

## ***Site Development and Management Goals***

One of the goals of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is to provide the public with opportunities to learn about the history of the state. The CCC/POW camp at Hamlin Beach State Park is a part of that history and deserves to be interpreted for the historic and educational value it presents to park visitors.

In light of this goal, and considering the pristine condition of the camp, the agency has determined that the site is deserving of preservation and that a Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP) is appropriate for the site. Development of that plan will be done under the guidance of SHPO staff with input from interested parties in the public sphere. One of these parties will be the volunteers from the Friends of Hamlin Beach State Park (FOHBSP) in recognition of their interest and accomplishments to date.

Currently the CRMP is under development and the following goals for site development and management will be instituted during that development time.

### **Site Development**

- Define the exact boundaries of the area of historical interest needing protection from the unauthorized disturbance of soils, use of motor vehicles, etc. (Figure CCC1)
  - Document the boundaries and provide the park with maps depicting pertinent GIS layers
  - Have adjoining wetlands delineated
  - Provide two buffer zones within the defined area
    - An undisturbed buffer zone 50' deep along Moscow Road to provide screening of the site from the road and neighborhood. No cutting of trees or clearing of brush permitted in this buffer zone. Removal of safety hazard trees is allowed. Surface artifacts may be removed.
    - An undisturbed buffer zone 50' deep from the edge of Yanty Creek to protect the water quality in the creek. No cutting of trees or clearing of brush permitted in this buffer zone. Cutting of safety hazard trees is allowed. Surface artifacts may be removed.
- Finish removing debris from site and remediate/restore the “dump site” to the north
  - The materials will be stored in an expanded storage facility in the park maintenance area. The maintenance area expansion is not part of this current planning report.
- Remove all hazardous trees (currently there are trees that will require the use of heavy equipment to be removed)
  - In order to reduce the chances of disturbing the archaeological record, tree/stump removal will occur when the ground is either dry or frozen and the Park will work with the Friends group to place equipment in locations least likely to disturb the archaeological record.

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- Stumps will be ground to approximately one inch below the ground surface and the holes will be filled with clean fill (such as mulch) that is readily distinguishable from the surrounding soils.
- The stump of the tree that has the barbed wire attached will be maintained in place with the exception of the top of the tree which will be removed.
- Improve the existing driveways and construct a gravel parking lot on the site of the demolished barn
  - Move the gate on Moscow Road to the north restricting vehicle access to Howden Pond and the north section of the site
  - Institute one way traffic pattern entering at the east drive entrance and exiting west drive (see CCC/POW Site Development Plan)
- Develop a Memorandum Of Understanding or a Lease Agreement between the FOHBSP and OPRHP for use of the farm house and garages
  - The farm house is to be used as a site visitor center, museum, meeting space
    - Institute a cataloguing system for artifacts
    - Establish guidelines for preservation, storage, and display of any artifacts held on site
    - Install a security system
  - Garages to be used for equipment storage and workshops
  - Install new water service to the house from Moscow Rd.
    - The regional capital facilities manager will submit the proposed work plan to the Division for Historic Preservation for review and comment.
    - The friends group will be responsible for payment of all utilities and for conducting routine maintenance
- Uncover historic East-West streets and North-South roads and top with compressed fine crushed stone/stone dust and utilize the historic roads as trails to navigate through the site
  - Set overall traffic patterns through the site and regulate vehicular and pedestrian access to adjacent resources (i.e. Howden Pond)
- Place interpretive panels throughout the site as appropriate
  - Currently there are only two panels that have been produced for the site and more panels will likely be necessary to better interpret the site for visitors
- Place identification signs at the site of each building and delineate each buildings footprint in an attractive manner
- Install a flagpole at the location of the original flagpole in the parade field
- Utilize solar lighting to illuminate the American flag and other prominent features as appropriate
- Install solar security lighting at the gravel lot and where appropriate at the site
- Develop interpretive literature for the site including a self-guided tour (may need to install numbered site markers for a self-tour)

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- Install show pieces on site that require little maintenance and have high durability (possibilities to include CCC statue, Model section of barbed wire fence, reinstall the POW gate on the original posts, etc.)



Figure CCC1 - Top: Boundary of Interpretive Area and buffer zones. Bottom: Circulation and Traffic Plan