

# Rockaway Parks Conceptual Plan



## Shore Front Parkway B.73rd – B.108th Streets

The design for Shore Front Parks allows a seamless relationship between activity areas such as a skate park, landscaping, and access to the boardwalk.



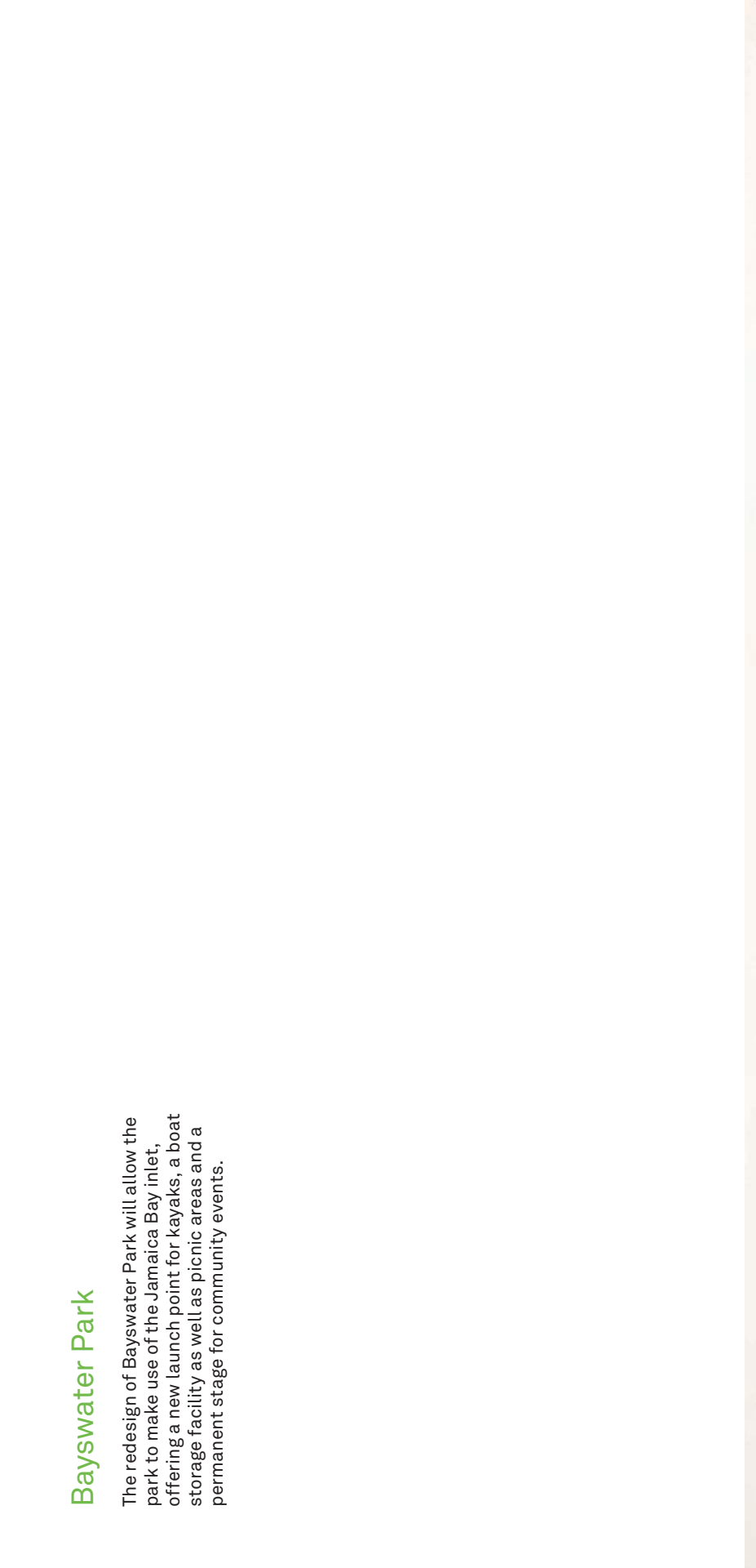
## Rockaway Community Park

The acquisition of land along Conch Place allows Rockaway Community Park to have water access along the inlet and to connect with an existing playground. The park will now have a gateway to the public on Beach Channel Drive. The view here looks northwest to Jamaica Bay.



