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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings and Happy Autumn! We hope you all have had a wonderful summer and that the change of season brings you and your family new opportunities to enjoy all the beauty the east end has to offer. Practicing landscape architecture gives us the opportunity to explore all that makes our area such a great place to live and recreate. We were recently selected by the Town of Southampton to prepare conceptual site plans for a 14 acre park located in the hamlet of Riverside on the south shore of the Peconic River. The park will be a cornerstone feature of comprehensive revitalization efforts being coordinated by the Town and community stakeholders. As such, we have been delving deeply into the dynamic elements (environmental and cultural) that will inform the design outcome. This "site work" phase includes site analysis, inventory and mapping of existing features as well as potential opportunities that will inform the shape of the park. The importance of a thorough site analysis can not be understated. It is both methodical and intuitive because as we uncover layers of history we realize the site itself wants to tell its story. To be good designers we must first be good listeners. We will provide updates of the park design in future Newsletters. Please visit <http://www.southamptontownny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/15823/Maritime-Trail-Park-slides-pdf> to see the slide show presented to the community.

Steve Nieroda, RLA, ASLA
Happy Autumn!

Project Spotlight: Riverside Maritime Trail Park



Design Charrette

On Monday September 10th we hosted a design charrette for approximately 70 residents at the Crohan Center in Riverside. The large turnout led to a productive discussion on what park elements & features are most important to the community. Araiy's Design first presented findings from a 'deep dive' exploration of the site and its environmental and cultural surroundings. We then broke off into groups for an engaging charrette session where the community had an opportunity to provide writings, drawings, and commentary on their vision for the new park. Araiy's is now sifting through all the wonderful ideas produced from the charrette in order to prioritize the park program elements. We are grateful to the Town of Southampton Planning staff and FRNCA (Flanders, Riverside, Northhampton Community Association) for all their efforts in helping to make the Charrette such a success. See below for images from the charrette.

Project Objective

To develop a natural, inviting, and safe MARITIME TRAIL PARK accessible to all ages of the community with passive recreational opportunities as well as a revitalized natural environment which respects the unique historical, cultural, and natural character of the site while promoting a more sustainable ecosystem.



The passive park is a fantastic opportunity to re-orient community life towards the river.

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PLANTS OF THE SEASON

Native Plants Of the Season



Common Name: Black Gum
Scientific Name: *Nyssa sylvatica*

Nyssa sylvatica, commonly known as Black Gum, is a native large shade tree with pyramidal habit when young and rounded crown with age. Black gum can grow 30 to 50 feet in height with 20 to 30 foot spread in maturity. Greenish-white flowers appear in May and then give away to copious bluish-black fruits which are attractive to birds. Lustrous dark green foliage turn into various hues of red, purple and orange providing spectacular fall color. Black gum prefers full sun to partial shade and thrives in medium to moist soils. It is an excellent ornamental tree in native gardens, boggy spots, or low areas subject to periodic flooding.



Common Name: New York Aster
Scientific Name: *Aster novi-belgii*

Aster novi-belgii or comonly know as New York Aster, is a sturdy and robust perennial featuring with lovely purple fall color. Plants typically grow 3-5' tall and 3' spread. Showy daisies bloom in late August to early September. Flowers can last into fall and attracts butterflies, birds, and bees with late-season nectar. New York Aster prefers full son or partial shade and thrives in medium moisture and well-drained soils but tolerates drought. It is appropriate for cottage gardens, meadows, perennial borders, and butterflies gardens.

Ornamental Plants Of the Season



Common Name: Hardy Hibiscus
Scientific Name: *Hibiscus moscheutos*

Hibiscus moscheutos or commonly known as hardy hibiscus or swamp rose mallow, an upright flowering perennial shrub. Swamp rose mallow features brilliant 4-12", 5 petaled blooms in white, pink and red. Flowers appear between 9 am to 11am EST from July into September. The blooms last a day continually appearing summer to fall. Rose swamp mallow grows 3 - 7' tall by 2 - 4' wide. It grows in full sun to part shade. It prefers medium to wet feet making a stunning statement planted in mass. Swamp rose mallow is a dramatic addition to rain gardens and wetland areas. It is a great companion plant to *Panicum virgatum* and *Lobelia cardinalis*. It is pollinated by a special 'Rose mallow bee' and attracts hummingbirds, butterflies and moths. It is a host for the caterpillar of the butterflies, the painted lady and grey hairstreak.



Common Name: Diabolo Ninebark
Scientific Name: *Physocarpus opulifolius* 'Diabolo'

Physocarpus opulifolius 'Diabolo' is commonly known as Diabolo ninebark. This deciduous shrub grows in a graceful vase-shaped habit typically 4 - 8' tall by wide. It gets its name from the peeling bark exposing layers of reddish to light brown bark. The leaves are maple-like, and are a brilliant deep purple. It blooms May to June with clusters of whitish - pink flowers. Once blooming is completed the fruit appears in drooping red clusters adding another transition of color against the purple leaves. It grows in sun to part-shade. It can be used in mass for screening or hedge, or alone as the dramatic backdrop to a garden full of greys to chartreuse greens popping with color. It is a hardy shrub for mixed shrub borders as well as erosion control.