

# OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

## BOROUGH OF POINT PLEASANT OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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## 2.0 INTRODUCTION

Point Pleasant Borough is a clean and pleasant New Jersey shore community in which to raise a family. The Borough is a place to relax and enjoy nature throughout the year. It is also a densely populated town where development pressures threaten public access to and enjoyment of environmentally sensitive areas. As a densely developed community, Point Pleasant Borough understands the importance of preserving viewsapes, ensuring access to waterways, conserving ecological resources, maintaining diverse habitats, valuing historical landmarks, and providing ample opportunities for passive and active recreational activities. As such, the Borough seeks to conserve important environmental and historical resources as well as provide well maintained recreational areas and facilities throughout the community.

As a result, this *Open Space and Recreation Plan* (OSRP) has been prepared to help guide future open space acquisitions and recreational development in Point Pleasant Borough. It has been prepared in conformance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres requirements for Planning Incentive Grants and other funding programs.

### ***Setting and Population***

The Borough of Point Pleasant is located on the central New Jersey shore and includes 4.2 square miles, 3.5 of which are on land. The Borough is located in northeast Ocean County and is one of 33 communities within the County. Surrounding communities are Point Pleasant Beach and Bay Head to the east and Brick Township to the west. Point Pleasant Borough is located between the Manasquan River and the Metedeconk River, at the headwaters of Barnegat Bay, with the Point Pleasant Canal cutting through the community. Development pressures are high, and public access to these water bodies is limited. Point Pleasant is identified in the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan as an area where continued growth is desirable, but to sustain such growth the Borough must carefully plan to ensure that the recreational and open space needs of current and future residents and visitors are met.

Point Pleasant currently has a relatively small amount of open space – only approximately 54 acres in a community of 2,368 acres, servicing a population of 19,306 (2000 U.S. Census). This population results in a population density of more than 5,500 people per square mile. The Borough primarily consists of single-family homes as well as condominiums and townhomes, and Bridge and Arnold Avenues as well as Route 88 serve as the primary commercial corridors that include retail businesses, offices, and services. While the Borough is highly developed, opportunities for open space protection do exist. Numerous vacant properties are present throughout the Borough, which would provide excellent opportunities for increasing open space. In addition, large, critical properties regularly become available. However, because of strong development pressures, the Borough needs to have a plan in place to quickly identify

these properties which are worthy of public protection. In this sensitive coastal ecosystem, it is therefore critical that the Borough be able to immediately identify and move on properties which warrant protection.

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### 3.0 GOALS AND POLICIES

The Goals and Policies section of the *Point Pleasant Borough Open Space and Recreation Plan* acts as a guide for Point Pleasant Borough to conserve open space and create recreational areas for residents. The Borough of Point Pleasant is committed to ensuring a high quality of life for residents and visitors. An important component of this is the conservation of our important environmental and historical resources as well as the provision of well maintained recreational facilities.

This report addresses properties used for six specific uses. These uses were based on public input from a public meeting held on December 11, 2007 and include conservation, passive recreation, active recreation, water access, scenic vista, and historic preservation purposes, which are defined as the following:

- Conservation – properties dedicated to the preservation of natural resources and environmentally sensitive areas, such as vital habitat, wetlands, and water bodies and recharge areas.
- Passive recreation – properties dedicated to a mix of non-organized sport recreational uses, such as neighborhood parks, landscaped areas, ornamental gardens or fountains, picnic areas, and trails. In Point Pleasant, these properties also include fishing areas.
- Active recreation properties – properties that provide for organized sporting and recreational activities. These properties include areas such as athletic fields, building or structures for recreational activities, concessions, courses or courts, children's play area, dog play area, or a bike path. In Point Pleasant, these properties also include boating areas.
- Water access properties – properties that provide access to water bodies, such as the Point Pleasant Canal and the Manasquan River.
- Scenic vista properties – properties that provide picturesque views.
- Historic preservation properties – properties that are preserved for their historic and/or cultural value. These include areas with valuable archeological aspects or areas significant to local history.

