

## Critical Habitat Management of Cape May Point Public Lands\*

### Beach/Dunes

- Manage for beach nesters and endangered plants as per the *Beach Management Plan: For the Protection of Federally and State-Listed Species, April 2016* developed in cooperation with NJDEP and USF&W. The plan addresses Piping Plover, Least Tern, Red Knot, and American Oystercatcher along with three endangered plants (Seabeach Amaranth, Seabeach Evening Primrose, and Seabeach Sandwort).
  - It includes predator management of feral and free-roaming cats. Dogs, cats and other animals (except service animals) are prohibited from March 15 to October 31 within all beaches. Service animals are required to be leashed.
  - Human disturbance is restricted as needed near beach nesting areas and the Precautionary Zone (Alexander Beach) as specified in the plan including beach maintenance, raking, and clean-up activities.
- Maintain the wrack line for the benefit of migratory and resident shorebirds with the exception of the week before Memorial Day through the end of August on recreational beaches.
- Limit access to the dunes to benefit the Tiger Beetle and endangered plants.

### Lake Lily

- Manage for amphibians, turtles, waterbirds.
- Pesticide, herbicide and algaecide applications on or around the lake must follow NJDEP guidelines as recommended by the Environmental Commission.
- Minimize human disturbance (no fishing or boating allowed).
- Minimize detrimental runoff from residential properties into stormwater drainage which empties into the lake (prohibit/discourage inappropriate residential fertilizer, pesticide, and herbicide applications).
- Monitor invasive wildlife species of concern (Mute Swan, non-migratory Canada Geese).
- Monitor invasive plants species of concern (Parrot Feather).

### Riparian Buffer (Public Lands perimeter of Lake Lily)

- Manage northern two-thirds as native forest edge to benefit migratory and resident songbirds as well as other wildlife.
- Remove/control invasive species and replace with natives.
- Manage the southern one-third ADA-accessible public park as a wildlife garden for pollinators and songbirds using native perennials and woody plants.
- Provide wildlife viewing area with educational signage.

### Vernal Ponds/Wet Woods (County Open Space on Lighthouse Ave.)

- Manage for amphibians, migratory songbirds, and other wildlife.
- Minimize human disturbance.
- Coordinate management with the Nature Conservancy which owns adjacent properties.

### Public Gardens (Triangle Park, Pavilion Circle, Entrance Park)

- Manage for pollinators and songbirds with largely native perennials and woody plants.
- Remove/control invasive species and replace with natives.
- Enhance wildlife viewing areas with educational signage.
- Prohibit planting invasive species.

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