

We Listened and Learned from You

Over the last year, many of you shared your ideas, thoughts and inspirations for the future of the Gateway with us as we launched the beginning of the GMP. In July 2009, the first GMP newsletter was introduced and more than 7,000 copies sent out to the park’s mailing list, posted on the park’s website and distributed at visitor contact stations or by staff throughout the park. In order to reach as much of our metropolitan audience as possible, the newsletter was translated and printed in Mandarin Chinese, Russian and Spanish.

In July 2009, the park hosted five outdoor Open Houses at the Great Kills Beach Center, Bay 9 at Riis Park, Sandy Hook Lot D Beach Center, Aviator Sports at Floyd Bennett Field and the Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center. Members of the Gateway’s Planning and Civic Engagement Team, rangers, and other staff were on hand to share information and answer questions about the GMP process. Children were encouraged to draw their ideas while many of you shared your thoughts on our comment sheets. Another six Open Houses were held in September at the Gateway Marina, World War Veterans Park at Miller Field, Fort Hancock Chapel, Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center and the Ranger Station at Floyd Bennett Field.

The highlight of the Open Houses was hearing from you. We appreciate the thoughtfulness and enthusiasm for Gateway that was displayed in writing and through conversations with staff. Comments were also received by mail, electronic mail and through the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website. Almost a thousand people participated in these combined forums which resulted in hundreds of comment sheets and thousands of individual comments. All ideas and suggestions that were received at the Open Houses, by mail, or on-line are equally valuable to us.

Looking ahead to the next 20 years, we asked you to reflect on important questions that reflect the planning challenges the GMP will tackle:

- What do you enjoy most about Gateway now?
- How can Gateway best protect its historic sites, woods, wildlife and waters through 2029?
- What programs would you like to see at Gateway?
- How can technology connect Gateway to new audiences including people that live far away?
- What should Gateway do to become a “green” or more environmentally friendly park?
- How should Gateway National Recreation Area look in 20 years?

Listed below are your responses to our questions on the comment forms as well as your other ideas and thoughts. Not surprisingly, certain topics took considerable precedent over others depending on location. While there are some differing opinions and ideas, the planning team considers all comments with an eye towards fulfillment of its mission to preserve and protect the park for current and future generations.

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1-HOW SHOULD GATE LOOK IN 20 YEARS?

- Bathrooms at every beach. Possible sea life center. Swimming lessons and instructors.
- More parking
- Same as it is today!
- It should stay, with the same theme it has now, I would not like to see a lot of new buildings.
- Have a board walk? Keep it just as clean! Maybe have a garbage and recycle containers.
- It should have a boardwalk with stores and rides. Clean
- Nice and no trash
- Similar to how it looks now. Maybe expansion of visitor's center
- Clean sand and no glass. Water - clean. Access to park. No littering.
- Continue to keep up cleanliness. Food court expansion
- Affordable hotels. More places to buy things to eat
- Hotels that are affordable. Slides, small water park.
- Kids park, board walk, water park
- No change !!
- The same way it does now. I love it here!!
- It should no longer include Sandy Hook as a Unit. Sandy Hook should be its own park. Sandy Hook should also be allowed to keep its Friends Group Sandy Hook Foundation
- I have been coming to Gateway for years. I love the setup as is - I would say maintain as is!! If this place could be same in 20 years - awesome
- Just as it is now - no changes
- More beach area for the public and fishing access
- More educational facilities for Brookdale, Rutgers, and local schools. More ferry service.
- Keep it natural - least building possible. Nice size beaches with protected sand dunes.
- Trash receptacles, hard walkways to the beach, shuttles to avoid traffic jams from parking lots at entrance, make rangers more aware of health issues and how to properly handle them.
- Nice parking area, nice bathrooms, clean beaches every day, preserve military presence
- The same
- The same? Better bathrooms and wash rooms
- The same as it is now, it is beautiful as long as everyone keeps Gateway clean
- Palm trees, expand bike path, nite lites on bike path, bathroom pavilions, pools, boardwalk, more eateries, make buildings on water, bed and breakfasts
- Stay the same except food and bev area - update
- Keep the nature preserved
- More places to eat/shop
- Boardwalk
- Playground games, little boardwalk
- A lot cleaner than now - too much things in water. Papers and such