As a densely developed community, Point Pleasant Borough understands the importance of preserving viewsapes, ensuring access to waterways, conserving ecological resources, maintaining diverse habitats, valuing historical landmarks, and providing ample opportunities for passive and active recreational activities. As such, Borough voters passed an ordinance which establishes an annual levy to provide funds for the acquisition and maintenance of conservation, recreation, and historic properties. In addition, the Borough maintains an Environmental Commission and an Open Space Committee dedicated to ensuring that Point Pleasant's immense ecological resources

are preserved. The Open Space Committee is responsible for the evaluation of properties to be acquired and developed for conservation, open space, and recreation purposes, pursuant to the establishment of the annual levy for this purpose under NJSA 40-12. The committee shall make recommendations to the Mayor and Borough Council concerning acquisition of lands for recreation, conservation, and for the purposes of water access, scenic vista, and historic preservation.

The goals and policies of this *Open Space and Recreation Plan* are based on the recommendations of the Open Space Committee as well as the public meetings held on December 11, 2007 and February 25, 2008.

### **Goals**

1. Support passive and active recreation for both residents and visitors. Especially consider sites that are either adjacent to existing open space areas or demonstrate possible use for both passive and recreational uses.
2. Protect contiguous parcels of land to preserve desirable environmental features and provide habitat and protection for wildlife and native vegetation.
3. Reduce the amount of land that would otherwise become impervious and by doing so increase stormwater absorption. This would facilitate the recharging of aquifers and wells and help reduce flooding, improve groundwater quality, and reduce lake and waterway bank degradation from excessive runoff.
4. Minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides to reduce the amount of chemicals in both surface water and groundwater.
5. Identify and protect scenic views and vistas in the Borough;
6. Protect historic features and sites.
7. Maintain property values by improving the quality of life in Point Pleasant.

### **Policies**

1. The residents of the Borough have voted to dedicate their tax dollars to open space acquisition and preservation. In November 2004, Borough citizens voted to establish a one cent per \$100 property tax increase for creation of an open space trust fund and land acquisition. The Borough shall therefore ensure that the funds collected will be utilized to address the wide variety of interests among residents.
2. All categories of open space acquisition shall be accommodated. It is recognized that the acquisition and preservation of land for conservation purposes is vital to a community. The protection of environmentally sensitive lands is vital to the overall ecology of a community and a key factor in establishing a high quality of life.

3. Point Pleasant Borough shall have sound and adequate recreation facilities which are open and accessible to the public. Maximum effort will be made to ensure that facilities are available to meet the needs of all of our residents including youth, senior citizens and those with special needs.
4. The Borough will develop partnerships to permanently protect existing public holdings and to acquire new private sector holdings that are determined to further the objectives of this plan. The Borough understands that some properties will require a coordinated effort among various public and private entities if acquisition is to be a realistic goal. Lack of such coordination will reduce the effectiveness of this Plan and prevent the achievement of its goals. The Borough will continue to work with the federal government, the State of New Jersey, Ocean County, and various organizations within the Borough such as the Board of Education, the First Aid, and the Fire Department in efforts to preserve existing public holdings and provide high quality recreational opportunities. In addition, the Borough will continue to work with private sector entities devoted to open space preservation, such as the New Jersey Conservation Foundation.
5. Properties purchased shall meet the state requirements for open space purchases.
6. Public participation, input, and support will also be sought for every action taken in furtherance of the *Open Space and Recreation Plan*. It is understood that opinions may differ as to specific actions to be taken. All viewpoints shall be considered before action is taken.

#### 4.0 OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION INVENTORY

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s Green Acres Program maintains a statewide Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) database. The ROSI lists all Green Acres-funded properties as well as all other lands held for conservation and/or recreation purposes at the time the community last received funding from Green Acres. Lands listed on a ROSI include those owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the community and may include: land owned in fee; land leased by the community for recreation purposes; land owned by a private entity upon which the community holds a conservation easement; or any land in which the community holds a specific recreation and/or conservation interest.

