

Management Plan for St Gabriel's Meadow

MAIN OBJECTIVES:

To use the premises as passive parkland.

To preserve natural features, including but not limited to, rare plants, habitats, trees, shrubs and other vegetation.

To maintain and preserve the spirit of this property as an open meadow for water recharge.

MANAGEMENT PLAN:

1. To provide organic maintenance services, which include but are not limited to:
 - a. To endeavor to mow the currently mowed grass at three and one-half inches. The unmowed area may be left natural except that it shall be mowed once per year to keep as open meadow and prevent the growth of brush and trees. The mowing will be done at a minimal level by the highway department at taxpayer expense unless the town board decides to hire a private contractor to perform the work at more frequent intervals using CPF funds.
 - b. Grass clippings are to remain on the lawn
 - c. Litter/debris collection as deemed necessary by the Town Board.
 - d. Removal all invasives wherever present. EPA approved chemicals can be used to assist in the control of invasives.
 - e. Remove any diseased trees and dead wood so as to maintain an appropriate and safe environment. Replace any trees that are removed within one year. Enhanced plantings of shrubs, trees and flowers that change the purpose of this preservation are prohibited.
2. To maintain the property in a manner which minimizes rain water run-off. Any overseeding should incorporate the use of fescue grasses. Varieties of rye and blue grasses are NOT to be used.
3. To use the premises for the historical Fire Dept. Annual Chicken Barbeque and in accordance with the license with the Shelter Island Fire Department dated 3/18/2004¹, or as otherwise authorized by the Town Board.
4. To permit temporary portable toilets for the historical Firemen's Annual Chicken Barbeque. No PERMANENT public toilets are to be erected.
5. To prohibit, as required in the NYS fire insurance companies standard fire policies, use or storage on the premises of any illuminating oils, candles, oil lamps, turpentine, benzene, naphtha, or other similar substances or explosives of any kind.
6. To maintain a wood rail fence around the road frontages of the property, in reasonable repair, and replace as necessary using Community Preservation Funds.
7. The CAC will conduct a substantive review of the property every 3 years in order to insure the management plan is being followed. This will include photos for comparison with the original purchase property photos and the inspection results and photos will be filed with the Town Clerk.
8. To annually recommend to the Community Land Preservation Board (CLPB") the amount of stewardship funds reasonably necessary to carry out these mandates. Copies of the management plan, concurred in by the CLPB and approved by the town board, will be kept in the offices of the Supervisor and the Town Clerk and copies will be sent to the Community Preservation Fund Advisory Committee and the Conservation Advisory Committee.

Adopted 1/16/09

¹ In consideration of the Fire Department giving \$13,500 to this acquisition, it was agreed that the fire dpt could use the field for annual chicken barbecue (with setup and removal), and other fund-raising events, not to exceed ten days a year