

**APPENDIX F:**

**INVENTORY CHECKLISTS AND CRITERIA**

# SITE CHECKLIST FOR PUBLIC ACCESS & RECREATION INVENTORY DATABASE

Reach #      Sheet #

S.C.T.M. No(s):

Location:

Coordinates:

## ACCESS:

- Visual access, scenic and water viewpoints
- Benches
- Pedestrian/natural, #
- Pedestrian/walkway or stairway, #
- Town bathing beach
- Non-designated bathing beach
- Public lands/ road-end
- Non-public lands
- Town Nature Preserve
- Private beach club
- Launch ramp, #
- Boating access w/o ramp, #
- ORV access, #
- Parking spaces, #
- Bike racks
- Picnic grounds
- Camping, # sites

## WATER DEPENDENT USES/ FACILITIES:

### Boating /Marina

- Marina
- Private membership yacht club
- Number of slips, #
- Boat dealers/yacht brokers
- Fueling
- Pumpout
- Shoreside facil. (toilets/showers/laundry)
- Haulage/storage/repair, capacity #
- Moorings, #
- Private dock
- Boat, canoe, kayak, windsurfer rentals
- Whale watching trips

### Fishing

- Charter boats, #
- Party boats, #
- Fishing pier
- Bait & tackle shop
- Fish cleaning sink(s)
- Surfcasting

### Passive/pedestrian uses

- Beach walking/jogging
- Picnicking
- Sunbathing

- Beachcombing
- Sandcastle bldg/contests
- Bird watching from shore
- Seal watching at haulout
- Nature walks
- Photography/sketching/painting

**WATER-ENHANCED USES/ FACILITIES:**

- Existing trails, trail systems, Trustee roads
- Available trail maps
- Bike paths (proposed)
- ORV driving
- Area restrictions on ORV use
- Childrens camp
- Public swimming pool
- Golf
- Miniature golf
- Tennis, # courts
- Ballfields
- Volley ball nets
- Bike rentals
- Horse rentals, stables
- Wild fruit/berry sources/foraging
- Hunting, shooting
- Permitted hunting grounds

**Public recreation improvement opportunities:**

- Acquire public access  Ballfield  Basketball  Benches  Bike racks  Canoe/kayak potential campsite  Dock
- Fishing pier  Garbage cans  Interpretive signs  Launch ramp  Parking  Pedestrian access  Picnic tables  ORV access  Roller blade  Scenic view  Swimming Pool  Tennis  Toilet  Trail  Wetland restoration

**Environmental concerns:**

- Significant habitat  NYS  Local
- Protected plant species \_\_\_\_\_ Protected animal species \_\_\_\_\_ Nesting shorebirds \_\_\_\_\_
- Potential water quality problem
- Erosion reduced recreational opportunity ( e.g. beach loss)
- Potential flooding at road-end

**Conflicts, existing and potential:**

- Conflicts w/ natural resources, recreational resources, habitat or other users  Beach driving  Pedestrian overuse
- other
- Use conflicts at or near site: Boats/swimmers  Fishing/swimming  Hunters/ hikers, passive users  Jet skis/ swimming
- ORV's /habitat or natural resources
- ORV's/ passive human activity  Private property/ public access  Surfcasting/ swimming

**Recreational uses compatible with new private development:**

- Dock/ fishing pier  Docks/ marina  Launch ramp  Pedestrian access to beach  ORV access  Swimming  Trail(s)

**Notes:**

**WATERBODY CHECKLIST FOR RECREATION INVENTORY DATABASE**

Reach #    Sheet #

S.C.T.M. No(s):

Location:

Coordinates:

**WATER USES:**

**Boating**

- Sailing/motor
- Canoeing/kayaking/rowing
- Wind-surfing
- Jet-skiing
- Water-skiing
- Moorings, #
- Overnight anchorage
- Private docks, #

**Swimming**

- Ocean
- Bay
- Pond
- Board surfing
- Snorkeling/scuba diving

**Fishing**

- Saltwater, inshore
- Saltwater, offshore
- Freshwater
- Shellfishing
- TOEH hatchery seeded beds
- Other

**Hunting**

- Duck hunting
- Duck blind(s)