Point Pleasant Borough has approximately 54 acres listed on the existing New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ROSI. These sites are categorized as conservation, passive recreation, active recreation, water access, scenic vistas, and historic preservation. These categories were defined at the aforementioned public meeting held on December 11, 2007. These properties include:

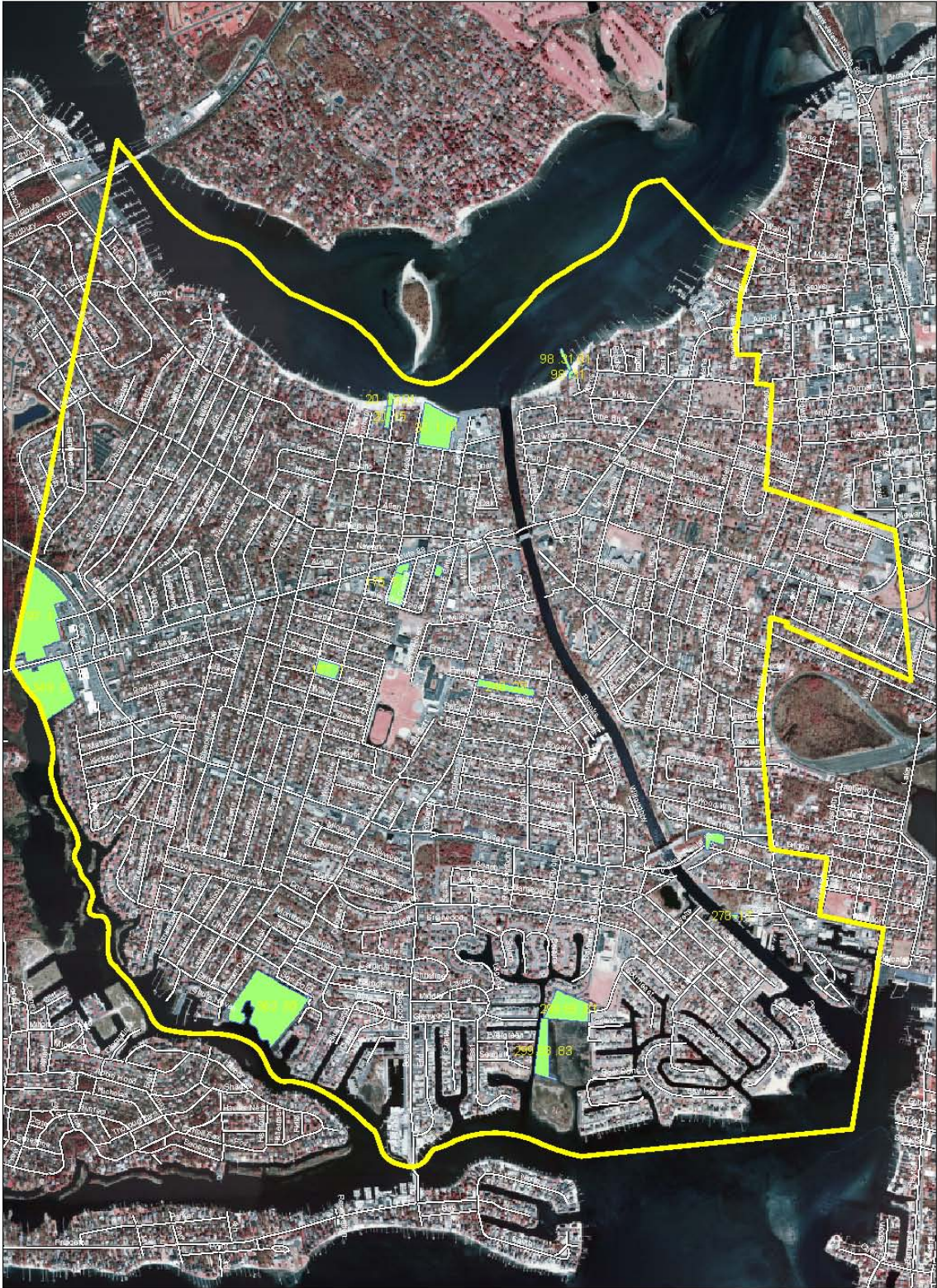
**Table 1: Existing State Recreation and Open Space Inventory**