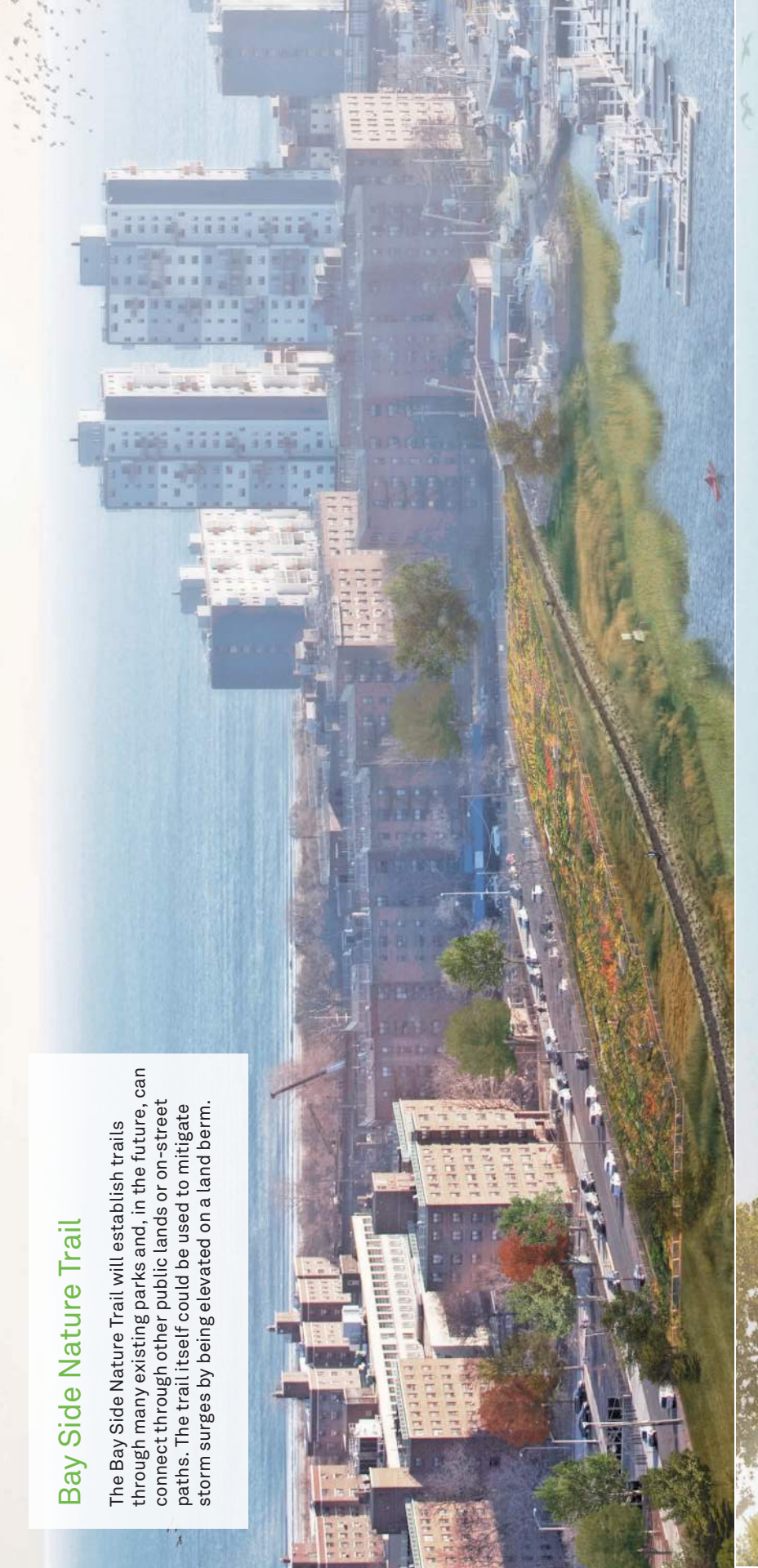
## Bayswater Park

The redesign of Bayswater Park will allow the park to make use of the Jamaica Bay inlet, offering a new launch point for kayaks, a boat storage facility as well as picnic areas and a permanent stage for community events.