- I love the beach but wish the sand was cleaner and more pat down - its very deep to walk in
- No different!
- As beautiful as it looks now
- More trees and restaurants
- I would like to see it kept in most natural conditions as possible and wildlife preserves and historic sites intact
- Natural, just like it is now
- The exact same way it looks now.
- Natural
- Not much different
- The same as now, keep it simple
- Beautiful, a good place close to go. They should improve the restaurant, and have more choices.
- Clean sand and natural dunes
- The same
- The same because its nice
- Don't change anything
- As close as possible to a pristine environment that is as good for soul as it is a retreat for the flora and fauna that are indigenous. Now commercialization - EVER
- The same
- Just about the same
- I like the look of it now, I hope it stays the same.
- I think it should look the same
- Trash -free!
- As a tourist I love Sandy Hook the way it is
- I think it should look the way it is right now
- Environmental stuff, park, garbage cans for everyone
- Like Disney
- I would like to see more parking areas. Bike rentals, float rentals, kite flying
- No changes for the next years
- Less dirty
- More eco programs, fishing, marine life tours, etc.
- More and more beautiful and clean as it is
- The same as it is today.
- Same way, clean and fun. More garbage cans.
- Without commercial development unless this commercial venture enhances the recreational experience of park patrols. This premise is stated in the Organic Act of 1916 and should be adhered to
- I hope that Gateway in 20 years still looks as beautiful as it does today
- Same way as it is today
- The same as it does now, even cleaner!
- Clear, clean water with white sand
- Clean and a nice beach area
- Clean. I think you need garbage cans. People don't take their garbage the way they should
- I don't know
- Stay as is
- As beautiful and natural as a park and beach should be (clean)
- More nature

- Needs trees and trash containers
- Bigger and more people so things would move faster
- Gateway should look similar to a beach that has a nice boardwalk, with stores and rides
- Like it does now!
- It looks great now but more restaurants would be great
- Clean, white beaches
- The way it is now.
- The same
- The guard rail at Riis Park should be restored, also around Jamaica Bay/Gil Hodges Bridge and Beach Channel Drive
- Clean, family friendly
- Nice plants
- Clean, natural, preserved, so no erosion
- Natural, w/ intermittent lots for parking and refreshments
- Beautiful
- The houses by the trail should be renovated and rented out.
- More buildings at Fort Hancock open, restored and available to the public, also battery.
- As natural as possible, restored batteries/historical buildings restored and used
- The same
- Sandy Hook should protect it's natural areas - beaches, holly forest, etc. But it should absolutely preserve its historically important buildings in Fort Hancock. Would like to see all the buildings restored and open to the public in 20 years.
- It should be protected to preserve what it has now
- Restore the buildings out on Fort Hancock
- Its already beautiful
- I haven't been down to Sandy Hook in about 10yrs only 45 mins North, but I was very happy that nothing has changed!
- Do not change nothing. Just less traffic!
- I feel the govt. should work on the houses at Ft. Hancock, They're falling apart! Each year it gets worse. Perhaps partner with a major corp. like Disney.
- Just like it is now.
- Hopefully the same
- Beautiful
- Like now would be fine.
- More restaurants.
- More bars and restaurant and concerts
- Few more bars, nothing corporate. Keep the beach the same.
- There should be a boardwalk
- Have a boardwalk.
- Must add a boardwalk and maybe a restaurant
- As close to natural as possible. Clean and maintained.
- Clean
- I love Sandy Hook and can't imagine more improvements than keeping the beaches clean and preserved.
- Keep it just as it is now. A clean family beach.
- There should be a boardwalk, and improved food.
- Just like it does now.

