

G. Land Acquisition

The National Park Service proposes to acquire certain lands within and adjacent to the national seashore in order to fulfill the national seashore's management objectives and legislative mandate (see figure 13 and table 8). Should Suffolk County donate lands west of Moriches Inlet and east of Smith Point County Park to the National Park Service, they would become a unit of Fire Island National Seashore managed for low density, traditional, day use, recreation activities.

1. Land Acquisition Within the Present Boundary

Acquire in fee private inholdings on federal tracts when offered for sale by owners on an opportunity purchase basis (total 29.13 acres).

Acquire tract 2203 adjacent to Kismet through fee purchase (total 8.50 acres).

Acquire 11.52 acres of non-federal lands on West Fire Island and 4.0 acres bordering the western edge of Saltaire by opportunity purchase.

Acquire 48 improved and approximately 250 unimproved properties within the proposed dune district. (In the event of major storm damage, any of the remaining 209 improved properties within the dune district would be acquired if structures on the property sustained 50 percent or greater damage. All land within a community would be acquired if 90 percent or more of all structures within a community were destroyed by a storm.)

2. Land Acquisition Outside the Present Boundary

Acquire approximately 10 acres of land at the head of the Patchogue River for establishing a national seashore headquarters, mainland ferry terminal, parking area, and visitor orientation/information center. (A legislative amendment to the Fire Island National Seashore Act, Public Law 88-587, will be required for the Park Service to acquire property on the mainland of Long Island.)

Acquire up to 21 acres of New York State land adjacent to Heckscher State Park for a ferry terminal.

Acquire the 90-acre U.S. Coast Guard Fire Island Lighthouse tract through surplus property procedures to protect and interpret the historic and natural resources of the site. (A legislative amendment to P.L. 88-587 will

be needed to include the lighthouse tract within the national seashore boundary.)

Pursue the transfer of an approximately 90-acre tract of land east of the lighthouse tract and owned by the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission in order to unify management of this island segment. (A legislative amendment to P.L. 88-587 will be necessary to include this tract within the national seashore boundary. If transfer is not possible, the Park Service will cooperate with the state to ensure compatible day-use recreation on federal and state lands.)

Seek a legislative amendment to transfer one of two alternative sites at Heckscher State Park for a secondary ferry terminal that would replace the existing Sayville operation.

H. Cooperative Management Agreements

Develop cooperative agreements with Suffolk County and the towns of Brookhaven and Islip for management of Great South Bay islands that are within the seashore boundary to ensure the protection and preservation of natural features, including flora and fauna. (This includes Hospital, John Boyle, Pelican, Ridge, and Sexton Islands, and seven small islands north of Old Inlet. See figure 13.)

I. Proposals Requiring Legislation Before Implementation

1. Proposed Land Acquisitions Requiring Legislative Boundary Changes

The National Park Service proposes to acquire certain additional lands outside the present boundary that are needed to fulfill the national seashore's management objectives. These acquisitions will require the enactment of legislation.

Acquisition of up to 31 acres on the south shore of mainland Long Island is recommended for the purpose of establishing two staging areas for the national seashore. Sites for two of the staging areas have been identified in the northwestern corner of Heckscher State Park (two alternative sites), and on the northeast side of the Patchogue River in Patchogue.

Another adjustment in the park boundary is recommended to allow for acquisition of the 90-acre lighthouse tract and the section of New York State land (approximately 90 acres) lying east of the lighthouse tract. The lighthouse tract would be acquired through federal