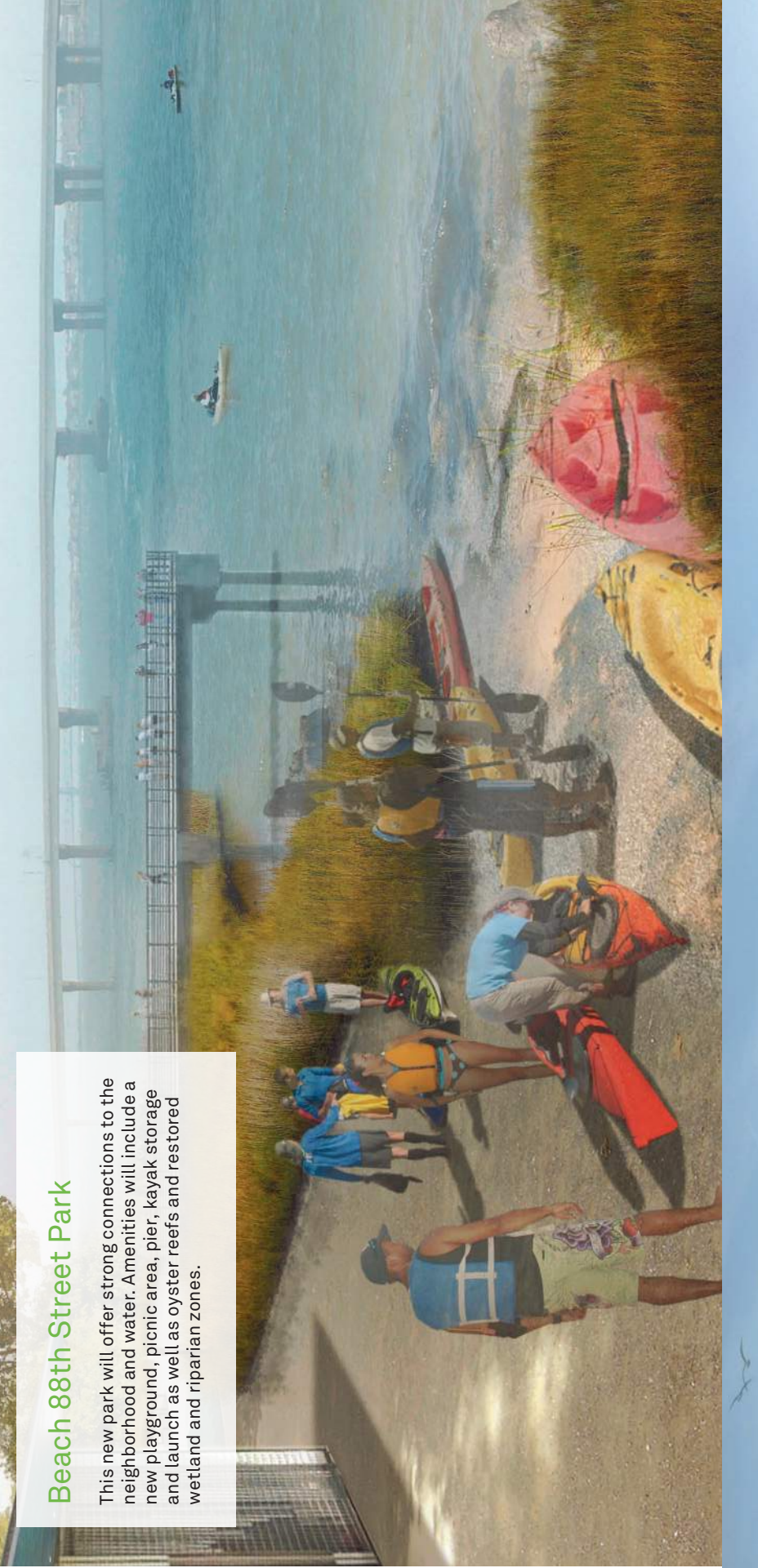
## Bay Side Nature Trail

The Bay Side Nature Trail will establish trails through many existing parks and, in the future, can connect through other public lands or on-street paths. The trail itself could be used to mitigate storm surges by being elevated on a land berm.



## Beach 88th Street Park

This new park will offer strong connections to the neighborhood and water. Amenities will include a new playground, picnic area, pier, kayak storage and launch as well as oyster reefs and restored wetland and riparian zones.



## Thursby Basin Park

This park will transform a currently vacant lot into a new local park with a naturalized water's edge, landscape areas and recreation spaces. The view here looks northwest to Jamaica Bay, with Rockaway Community Park in the distance.



## Executive Summary

Spring 2014

The City of New York is pleased to present the *Rockaway Parks Conceptual Plan*. This plan highlights our park and open space goals in the wake of Hurricane Sandy: to replace facilities lost in the storm; improve existing parks across the Rockaway Peninsula and Broad Channel, and create a long-term vision that integrates and enhances community protection.

We are deeply committed to creating a more resilient New York City—as outlined in the *One City, Rebuilding Together* report and *PlaNYC Progress Report 2014*, both released earlier this year—with a long-term focus on preparing for and protecting against the impacts of climate change. On the peninsula, we are currently constructing a new Rockaway boardwalk—elevated above the 100-year floodplain, built from steel-reinforced concrete and bolstered with multiple layers of protection, including approximately six miles

of retaining walls and planted dunes. The *Rockaway Parks Conceptual Plan* will complement this boardwalk reconstruction by integrating recreational facilities adjacent to the boardwalk and providing a broader vision for resilient parks and open space.