- The same.
- The same; It looks great!
- The same but maybe swings, stuff 4 kids
- Much the same
- Exactly as it does currently, but with better traffic!
- The same - kind of rustic
- Clean
- Basically the same - no new buildings - more re-use for the community - green - yes - kids - yes, schools - yes, museums, NFP - yes - corporate park, no, no, no.
- Have trash cans
- Pretty much the same I would like to see more of places to eat and drink
- The same
- Like a place for everyone - not just people w/ money, business people, etc. I hope that rather than leasing buildings to private developers there will be other alternatives for restoration. How about a program similar to "adopt a highway:" for Ft. Hancock? I want to see these fragile environments preserved under the original ideas of the NPS not the ideas from the Bush Administration.
- Like it does now
- The same
- The same, softer sand if possible
- The same
- Same
- The same
- Bigger/wider beaches
- Nice and clean and peaceful
- It should be as nice as it is now. You guys have done a great job over the last 15 years.
- As a place that would provide "the best" in both recreation and educational opportunities. For local patrons.
- Bathhouse update. Changing room separate from bathroom toilets
- The same
- Just like it looks today.
- Just the way it is
- Bigger homes, more activities for the children, better parks and restaurants, cleaner beaches
- Better than today with a boardwalk and hotel
- I would be happy if it looked as good as it does now
- As good as new! And should be 100% green
- The same way it looks now
- Do something with the deteriorating Fort Hancock buildings! I think you missed a great opportunity for their rehab.
- Many national parks have wonderful welcome centers. They are very helpful to help the public better appreciate the park.
- Much as it does today, but with many fewer cars! More ferry service. Shuttle buses to offsite parking.
- Natural areas should be protected - no commercial enterprises should be added to spoil that.
- The same as it does today, except for one building housing a museum and one building for hospitality - restaurant.
- The same.
- Similar to how it is now, but with the historic area in better shape.

- Less cars
- Major buildings should be rehabbed and occupied by a variety of groups - profit, non-profit, gov't even private is other uses are not found.
- The same! But more staff.
- Basically the same with the improvements completed. Small educational and recreational mix. Bayside water front access enhanced.
- Buildings restored, wildlife retained.
- Better, more accessible. Hopefully more buildings will be occupied.
- The historic properties should be well maintained and used for both historic/cultural education and outreach purposes and adaptively reused by educational and non-profit organizations as well as limited for-profit.
- Not too different from now. It should remain a public national park not the ground for commercial development. It should continue to have beaches, bike paths, lighthouses, and museum. Fort Hancock should be historically preserved.
- More activities
- Better preserved
- Like this and better: Simple and easy to get around. Central park is a good location.
- Pretty with lots of trees and activities for children
- About the same
- Essentially the same as now
- Displays discussing relationship of geologic history to local sites.
- Keep the natural beauty and the history - don't commercialize it.
- The same as it is now
- More bike paths along the shore and more events - triathlon, etc.
- Hopefully clean
- No cars, wildlife and trails
- More biker and runner friendly, like Sandy Hook
- Open park gates to the community; feels like a fort
- It looks beautiful as of right now. Should not be changed only kept up with. Kept clean
- All historic buildings open daily to visitors, with interpreters present to enhance the visitors experience.
- The same
- Preserve as close for original condition
- More wildlife and walking paths, more mileage markers
- Ferry shuttle among the (or between the) parks
- The same with added recreational facilities
- If you better place have peace quiet
- Gateway should, in my opinion, remain as it already is - an oasis of greenery right by the coastline and I access to a panoramic view of NY Harbor and the VNB
- As it is now, no development! I like rural kayaking would be fun here and provide them.
- Better than it does now
- Clean with room to expand to have community events.
- Better bicycle/pedestrian connections with outside. Need to coordinate with city and state to get connections between one Gateway facility and others - For example, trail between Great Kills and Miller Field - Bike/Ped traverse thru Ft Wadsworth
- More picnic areas would be great and better trails with better signs. Cleaner beaches.
- Hopefully we will have white sand and clean water