**Public recreation improvement opportunities:**

Acquire public access  Fishing pier  Launch ramp  Wetland restoration

**Environmental concerns:**

Significant habitat  NYS  Local  
Protected plant species \_\_\_\_\_ Protected animal species \_\_\_\_\_  
Nesting shorebirds \_\_\_\_\_  
Potential water quality problem   
Erosion reduced recreational opportunity ( e.g. beach loss)

**Conflicts, existing and potential:**

Conflicts w/ natural resources, recreational resources, habitat or other users  other \_\_\_\_\_  
Use conflicts at or near site: Boats/swimmers  Fishing/swimming  Hunters/hikers, passive users  Jet skis/ swimming   
ORV's /habitat or natural resources  Private property/ public access  Surfcasting/ swimming

Notes:

## CRITERIA FOR SITE CHECKLIST

### ACCESS:

**Launch ramp** is an improved surface to launch a boat directly into the water.

**Boating access without a ramp** indicates the use at a site, not necessarily the ability, to launch boats into the water from the beach. A launch area implies ORV access onto the beach. Launch areas and ORV access both imply pedestrian and visual access.

**Pedestrian walkway or stairway** is an improved access to the waterfront such as stairs, a boardwalk or a dock, that cannot be used by vehicles. Most marinas are considered to have pedestrian public access.

**Pedestrian natural** is a cleared path, also inaccessible to vehicles. Pedestrian includes visual access.

**Visual access** is a scenic water view without vehicular or pedestrian access.

**Parking space** numbers are calculated in the field, or from an approved site plan, or from information provided by the operator of a site.

**Bike racks** and **Benches** were determined by site inspections or per facility operator.

**Picnic grounds** are areas with picnic facilities such as tables and BBQ's.

**Number of Camping sites** were provided by the park operator.

**Town bathing beach** is a public beach (Town, County, or State) staffed with lifeguard[s] and equipped with a comfort station.

**Non-designated bathing beach** is used for bathing by the general public, but without facilities.

**Private beach club** is a membership-only club, includes homeowner association beaches.

**Public lands or road-ends** reflect ownership by the Town, State or Federal government.

**Non-public lands** are owned privately, or semi-publicly, as by homeowner associations and The Nature Conservancy.

**Town Nature Preserve** is an official Town designation, so listed in the Open Space Plan and defined in Town Code §103.

### WATER DEPENDENT USES/ FACILITIES:

#### Boating /Marina

**Marina** has dock facilities available to the general public for a fee. Recreational facilities provided by the marina are usually available only to guests.

**Private yacht club** is a marina open to members only, including several marinas owned by homeowner associations.

**Number of slips** is provided by the marina owner/operator, or from an approved site plan, or determined in the field if the above are unavailable.

**Boat dealers/yacht brokers, Fueling, Pumpout, and Haulage, storage, or repair**, were all determined by site inspections and from interviews with marina owner/operators. Only functional pumpouts were counted. Only marinas that had winter storage of boats on site were counted for Haulage/storage/repair.

**Shoreside facilities** are restrooms and/or showers and laundry facilities.

**Boat, canoe, kayak, or windsurfer rentals** information is provided by the facility operator.

**Number of moorings** is provided by the Town Trustees.

**Private dock**, residential or other private facility, determined by a field inspection or from aerial photographs.

**Whale watching trips** are available seasonally, departing from the Viking Dock in Montauk.

#### Fishing

**Number of charter boats** is best estimate of current full-time charter boats and does not indicate the boats that offer charter services on a part time basis.

**Number of party boats** is number currently known to be operating.

**Fishing pier** is a dock or jetty in common use by local fishermen.

**Bait & tackle shop** and **Fish cleaning sink(s)** are determined by a site inspection or per the marina owner/operator.

**Surfcasting** is available at sites when there is an appropriate beach, and was noted for sites in common use by local fishermen on the basis of interviews.

#### Passive/pedestrian uses

**Beach walking/jogging** requires a sandy beach.

**Picnicking** requires an accessible area that is appropriate for picnicking and may or may not have picnic tables or BBQs available.

