

# Fire Island National Seashore

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## Electronic Newsletter



**General Management Planning Update**

**September 2011**

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### October 2011 Special Programs



While a full slate of summer programs at Fire Island National Seashore are offered from July 1 through Labor Day each year, there are opportunities to

**Dear Friends,**

Fire Island National Seashore's general management plan (GMP) process has come a long way, but most of the work lately has been behind the scenes. In April 2010, we released a Draft Preliminary Management Alternatives Newsletter, which summarized the GMP planning process completed to date and provided a summary of the Preliminary Management Alternatives for public consideration and comment. The newsletter was distributed via a 1,400 piece mailing and was also made available in an electronic format on the park's website. A second printing of the newsletter was made available in August 2010 and distributed as an insert in the local *Fire Island Tide* summer newspaper.

We received more than 250 sets of comments offering numerous perspectives and opinions about the preliminary management alternatives. We also held a public meeting at Patchogue in June 2010 and two public open houses on Fire Island in August 2010. All told, we had over 100 people participate in our public sessions. The comments that we received were thoughtful and thought-provoking and the planning team is deeply appreciative of your efforts to share your ideas and concerns. That feedback has gone into the development of revised draft management alternatives for the GMP, which are currently being reviewed internally.

Management alternatives for the William Floyd Estate have been developed separately, since this is a separate distinct unit of the park. A third Fire Island National Seashore GMP Newsletter which specifically relates to the William Floyd Estate is now available for review and comment. No public meetings are planned at this time, but you may visit the William Floyd Estate while it's still open for the season. The comment period for [FIIS GMP Newsletter 3 -- William Floyd Estate -- September 2011](#) is open through October 31, 2011.

explore and enjoy some parts of the park the rest of the year. You can download a copy of Fire Island National Seashore's [October 2011](#) Special Programs flyer, and check the park's website for more information.

Special tours and other programs are offered at the Fire Island Lighthouse, William Floyd Estate, and Wilderness Visitor Center all year.

On warmer fall days, mosquitoes and ticks can be still be encountered in some areas, so be prepared if you plan to camp or hike.

Enjoy your park throughout the year!

Learn More:

[Fire Island National Seashore's General Management Plan](#)



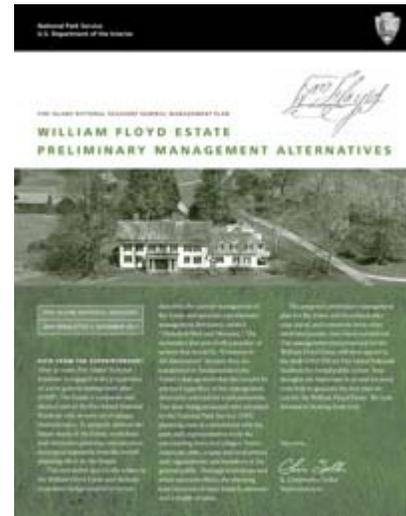
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As has been the case throughout this planning process, your input is important to us. If you have additional thoughts or comments that you would like to share with the planning team, please do not hesitate to contact us at [fire\\_island\\_gmp@nps.gov](mailto:fire_island_gmp@nps.gov) or by regular mail at National Park Service, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109, Attn: Ellen Carlson, Fire Island Project Manager.

**Revised [General Management Plan Project Schedule](#)**

**William Floyd Estate Preliminary Management Alternatives Newsletter**

This newsletter is the third in a series prepared for the Fire Island National Seashore's general management planning (GMP) process. The newsletter specifically relates to the William Floyd Estate and includes important background information, describes the current management of the Estate and presents a preliminary management alternative entitled "Historical Park and Museum."



The comment period for [FIIS GMP Newsletter 3 -- William Floyd Estate -- September 2011](#) is open on the National Park Service Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) site from September 21 through October 31, 2011.

Visit the park's web site for more information about the [William Floyd Estate](#). Grounds and Old Mastic House tours are open Friday - Sunday and holidays, through November 13, 2011.

**[Download: William Floyd Estate Preliminary Management Alternatives](#)**

**White-tailed Deer and Vegetation Management Plan**

Over the summer, a separate planning process was initiated to create a [White-tailed Deer and Vegetation Management Plan](#) for the park. This document will become an implementation plan for the park and will be incorporated into the park's new GMP.

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A formal period of public scoping took place from June 17 - July 31, 2011, with the release of a newsletter which introduced some background information, including the purpose and need for such a plan, and explained the process that the NPS follows to develop such a plan and its associated Environmental Impact Statement. A summary of comments on this newsletter will soon be available for review on the PEPC site. Public meetings to discuss management alternatives for the Deer/Vegetation Plan are not expected to be conducted until late next year.

Visit the park's web site for more information about [Fire Island deer](#).

For more information about Fire Island National Seashore, visit the park's web site at [www.nps.gov/fiis](http://www.nps.gov/fiis).

**[Learn More: White-tailed Deer and Vegetation Management Plan](#)**