- State of the art recreation/nature/historical/tourist mecca. Develop pier/beach/parking lot at end of Tarlton - access from Mill Rd (near water treatment plant) - create hike/bike from there past salt marsh to main GKP roads
- Something similar to South Street Seaport - rent chairs and chase loungers
- Restaurants, water park for kids, more recreation for seniors
- Like a natural park dedicated to the preservation of natural wildlife. Full of rich animal and plant diversity.
- More nature/preserve areas which are managed for beneficial wildlife. Less trails/roads for walkers and runners
- Different bird species boxes to encourage new birds to come
- More natural areas preserved for wildlife
- I would like it to be the same
- Add more sand to beach, cleaner beach, clean up radon sites, add motorcycle parking and more spots for cars
- Clean
- Radiation free, parking for motorcycles, more food vendors
- Indoor meeting place (possible at food concessioner), move parking, bikes slow down traffic, more summertime concerts
- Beach recreation, white sands
- As a man of God! It should always remain safe, clean and environmentally safe for all source of life. I believe that policing the area from illegal dumping is priority and an action that requires immediate attention.
- More clean sand less dirt. Clean up all the radiation sites ASAP. More parking for car and motorcycles. More parking for disabled patrons. Clean up the water way along Hiland Blvd that does to the sea. Protect and preserve the woods and wildlife.
- Same w/a few more amenities. Add restaurant with boat dock and plants or seats. Add a bike path only.
- Don't care not going to be here
- Cleaner beaches, cleaner surf or improved reputation of beach and surf (I've always heard but never knew for fact that the water off Staten Islands beaches was not as clean as, say, Coney Island's)
- Clean
- White sand
- Add concession on the beach. Did great job in paving roads. Cleaner sand.
- There's really nothing wrong. Its clean! We're happy here.
- Clean beach
- Beach, more for children
- As far as parks go, it is okay.
- Greener and more trees, more shade, more picnic tables.
- New sand, new fishing pier, kiddy rides, summer concerts.
- If I'm still here, palm trees and tiki park and nice music from the 50s and 60s (reggae)
- The same as today! Preserve it
- Bigger, more wildlife
- Fish cleaning stations. More tables (anchored down), umbrellas, more shade trees, more pruning at Crook's Point Harbor Road. As soon as possible. More DEC police to check for illegal catches. Black top roads.
- I like it just the way it is. Smaller, not so crowded. Too much change could affect it. Impressed with clean sand. I like that its close. For next 20 years, please keep it clean. On weekends, its crowded so people are happy so why change?

- The same except the cleaning of the beach should keep up. Natural habitats should be better protected to let them flourish.
- Open the concession, will be much better. Bathrooms are always filthy except when Christopher is here (cleans the park) and does a good job.
- Need restaurant, need more programs to invite more people, need more free special events
- Light in parking lot "F" has not been fixed for 3 years. Joggers should not be allowed on roadway. Bikers should not be allowed on roadway
- Hopefully cleaner, safer.
- Marvelous! No pedestrians on road
- Clean
- Enlarge the fishing pier
- Would like to see bocce and more recreational activities, get rid of motorcycles from parking and taking over parking lot
- Better than Atlantic City
- Extend the fishing pier
- Extend parking lots and fishing piers for non-boaters
- We would like to see more of an entertainment and family friendly recreation center.
- Scenic and lighter sand on beach
- As wild as possible
- As a recreation area with picnic tables, BBQ pits, etc.
- Basically the same way. Keep it natural.
- Cleaner, water sprinkler/park, basketball courts, restaurants.
- More play areas for children with room for families to spend time together.
- Cleaner and more to do like basketball courts and sprinklers
- More activities for young children and keep them maintained (slides, swings, etc.)
- Much better now. Playground is very good. Just clean it more often.
- Mountain biking park to attract new people, well maintained recreational facilities
- Citizen - well mapped recreational facilities
- It should have a golf cart raceway and wildlife exhibit
- About as cool as the pictures present it to be
- Bigger sports complex
- Gateway should look better and have more recreation in the next 20 years
- Like a big play park
- More shaded areas - shaded seating, more water fountains
- The same and better
- More people should come and enjoy that place. Need more advertising about your place.
- Bicycle trails and more camping facilities
- It should look like a park that is well-kept and clean with flowers and greenery near the boardwalk, fix the boardwalk and outdoor showers near the dunes restroom.
- The way it is now. Limited development, commercialism. Educational ideas incorporated, e.g. plovers
- Same as it did 30-40 years with infrastructure repairs, etc.
- Welcome to all visitors
- It should have a playground for kids
- Can't project that from non visual appearance, but on facilities in place should be maintained and kept clean. Walkways in dune areas should be further developed.
- More green, more animals and birds. Clean

