

# Open Space, Recreation & Resiliency

## Master Plan Update Summary

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Based on public input from the Online Survey and engagement with the Green Team, Environmental Commission, and other stakeholder groups, there is continued interest in improving Bordentown's open space and environmental integrity through the Master Plan. The following goals and recommendations have been identified throughout the public outreach process and are subject to change in response to additional public review prior to the Master Plan's adoption.

### Identified **GOALS**

- 1 Provide a diverse range of facilities** to accommodate active and passive recreation needs.
- 2 Treat public streets as public spaces** by continuing to explore opportunities for streetscape amenities, open streets, parklets, and pocket parks.
- 3 Improve access and connectivity** to open space and community assets by strengthening bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, transit access, and connections to local and regional trail networks.
- 4 Incorporate art and history** into public space planning to enrich the social functions offered by parks and open space and promote tourism.
- 5 Reinforce environmental stewardship** through conservation, best management practices, green infrastructure, and long-range planning.
- 6 Embrace the waterfront** through enhanced design, trail connections, tourism opportunities, and public access.

# Summary **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **Prepare an Open Space Master Plan Element** to establish a long-range strategy for park design, management, and continued preservation of natural land.
- **Develop a plan for Point Breeze** by continuing to work with the State and D&R Greenway toward long-term public use of the site.
- **Continue collaborative efforts** to improve the City's park system with consistent signage, wayfinding, online information, and community programming.
- **Explore trail opportunities** along streams and greenway corridors, public property, and railroad right-of-ways.
- **Reorient Bordentown Beach** to increase habitable beach space, optimize its diverse uses, and explore opportunities for local and regional trail connections.
- **Establish a Conservation Overlay Zone** to conserve continuous land for greenway corridors, trail opportunities, public easements, and environmental protection.
- **Assess and continue to support the City's street tree plantings** through an inventory and capital improvement planning.
- **Coordinate open space and landscape design standards** with all land development approvals and zoning permit processes.
- **Encourage public and private investment** in local renewable energy, green stormwater management, pollinator habitat, and environmental health.

## How to Participate

Input from the Bordentown community is an essential component of the master plan and remains an ongoing process. While the Planning Board will hold a public meeting on **May 3rd 2021 and again on June 7th**, all members of the public are warmly invited to share their comments and concerns on an ongoing basis via **office@latinigleitz.com**. Your input will help shape the City's collective vision for growth, preservation, and economic sustainability well into the future. Help make the master plan the best it can be!

