip.
- Explore providing human powered boat access to the Atlantic Ocean.
- Coordinate any additional community suggestions for improving waterfront access with current set of recommendations.
- Support the implementation of the National Park Service's Jamaica Bay Greenway Missing Links Study and the Department of City Planning's Bike Lanes Under Elevated Rail Lines report.
- Complete improvements to Rockaway Beach Park, including recreational areas and amenities.

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— Reach Boundary

○ Recommendation Areas

■ Major Parklands