- The same as it looks now except for a little sprucing up. E.g. the railings on the boardwalk and maybe one more concession stand
- The buildings should be maintained in good condition. The roads need repaving, potholes. The history of Fort Tilden and the Rockaway should be preserved. Riis Park should have free parking and all concessions should have good food. Swimming pool should be opened.
- More nature programs, shade structures, showers, BBQ area, bonfire nights
- Same
- Modernize facilities/some vendors for food/beverages
- Rides like a fun park
- Preserved. I really think the historical structures, lighthouses, historic offices, housing, etc. should be preserved. Accessible. It should remain under NPS jurisdiction as well
- With a lot of trees
- Not much different
- Much better than it does now. It used to look better than Coney Island but it appears that the maintenance has deteriorated considerably
- Like a multi-functional family oriented space where children can participate in various activities.
- Fix up boardwalk (Riis Park near Fort Tilden), open refreshment stand, modernize and clean bathroom, add some outdoor showers like other beaches do.
- Repairs - concession stands - cleaner beach lifeguards everywhere!!!
- I think a rental facility for special events, (wedding, etc) in courtyard would be advantageous
- Gateway hopefully will continue to maintain the wonderful events that's being done presently
- Refill the sand/more bathrooms/more food stands
- More children rides, and adult rides
- Maybe umbrellas already set up?
- Beautiful
- I love the way it looks now but would add on following. Kayaking clubs - one chance is would outlaw jet skis and also restrict motor boat uses. Would like to see bike trails in more areas
- Definitely walking and biking trails would be of extreme interest to me. Community events would be nice in certain designated areas.
- There should be more stands. Open the bike path (boardwalk). Fix up.
- Clean
- Same
- Just the way it is now. Please do not change a thing
- Gateway should expand it's presence into water sports and recreation into public beach areas
- More activities on boardwalk - rides, vendors, art exhibits, kid things. More water fountains, shaded areas
- Looks awesome now
- More landscape and more festivals to bring people to enjoy
- Much the way it looks now
- It looks fine. Go to Fort Tilden
- Hopefully it will still be as large and open to public. Mostly I would like to see improvements - like on all the railings at Riis Park. Dangerous and all damaged today
- Gateway needs to install fences, trees
- Keeping the buildings, but keeping them fresh looking
- Need to make more improvements
- More natural fauna, cleaner water, more seating/lounging, evening events - DJs and bands

- "like the other National Parks", updated, repaired - railings on boardwalk, boardwalk, remove all graffiti on signs
- New railing, boardwalk re-done, handball courts fixed, surfing beach
- Like the jewel it should be
- Like I remember it looking in the 40's -50's when I was a kid - beautiful
- Like S.I.'s park
- Riis Park - more showers on the boardwalk, cleaner beaches
- Restaurants; more facilities for kids, shades and tents (or some covered from sun areas) on a beach
- Maintained and upgraded (board walk and picnic area)
- Fix railings along Riis boardwalk. Fix steps to beach
- Like it did in former years (60s), beach front bungalows with nature preserves
- It should be more handicapped accessible with more ramps on the stairs and more sidewalks to the water for wheelchairs. It should have more outside showers. A swimming pool for kids, lessons and handicapped people. It needs a larger picnic area. The bird sanctuary needs to be fenced to the beach water.
- Riis Park - much cleaner, much better maintained, better facilities (bathroom, basketball courts and sports facilities, etc)
- Here's a start: properly maintained all year round (including summer), bathrooms clean and open, soap in dispensers, all fences repaired, handball courts fixed up, garbage always picked up off beach.
- More bike lanes and ferries
- I like it the way it is now, maybe more music/bands like Prospect Park etc
- Boats that can travel to many different parks - transportation to Dead Horse Bay.
- Jacob Riis Park has tremendous potential. The pavilions could be much more appealing, with a few concession options, some entertainment and nature displays.
- Make tours on boats available to the general public
- Would like to see more showers installed on the walk
- It should be a bit cleaner and more food stands.
- Cleaner
- More bathrooms, cleaner sand, walkways down to the water (for strollers)
- The same as it is
- Gateway should be able to have concert series in the future
- More maintenance should be done to repair deteriorating facilities. Needs some trees, and other shading structures inland from beach
- Less trees!!
- More trees, grills and tables
- Cleaner
- More campground and play ground area
- Picnic area full of tables/grills and shade area
- Same just more picnic space and tables and trees
- Keep the shoreline from going into the ocean. Continue to keep up combating beach erosion.
- More tables and grills!!!
- More grills and tables
- Well like there's a lot of space, it'll be good to have some rides...
- Shaded with so sort of umbrella
- More shaded areas, like big trees
- You won't have to make many changes. It's a beautiful area and nice people around.
- More trees. Cleaner sand by the playground.

