

Initial Project Prioritization Topics and Themes

Improve many of the **lawns** that have poor soil or grass. Remove potholes, old pavement and concrete foundations. Remove stumps and grade as needed

Enhance the **restroom experience** through cleaner port-a-potties with better aesthetics and potentially install shelters architecturally aligned with a permanent restroom facility to be centrally located within Fort Williams Park

Improve wayfinding throughout the park with enhanced north-south pedestrian pathways, standardized signage, kiosks, and the potential use of QR codes to access enhanced scenic, historical, and ecological information

Create better four-season **walking promenades** with delineated edges, scattered seating, additional plantings, and seasonal drinking water access

Continue to **enhance existing programs** around invasive species management, stonewall repair, and erosion control; and

Enhance enforcement of speed, trash and leash policies within Fort Williams Park.

In addition to these cross-park themes, and many other individual recommendations, there are about ten major recommendations included for short and long-term consideration:

- Reengineer **Powers Rd** (central vehicular artery for Fort Williams Park) to enable safe access for pedestrians, bicycles, cars, and commercial vehicles. Focus areas should include the narrow area above the sledding hill, the curves and dips past the beach parking access, and the confusing entry into Central Parking
- Enhance the **Ship Cove beach area** to provide a cleaner and more inviting lawn area with enhanced beach, picnic, and parking facilities
- Stabilize and revitalize the **Goddard Mansion** with an effort to remove fencing, preserve the façade, and enhance visual aspects at an affordable cost. The Fort Williams Park Committee is recommending an approach similar to Bermuda's "Unfinished Church" which safely preserves an affordable fraction of that architecturally significant venue
- Stabilize and revitalize parts of **Battery Keyes** with potential for an ocean overlook and visual connectivity back up the hill towards the Goddard Mansion
- Reengineer and join the **Parade Ground and Overflow Parking** areas to more safely accommodate existing and additional parking needs while establishing a safer and more intuitive traffic pattern
- Fix the **Pond** area including walls, filters, pumps and dam. Establish multi-season use patterns with focus on skating and inclusion of an open-air pavilion for education, gatherings, and a warming hut for skaters
- Better **connect the north and south cliff walk trail systems** along the ocean through enhanced wayfinding, cohesive materials, and improved trail connector segments
- Create a new **Vendor Promenade** to centralize the food and expressive vendors on the Green under Battery Blair (providing utilities and vehicular access as needed)
- Explore the creation of a **Mini-Theater** to be used for Sounds By The Sea, performing artists, outdoor classroom, etc. in the natural ravine overlooking the Green and the ocean at the south end of the stone retaining wall under Battery Blair; and
- Set aside buildings, parking and land to create space for a **Cape Community Campus** in the areas of the Officers Row buildings, the Public Works facilities and the dirt parking lot (playground to be relocated)