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DESIGN GROUP

Veterans Park Master Plan – Norwalk, CT
Inventory and Analysis
Public Input Meeting 11-15-11

Possible Goals

- Enhance existing and encourage new water–dependent uses (as recommended in the 2008 Plan of Conservation and Development, Norwalk Harbor Management Plan 2009 and Norwalk Mid-Harbor Planning Study 2005)

    - View park as a component of a connected system providing linkages-trails, paths, bike routes, channels to integrate neighborhoods
    - Development, enhancement, and maintenance of pedestrian facilities to link the Boating Center with SoNo, Maritime Aquarium and Heritage Park
    - Encourage access points for small non-motorized boats to promote water-based recreation
    - Provide a fishing pier and picnic tables
    - On and off-land services for recreational boating and public access to Norwalk Harbor and East Norwalk Basin
    - Continued development and enhancement of public facilities at the Boating Center
    - Enhance the usability of the boat launch and visitors dock
    - Additional transient slips on the eastern side of the park
    - New facilities for transient boaters including a new prominent public (harbormaster) building welcoming visitors from land and sea.
    - Use of best management practices and stormwater treatment systems such as minimization of impervious surfaces, on-site retention, treatment of runoff, regular catch basin cleaning
    - Preserve views
    - Preserve intertidal resources found to the south of Veteran's Park
    - Enhance existing shorelines by removing invasive weeds, replanting with native plants
    - Improved perimeter walkway all the way around the park

- Provide family oriented multi-use community recreational facilities and passive activities
- Foster interaction
- Integrate seasonal activities-year round use
- Extend hours of operation
- Enhance aesthetics and views both to and from the park
- Create sequences of spaces within the park
- Enhance multi-modal access: bike, pedestrian, boat, bus (WHEELS)
- Stimulate development
- Increase tourism
- Attract businesses and residents
- Financially sustainable