- More recreational activities for families
- More shaded area with a amusement park
- Like a place I want to take my grandkids
- Clean
- I would just like to see it stay clean and free of crime. I have not been here is about 15 years and I love the way it is now.
- A bit cleaner. The same has lots of garbage.
- More food concessions.
- More bathrooms nearby - but volleyball courts and playgrounds on beach like Coney Island.
- More family friendly place. Need more public bathrooms, cleaner beach areas, more restaurant.
- Gateway should be more family/party sufficient. It should have more grills, tables, fames, pier for kids.
- More pavilions, more benches.
- New activity for the children
- Add beach access with sand on beach. Add roller-skating.
- Similar to today, just a little more modern for 2029.
- There should be a in ground pool inside for pool exercise. Also, maybe a track and a dog park.
- Cleaner. Greener. Bigger (if possible). Definitely not smaller due to urban development.
- NA
- Gateway should look in 20 years in well kept conditions.
- The same.
- More fishing opportunity like camping on the beach and fires on the beach.
- Keep it open, beautiful, public friendly. Some concessions, showers. Public space for performers, education. No private expensive. Handicap-access.
- Cleaner. A bit more shops and food courts would be useful.
- More food concessions.
- Same - maybe improved comfort stations
- Youthful with more opportunity for youngsters to lean more.
- Fully restored with bike pathways, handicap access to all parts of the park.
- Modern - improve the railings - How about bonfire pits, more areas for food. More activities that are planned.
- There should be more playground, trees.
- More entertainment for children, more birds.
- No commercial development. Just as it is.
- Dog parks or sections blocked off. Sections for nudist. More information. Cleaner -regarding seaweed, shells, and such.
- More dog parks. Pools and sprinklers during hot weather.
- Play areas for my children, more grills there are simply not enough. More shaded areas.
- Just about the same as now, except maybe cleaner. No commercial development whatsoever!
- Not like Coney Island, in terms of the boardwalk - (meaning overly commercialized), I'd like to see the Forts preserved.
- As close to the way as it looks now.
- It should have a very large pool in the Riis bathhouse or nearby, have kayaking, parasailing, windsurfing, waterskiing, if possible and all water sports. Railings, benches, lighting should be replaced and updated. Sand replenishment, new and rebuild groins or jetties should be built and ecologically incentive ideas utilized.
- Repair boardwalk and railings. Pool. Dining facility a la Jones Beach.

- As it is, as much as possible. Please no development!
- I have observed structures in need of repair. Stairways leading down to the beach, recreation area: handball courts need repair; maybe adding a soccer field. Beaches always seem to have dangerous debris (broken glass).
- At least as good as is now.
- Keep it look and feel retro and overgrown. Don't make it look like a mall. Look at Chicago Oak St. beach area.
- Renovate all the facilities and use them.
- Family oriented.
- The only thing I would change is more things for little kids in the recreational center.
- Swimming pool/outdoor area for the kids.
- Gateway should have more outdoor activities, bicycle riding, camping, fishing, boating.
- Benches trees birds waterfall.
- Better.
- They should have a museum dedicated to the aces of the World War.
- With some rides, like an amusement park.
- Concert/open air music. Do something like the bli live. Open national architecture competition.
- gateway should have a camping area for all adults and children. A rec area for all children.
- Public transportation nearby. It is too far right now and we have to rely on someone to give us a ride.
- Green
- Always be sports oriented for children, tennis courts.
- Bigger, more swings, bike ramps, water in the summer.
- With more bathrooms and more food court.
- Will look great.
- Gateway in 20 years should have benches for us to sit on.
- Benches.
- They need benches throughout the park.
- There should be more parking and updated fields.
- In 20 years it should be secure, with good clean faculties for all people. Not just for sports. Perhaps some nature trails with educational classes teaching about flora and fauna.
- Green - no more parking lots.
- Cleaner beach, large community garden with real fence around it.
- Turf fields, better outhouses, better parking.
- Not developed - or if so, with "green tech" housing developments if near Gateway. Stay natural and as native as possible.
- Hopefully the same.
- As natural as possible, but not overgrown.
- Is there a way to eliminate invasive species (buckthorn, etc)
- More of less, the same, less of an "interactive "experience, and more trails and personal aspects - "live tours" - (PEOPLE oriented) no Disney feel to it - stay natural.
- Not too much to change, except more maintenance e.g. keep boardwalks in good shape, have sufficient lifeguards. Have lifeguard down to near Fort Tilden instead of so few some swimmers.
- Similar to how it is now.
- Better seat, water fountain, more signs.
- More signs, more benches, more water fountains, more freedom to go places to see things.
- More waterfalls.