The Conceptual Plan reflects extensive community input, including discussions with Rockaway and Broad Channel residents that began in the spring of 2013. We would like to thank these residents for the considerable time and effort they committed to helping us to develop this plan.

Moving forward, the *Rockaway Parks Conceptual Plan* will guide our future planning and funding efforts. We invite you to read through this brochure to take a look at the concept designs and cost estimates for our ten priority projects.

Parks contribute to New Yorkers' overall quality of life by serving as places for recreation and fitness, quiet contemplation, community gathering, and arts and culture. Perhaps most critical in the face of climate change, parks are vital components of resilient planning and infrastructure. These projects will ultimately create a cohesive, resilient and sustainable parks and recreation system across the Rockaway Peninsula and Broad Channel, keeping generations to come active and well protected.





### 1 Rockaway Community Park

Rockaway Community Park has the potential to become a major park for the surrounding community. The project proposes to refurbish existing sports facilities and to expand the park along Conch Place to Beach Channel Drive.

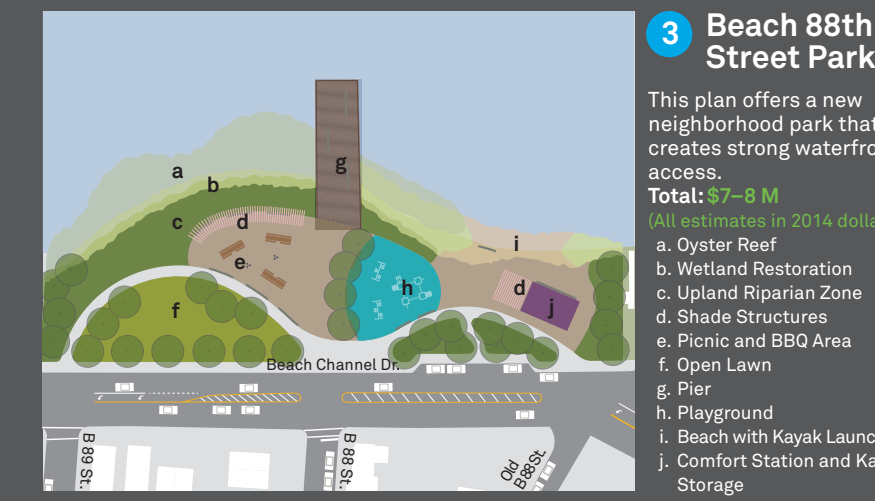
**Total: \$26 M**  
(All estimates in 2014 dollars)



### 2 Bayswater Park

Bayswater Park is the main community park on the bay side of the Rockaways. The project retains the existing courts and proposes new facilities, landscaping and recreation areas.

**Total: \$28 M**  
(All estimates in 2014 dollars)



### 3 Beach 88th Street Park

This plan offers a new neighborhood park that creates strong waterfront access.

**Total: \$7-8 M**  
(All estimates in 2014 dollars)



### 4 Thursby Basin Park

Located in an undeveloped lot, this park will offer passive and active recreation areas for residents.

**Total: \$8-10 M**  
(All estimates in 2014 dollars)



### 5 Broad Channel - Sunset Cove and American Park

Broad Channel's Sunset Cove, a former marina site, will undergo ecological restoration while active uses such as ballfields and play amenities are featured at American Park. The project forefronts resiliency measures, particularly addressing site flooding.

**Total: \$17-20 M**  
(All estimates in 2014 dollars)



### 6 Shore Front Parkway (Beach 73rd-108th Street)

Shore Front Parkway is the main community park and source of recreation facilities for the peninsula. It lines the north side of the Boardwalk with passive and active recreation areas.

**Total: \$78 M**  
(All estimates in 2014 dollars)



### 7 Beach 9th-126th (Unbuilt Plan NYC)

This new park area would be on the undeveloped lot at the end of B26 and 27th St. New fitness equipment and seating area are proposed for this site.

**Total: \$2.7 M**  
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### 8 Beach 26th-27th Park Area

This project proposes a new shade structure, seating and a small fitness station.