**Sunbathing** indicates a sandy beach with access.

**Beachcombing** requires an accessible shoreline.

**Sandcastle building contests** are organized events held at Atlantic Avenue and Hither Hills State Park.

**Bird watching from shore** is available from almost every site that has visual access of a waterbody, including marinas.

**Seal watching at haulout** occurs in winter primarily along the north shore of Montauk, although seals may be sighted at other locations.

**Nature walks** are guided walks sponsored by the Town or an organized group.

**Photography/sketching/painting** occurs throughout the Town's scenic coastline.

#### WATER-ENHANCED USES/ FACILITIES:

**Existing trails, trail systems, Trustee roads** are existing trails, determined from trail maps, aerials photographs, and field inspection. A natural pedestrian access to the waterfront is not counted as a trail.

**Available trail maps** are pamphlets prepared by the Town, State, County, or Nature Conservancy.

**Proposed bike path**, primarily located along the LIRR right of way parallel to Montauk Highway from Amagansett to Montauk. Other sites may be recommended for potential bike paths.

**ORV driving** at a site does not indicate ORV access from the site, but ORV driving at or in front of the site. For example, many pedestrian access points do not provide ORV access although there is driving along the beach accessed by the pedestrian path or walkway. If **No ORV Driving** is indicated where there are **No Area Restrictions** on ORV use, driving is physically limited by the presence of bulkheads, wetland marsh, or other barrier.

**Area restrictions on ORV use** are Town area and seasonal restrictions as specified in **§43-5** of the Town Code and described in the Beach Driving Ordinances pamphlet. This does not include areas that are temporarily restricted because of nesting shorebirds, or State and County parklands regulations.

**Childrens camp** is a facility that serves as a day camp or overnight camp.

**Public swimming pools** are located at private clubs, marinas and camps, and except for the Montauk Downs State Park and Gurney's Inn, are available only for guests. Pools at motels and condominiums not generally open to the public are not included.

**Golf courses** can be public or private.

**Miniature golf** is available at Puff'n Putt on Fort Pond in Montauk.

**Tennis courts** include those available at schools and private facilities.

**Ballfields** and **Volley ball nets** are determined by site inspection or information provided by park operator.

**Bike rentals** and **Horse rentals and stable** are recorded where available.

**Wild fruit/berry sources/foraging** areas provide good sources of cranberries, blueberries, beach plum, blackberries.

**Hunting, shooting and trapping** sites were determined with the input of hunters.

**Permitted hunting grounds** or permit-restricted hunting grounds, are sites that requires an additional hunting access permit from either the Town, County, or State in addition to mandatory NYS hunting licenses.

## CRITERIA FOR WATERBODY CHECKLIST

### WATER USES:

#### Boating

**Sailing/motor boating** in open waters and harbors, primary areas of activity.

**Canoeing/kayaking/rowing** primary areas of activity.

**Wind-surfing** popular areas with sufficient wind, but generally sheltered.

**Jet-skiing** primary areas where practiced (permitted in open waters 500' from the shoreline except for launching and landing, prohibited in enclosed harbors).

**Water-skiing** in the open waters of the bay, designated area in Three Mile Harbor, permitted in all of southern Lake Montauk.

**Number of moorings** in Town Trustee regulated areas, provided by the Trustees.

**Overnight anchorage** in calm waters where permitted; prohibited in Napeague Harbor except for weather emergency.

**Number of private docks** was counted in the field and/or interpreted from aerial photographs.

#### Swimming

**Ocean** from south shore beaches.

**Bay** on the north shore, including harbors and creeks.

**Pond** in the the enclosed bodies of water.

**Board surfing** determined by interviews with surfers.

**Snorkeling/scuba diving** determined by interviews with divers, including the Submersibles, a diving club at Southampton College.

#### Fishing

**Saltwater, inshore** includes surfcasting and fishing off a dock.

**Saltwater, offshore** by boat.

**Freshwater** includes brackish coastal ponds.

**Shellfishing** determined by interviews with baymen, requires Town permit in local waters.

**TOEH hatchery seeded beds** shown on maps prepared by the Town Hatchery.

**Other** fishing includes crabbing, eels.

#### Hunting

**Duck hunting** where practiced and where requirement of 500' open line of fire can be met.

**Duck blind(s)** determined by field inspection and interviews.