Address/Property Name	Block	Lot	Acres	Land Use
River Avenue Beach	20	15	0.42	Active Recreation
	20	15.01	0.26	Active Recreation
Maxson Avenue Beach	35	1	0.23	Active Recreation
	35	1.01	0.28	Active Recreation
Beaver Dam Creek County Park	97	1	14.23	Passive Recreation
Richards Road Beach	98	31	0.11	Active Recreation
	98	31.01	0.2	Active Recreation
Oakwood Courts	173	23	0.35	Active Recreation
McKenna Lake Park	175	3	0.44	Passive Recreation
McKenna Lake Fields	175	5	1.95	Active Recreation
Point Pleasant Borough Recreation Center	187	1	1.4	Active Recreation
Campbell Park (Beaver Dam Road Park)	240	29	2.02	Passive Recreation
Heritage Park	274	59	1	Passive Recreation
Heritage Dam Park	274.03	45	1	Passive Recreation
Mount Place Conservation Area	278	17	0.25	Passive Recreation
Bird Sanctuary	299.03	81	4	Conservation
	299.03	83	4.2	Conservation
Beaver Dam Creek Park	349	3	8.2	Passive Recreation

Address/Property Name	Block	Lot	Acres	Land Use
Slade Dale Nature Sanctuary	362	83	12.93	Passive Recreation
	362	83.01	0.014	Passive Recreation
Bay Avenue Beach	Right-of-way		0.2	Active Recreation
Curtis Avenue Boat Ramp	Right-of-way		0.6	Water Access
	<b>Total</b>		54.28	

These properties are also depicted in **Map 1: Existing Recreation and Open Space Inventory**.

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**Legend**

- Municipal Boundary
- ROSI - Green Acres Encumbered
- Streets

**Existing Recreation & Open Space Inventory (ROSI)**  
 Borough of Point Pleasant  
 Ocean County, NJ

**NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY  
 OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN**

In addition to the existing New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ROSI, numerous properties within Point Pleasant Borough serve open space functions but are not included on the State’s official ROSI. **Table 2: Additional Parcels Used for Open Space Purposes** includes numerous properties not listed on the ROSI that are nevertheless used for open space purposes. These sites are also categorized as conservation, passive recreation, active recreation, water access, scenic vistas, and historic preservation. Again, these categories were defined at the aforementioned public meeting held on December 11, 2007. Further details about the sites listed below can be found in **Appendix 1: Open Space and Recreation Inventory Parcel Details**.

**Table 2: Additional Parcels Used for Open Space Purposes**

Address/ Property Name	Block	Lot	Acres	Land Use	Ownership
800 Richard Road	109	15	0.43	Active Recreation Water Access Scenic Vista	Private
711 Canal Street (Carver’s Boat Works)	278	7	1.6	Water Access Scenic Vista	Private
720 Mount Place (Kennel Property)	278	16	2.9	Passive Recreation	Private
Shore Boulevard and Rue Lafayette Cove	286	9	0.02	Fishing cove that includes wetlands	Private
	286	10	0.0	Fishing cove that includes wetlands	Public
1915 Beach Boulevard	287	1	5.59	Active Recreation Passive Recreation Conservation Water Access Scenic Vista	Public
2000 Loveland Place	292.01	1	0.51	Passive Recreation	Public
Community Park	299.01	44	4.95	Active Recreation	Public
Bay Head Shores Property Owners Association Properties	299.03	84	8.98	Conservation	Private
Beaver Dam Creek tidal islands	299.03	85	10	Conservation	Private
	342.01	1	0.43	Conservation	Private
	342.02	1	0.51	Conservation	Private
	342.03	1	0.11	Conservation	Private
Active recreation fields at local schools				Conservation	Private
Marsh/wetland area				Active Recreation	
				Conservation	