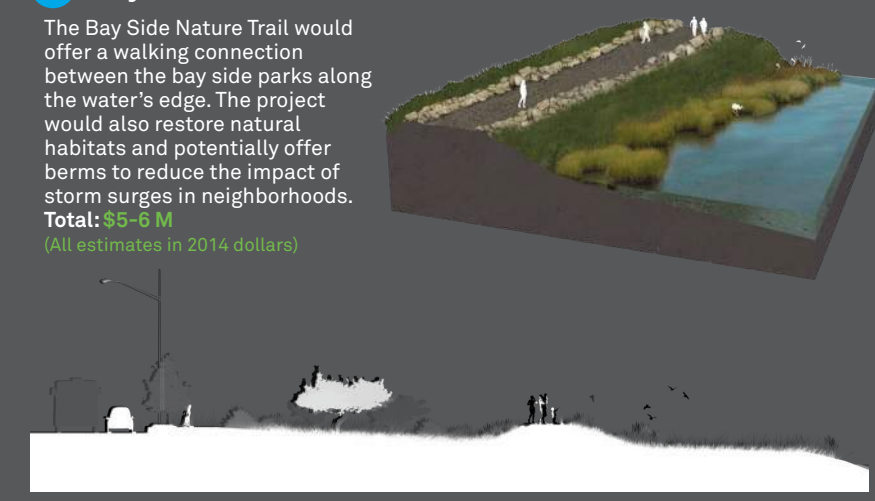
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### 9 Beach 20th Overlook

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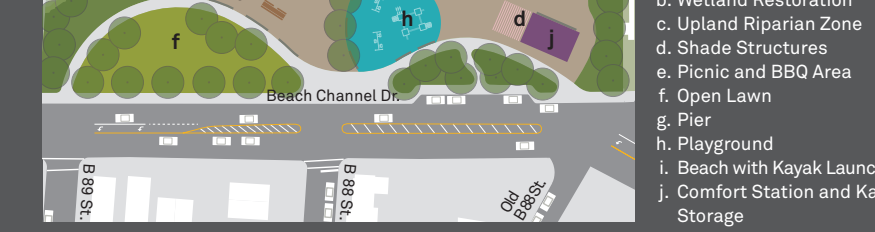
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### 10 Beach 9th Seating & Play Area

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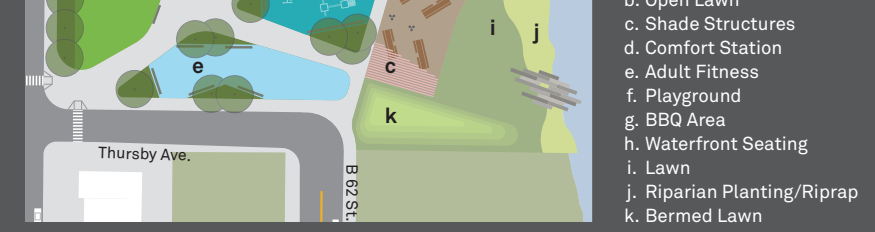
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### 9 Beach 108th Street Esplanade

This project proposes a new esplanade with seating and shaded areas along the water's edge.

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(All estimates in 2014 dollars)



### 10 Bay Side Nature Trail

The Bay Side Nature Trail would offer a walking connection between the bay side parks along the water's edge. The project would also restore natural habitats and potentially offer berms to reduce the impact of storm surges in neighborhoods.

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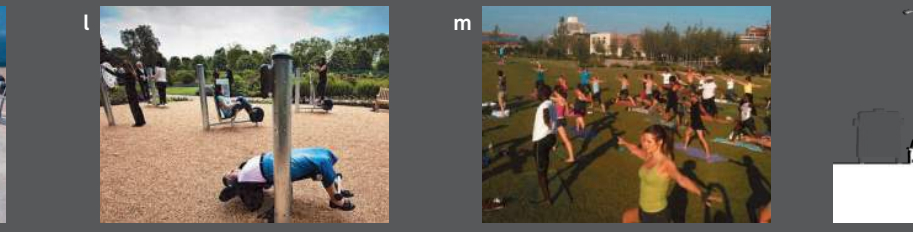
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**Notes:** 1. All amenities in the Rockaway Parks Conceptual Plan are illustrative in nature and the exact locations of amenities may be subject to change once the sites are fully designed. 2. All costs are in 2014 dollars and are subject to adjustment based on final design and field conditions. 3. Boardwalk access points are illustrative and all access points will be determined in alignment with the final boardwalk design. 4. This plan leaves open the possibility of a dog run which would be located and designed subject to approval. Through NYC Parks' experience, dog runs in parks owe their success to the commitment of organized, dedicated volunteer groups that assume responsibility and a proactive role for maintenance, security and fostering a positive park environment.