Address/ Property Name	Block	Lot	Acres	Land Use	Ownership
near Nellie Bennett Elementary School					
Northstream Parkway swamp area and tidal land				Conservation	
Dorset Dock Road				Passive Recreation	
Maxson Avenue Fishing Pier				Passive Recreation	
Riverfront Park				Passive Recreation Historic	
Riviera Parkway				Passive Recreation	
Treeneedle Triangle				Passive Recreation	
Former Areba Oil				Passive Recreation	
700 Block of Howe Street wetlands				Passive Recreation	Private
205 Meadow Avenue Wetlands	277	11	.18	Conservation	Private
Former Ocean Auto Parts at Bridge and Mattapan Avenues				Passive Recreation	
Vacant lots on Boat Point and Bay Isle next to homes				Passive Recreation	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church rear area					
St. Martha's Church parking area					
Former Acme Supermarket's empty parking lot					
Sunshine Harbor Property Owners Association					
Memorial Drive Property behind firehouse					
Brooks and Kilkare Property					
All marinas and					

Address/ Property Name	Block	Lot	Acres	Land Use	Ownership
privately owned tidelands					
Privately owned marshes on Northwest Drive					
Neighborhood-only Manasquan River accesses					
Point Pleasant Canal Right-of-Way/Canal Walk				Scenic Vista	
NJ Department of Environmental Protection Division of Fish and Wildlife Canal Access					
Water's Edge Promenade near new Pulte Homes development					
Various historic churches				Historic	
Havens-Osborn Cemetery				Historic	Public
Johnson Boat Works				Historic	
Lost Fishermen's Memorial on Ocean Road				Historic	
Point Pleasant Canal				Historic	
Slade Dale Area of Beaver Dam Creek (Hayboat Industry)				Historic	
Turn-of-the-century homes on Arnold, Ellison, Davis and Trenton Avenues				Historic	
	<b>Total</b>				

## 5.0 NEEDS ANALYSIS

Like many New Jersey shore communities, the Borough of Point Pleasant is highly developed with few large tracts available for acquisition. The Borough has evaluated current and projected future open space and recreational needs to determine properties which require preservation in order for long term goals to be met. Acquisition of key parcels, as well as insuring the protection of existing properties (both public and private) which currently serve conservation and recreational needs, will ensure short-term and long-term public access to natural resources. This needs analysis also includes an evaluation of the condition and maintenance requirements of existing active recreational facilities as well as consideration of protections required for areas of historic importance.

### *Open Space and Recreation Needs Based on Population*

There are standards in place that can assist communities in measuring the effectiveness of their recreation and open space programs. According to Open Space Guidelines and Standards released by the National Recreation and Park Association (1996), a park system should be composed of a core system of parks that total 6.25 to 10.5 acres of developed open space per 1,000 people. This should consist of local spaces such as mini-parks, neighborhood parks and playgrounds, and community parks; regional space such as metropolitan parks and regional park reserves; and unique space such as linear parks, special uses such as golf courses or nature centers, and conservancy properties. With a population of 19,306 (2000 U.S. Census) located within the 3.5 square miles that make up the borough, there should be between 119 to 200 acres of open space.

As was documented in **Table 1: Existing State Recreation and Open Space Inventory**, Point Pleasant Borough has approximately 54 acres listed on the existing Open Space and Recreation Inventory documented by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. This indicates a serious lack of access to open space in this densely developed area. Residents have therefore identified many specific needs, which are presented below based on the categories of conservation, passive recreation, active recreation, water access, scenic vistas, and historic preservation.

### *Conservation Needs*

- In general: ensure sensitive, local resources are protected, such as recharge areas, wetlands, marshes, etc.
- 205 Meadow Avenue: This property includes wetlands.
- Vacant lots on Boat Point and Bay Isle next to homes: The back of these lots are adjacent to wetlands areas.

- Marsh/wetland area near Nellie Bennett Elementary School: These properties include wetlands. This area needs restoration, as it is currently eroding but serves for flood control.

### *Passive Recreation Needs*

- In general: provide more fishing areas throughout the Borough. The Borough also needs more passive and semi-passive (depending on the property size) pocket parks in various neighborhoods which do not have any parks in the immediate area.
- Canal Park: This one-third of an acre property is located at the eastern end of Mount Place. This property was given to the Borough, and there is currently \$10,000 available to develop the area into a park.
- Canal Place: Area could be designated a fishing area.
- Canal Walk: Develop a bike/pedestrian path and bench viewing options
- Campbell Park (also known as Beaver Dam Road Park): This area is located behind the library and is going to be a reading park. Clean up area and provide benches for viewing and contemplation.
- Dorset Dock Road: Clean up area
- Memorial Drive Property: Property behind firehouse on Memorial Drive requires maintenance on the stairs and benches, and trash receptacles are needed.
- Point Pleasant Canal Right-of-Way: On the east side, the walking along walkway along entire length could be improved.
- Riverfront Park: Could include a viewing pavilion through partnership with the Rotary
- Slade Dale Nature Sanctuary: Increased police presence, cleanup and redevelop the front for community use, widen the path to allow both police vehicles to patrol and emergency vehicles to access. Repair the dock and install benches.
- Trash receptacles in all areas where fishermen or crabbers congregate to collect excess fishing line, lures, hooks, and other hazards, including the end of Bay Avenue at Bay Point Harbor, under the bridges, and along the canal.
- Brooks and Kilkare Property: Development and maintenance at the property on the west side of the Canal. Benches need repair, and also suggest flattening and enlarging the area, building a retaining wall, and cutting a staircase into the wall.
- Howe Street Dead End: Is currently used for fishing but is not formally developed as such.
- Former Ariba Oil property: Privately owned and currently vacant at South and Bay.

- 700 block of Howe Street: Privately owned and currently covered with cement. The owner has expressed an interest in the property serving as open space, and it also includes some wetlands.
- Canal/Beaver Dam Dead Ends: ???
- Former Ocean Auto Parts at Bridge and Mattapan Avenues: This is a non-conforming property that is vacant.
- Shore Boulevard and Marine View: ???

### *Active Recreation Needs*

- In general: cleanup and provide more upgrades and maintenance at existing active recreational areas as well as more competitive sports ballfields and neighborhood basketball courts.
- Provide more areas that can serve multiple uses, especially both passive and active recreation.
- Develop Pop Warner football and/or soccer fields, sports fields, and 120 foot by 65 foot playing fields to accommodate soccer and baseball/softball practice sessions and pickup games. The community could use a large, multi-use field that could be developed on the Riverfront Park.
- Installation of artificial turf at Board of Education field to use for community sports (not just school)
- Community Park: Install lights. Current recreation areas in Community Park, and to some extent, Heritage Park, need additional playground equipment. Current demands at peak times exceed the availability of existing equipment. Provide several drinking fountains located in the Park as well as a fitness trail.
- Nellie Bennett Field: school fields should be open for community use
- McKenna Lake: Install artificial turf.
- Recreation Building: Needs painted inside and out, and the tennis and basketball courts need to be resurfaced. Also suggest building a new recreation building with larger interior space and several additional classrooms.
- Maxson Avenue and River Avenue municipal beaches: Playgrounds should be replaced and security cameras should be installed. The playgrounds were previously removed due to violations to current safety guidelines but have not been replaced. Both beaches could be cleaned up and maintained better. Restroom facilities should be proximate to the beaches and need routine maintenance and cleaning. Extend the fishing pier at Maxson Avenue Beach to reach the run the length of the waterfront, and create an additional fishing pier at River Avenue Beach.

***Water Access Needs***

- In general: provide greater public access to waterfront areas and provide more boat launching areas throughout the Borough.
- Curtis Avenue Boat Ramp: Cleanup for recreational boating use, improve launching area, and install a fishing pier.

***Scenic Vistas Needs***

- In general: provide more benches to enjoy scenic areas.
- Carver's Boat Works: Located along Shore Boulevard, this property includes two lots that overlook the Point Pleasant Canal and Barnegat Bay.

***Historic Preservation Needs***

- Havens-Osborn Cemetery: Publicly owned cemetery dating to the nineteenth century has historic preservation value.

## 6.0 RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

Overall, Point Pleasant Borough currently has approximately: X acres available for conservation; X acres for passive recreation; X acres for active recreation; X acres for water access; X acres for scenic vistas; and X acres for historic preservation. This includes X beaches, X soccer fields, X baseball fields, X basketball courts, X tennis courts, and one skate park available for active recreation pursuits. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) only designates and therefore preserves approximately 54 acres as used for open space purposes. This number could be increased through further property purchases and subsequent open space designations.

The Borough has identified several sites which have the potential for providing future open space and recreation opportunities. These sites were determined through input received at public meetings/interviews or through field surveys. In order to determine sites to field survey, vacant parcels were identified from information provided by the Borough Tax Assessor and parcels on the aforementioned New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ROSI. Vacant parcels known to have approved building permits were then eliminated as well as those that were obvious, small residential lots with no link to additional open space or water access. The resulting list was the set of sites that were field surveyed.

Based on public input and field surveys, the following areas were therefore identified as parcels that may be appropriate to acquire to promote the goals of this plan:

**Table 3: Potential Borough Property Acquisitions**

<b>Address/ Property Name</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Current Site Use</b>	<b>Ownership</b>
3900 River Road	1	43.04	0.31	Parking lot	Private
514 Hardenbergh Avenue	51	8.01	0.29	Vacant residential	Private
800 Richard Road	109	15	0.43	Vacant beachfront with boat storage	Private
1111 Old Drift Road	172	17.03	0.21	Vacant residential	Private
715 Maplewood Road	176	8	0.13	Vacant residential	Private
2243 Bridge Avenue	233	26	0.25	Vacant commercial	Private
1507 Bay Avenue	268	6	0.15	Vacant residential	Private
	268	7	0.14	Vacant residential	Private
711 Canal Street (Carver’s Boat Works)	278	7	1.6	Vacant with water access	Private
1701 Shore Boulevard	279	10.01	0.37	Vacant with water	Private

<b>Address/ Property Name</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Current Site Use</b>	<b>Ownership</b>
				access	
Marine Parkway	279	11	0.19	Water access	Private
1857 Boat Point Drive	279	276	0.12	Vacant with water access	Private
Shore Boulevard and Rue Lafayette Cove	286	9	0.02	Fishing cove that includes wetlands	Private
	286	10	0.0	Fishing cove that includes wetlands	Public
1915 Beach Boulevard	287	1	5.59	Water access with unpaved road and boat launch	Public (State)
2000 Loveland Place	292.01	1	0.51	Passive recreation across street from water access site	Public (State)
1824 Boat Point Drive	299	2	0.12	Open water and wetlands	Private
1822 Boat Point Drive	299	3	0.12	Open water and recreational	Private
Bay Head Shores	299.03	84	8.98	Vacant with vital habitat areas	Private
Bay Head Shores	299.03	85	10	Vacant with vital habitat areas	Private
1621 Northstream Parkway	342	46	0.28	Vacant residential	Private
1847 South East Drive	355	12	0.17	Vacant with lagoon access	Private
1606 Osprey Court	363	97	0.17	Vacant residential	Private
720 Mount Place (Kennel Property)	278	16	2.9	Vacant	Private
2308 Lakewood Road (Van Emburgh Property)	175	4			Private
Canal Dead Ends					
Privately owned parcels on Bayberry Lane behind the Borough property					
Waterfront beaches beside existing Manasquan River					

Address/ Property Name	Block	Lot	Acres	Current Site Use	Ownership
accesses					
Undeveloped lands bordering Canal Right-of-Way					
Marshes beside Northwest Drive					
Commercial building adjacent to the Skate Park					

**Priority Ranking System**

The use of a priority ranking system is useful to compare the preservation value of multiple sites for potential acquisition and thus to make decisions on land purchases. The system provides a quantitative open space value to enable a defensible and describable comparison of more than one potential land purchase. The system allows the Borough to give weight to priority usage and provides the Borough with an objective measure of the site usage and useful purpose.

The system consists of 0-100 possible points. The site that receives the greatest score is considered the more useful or desirable. During the public meeting on December 11, 2007, the community discussed its priorities for property acquisition. These priorities include:

1. Properties that serve multiple land uses, such as a combination of conservation, passive recreation, and active recreation purposes;
2. Properties that are of a relatively large size (greater than 1 acre); and
3. Properties that are contiguous to existing open space and/or recreation areas.

These categories and associated land use categorizations are therefore awarded the following rankings:

- Combination of land uses 0-15
- Properties > 1 acre in size 0-15
- Contiguous to existing open space and/or recreation areas 0-15
- Conservation 0-11
- Passive Recreation 0-11
- Active Recreation 0-11
- Water Access 0-10
- Scenic Vistas 0-6

- Historic Preservation

0-6

Subsequently, on an annual basis the Open Space Committee should analyze properties available for acquisition, ranking them based on the priority ranking system, and make recommendations to Borough Council based on the rankings.

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## 7.0 ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan section of the *Point Pleasant Borough Open Space and Recreation Plan* suggests projects the Borough should pursue to implement the Plan. The Action Plan represents the local government's decisions for addressing the Plan's needs and goals based on the abilities of the community and fiscal constraints. The Action Plan encompasses a five-year period and should be updated to report on progress, make adjustments, and include any proposals for new actions. The *Open Space and Recreation Plan* is not a static document and can be amended at the discretion of the community.

The activities listed in the first year after the *Point Pleasant Borough Open Space and Recreation Plan* is adopted are therefore the most immediate priorities. The priorities listed in the three year category are also important but will take longer to complete. Finally, the projects listed in the five year category should occur at in the long-term at the appropriate time.

### *First Year*

- Submit the *Open Space and Recreation Plan* to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program.
- Pursue additional property acquisition funding through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Planning Incentive Program.
- Identify publicly owned properties and consider placing them on the State's Recreation and Open Space Inventory, allowing for permanent protection.
- Share acquisition priorities with potential funding sources, such as local watershed organizations.
- Complete Canal Walk Study.

### *Within Three Years*

- Identify and add additional properties to State's Recreation and Open Space Inventory, allowing for permanent protection.
- Identify opportunities in and around Point Pleasant Borough where partnerships can be formed to better utilize open space.
- Complete Canal Walk improvements.
- Restore Havens-Osborn Cemetery.
- Reach out to neighboring communities to discuss open space objectives and common programs and goals.

***Within Five Years***

- Analyze properties available for acquisition annually, rank them based on the priority ranking system, and make recommendations to Borough Council based on the rankings. Submit any updates to the Green Acres Program.

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## **8.0 GENERAL OPEN SPACE SYSTEM MAP**

*Map to be inserted – map should provide a general overview of the applicant’s vision of the future open space character of the community by depicting existing and proposed open space*

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## **9.0 ADDITIONAL PARCEL DATA REQUIREMENTS**

Per New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program requirements, the GIS files for the existing ROSI and potential open space and greenway areas are supplied as an enclosure with this report.

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## 10.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Point Pleasant Borough Open Space and Recreation Plan Project Team was established through the participation of the Borough's Open Space Committee and the Environmental Commission. This team met on September 12, October 30, and November 27, 2007 as well as February 25, 2008.

Two public meetings were held on December 11, 2007 and February 25, 2008 to gather public input and to further assess the Borough's open space and recreation needs. Forty-one people attended the December public meeting, and X people attended the February public meeting. These public meetings were publicized through press releases to the *Ocean Star*, the *Asbury Park Press*, and the *Ocean County Observer*. In addition, legal notices were placed in local newspapers, and announcements also appeared on the Borough web site. The draft and final plans were displayed at Borough Hall as well as at the Point Pleasant Borough Library. The plans were also available on the Point Pleasant Borough web site.

In addition to this, articles discussing the project appeared in the *Ocean Star* on December 14, 2007, X...

## 11.0 PLANNING ADOPTION

The Planning Board adopted the *Point Pleasant Borough Open Space and Recreation Plan* as an element of its Master Plan in X, and the Plan was presented to the Planning Board in X. The Plan was also presented to the Mayor and Borough Council in X.

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