- More plants and flowers.
- I would like to see a better version of the present Gateway. It should be a well organized "land of many uses" - There is room for all kinds of concessions and activities - boating, swimming, water sports, beach clubs, picnic areas, fishing, and nature preservations.
- Hopefully, a lot better than it is now. Cleaner water, restored marshes, ferry service access to other park areas, better maintenance, more involvement with adjacent communities (outreach programs).
- A bit of wild, a bit of tame (garden, forest)
- All things change - hopefully for the better! The things that should not change should be cherished. Do not lose sight of the importance of the natural and it's inhabitants.
- Improve security at all parks and improve facilities at Fort Tilden especially the picnic area and add barbeques for picnic - add horseback riding.
- Riis Park which is part of Gateway is sadly neglected. I hope over the years is becomes what it use to be in the 40s 50s and 60s. Keep it as clean as Jones Beach and maybe people will start going there again.
- Marine facilities and boat ramps and docks. Clean all beaches, parking lots.
- Much the same as now, but with fewer invasive species. If possible, some interior pathway linking some of the GNRA "units" that are close together.
- Like a National Park equivalent in amenities, interpretation and approach to resources to the great parks of the West. It should not be the flea market of the Park Service. It needs to be a park that belongs to the American people (not exclusive groups and entities).
- Leave Silver Gull Beach Club the way it is.
- Expansion of facilities for children to participate.
- More green space for birds, reptiles, wildlife, plants. We need to take away some of the runways at Floyd Bennett. Need to shrink the parking lot at Riis Park and restore to grasslands. No sanitation, bus, police training.
- First off, I am barely aware of how it looks now. I only know of those parts that immediately affect me. The Silver Gull, BPSC, co-op, Broad Channel. Fine and handsome as they are, and they should be allowed to remain. Efforts should be focused on refurbishing Riis Park, Floyd Bennett, and Fort Tilden. These areas are dilapidated and a far cry from the public notoriety they once held.
- Gateway should look just as it is now and not remove the land from the Breezy Point Surf Club.
- Gateway should clean up and fix Riis Park and Floyd Bennett. Also they should allow the Breezy Point Surf Club to operate how it has been doing so for the last 50+ years. The Breezy Point Surf Club should remain the same.
- The same as today only repair the structures to the way they were when FBF was an airport. Leave the beach club and yacht club on Breezy Point continue. Maintain the beaches after large storms. The Rockaway jetties and beaches should be more open to the public and not just the birds.
- Silver Gull Club should be part of the plan and it should maintain its current form. It provides a myriad of activities and facilities for retirees like us, who worked for years as civil servants. We enjoy the pool, the ocean view, the paddleball facilities.
- The same way it looks now - great beaches and recreation areas.
- Like a new version of federal parks - bring all the park up to the 21st Century with emphasis on space and the atomic age.
- I am getting close to retirement years and I really hope to be able to keep enjoying the beach club at Breezy Point in to my 80s and 90s as the seniors that are enjoying it now. I play bocce and I would like to see more bocce courts it's a sport people can play into their senior years.
- The natural look should be preserved. Some of the debris from the ocean should be removed or recycled.
- About the same that it looks now but cleaner. The federal gov't does not maintain it as well as it should.

- Undeveloped, a place to enjoy nature, better hiking paths, bicycling paths, boating, camping, picnic areas, fishing, kids nature programs and nature programs for adults.
- New varieties of planting can be introduced. Public gardens like Fort Tilden can be established at Floyd Bennett. The Silver Gull and Breezy Beach Clubs should be granted a long lease to allow investors to make improvements.
- Clean, modern, fun. I bring friends, visitors and family. I've been coming to the Silver Gull Beach Club for 10 years - we have a great time.
- My family would be separated over the summer if the club closed. They would need to go to camp, but not as a family.
- Gateway should continue to be a destination place for all to enjoy, especially for those who need and deserve a beach club.
- It should be a place to bring your family in the summer. I will be devastated if the club closes.
- Unchanged/ beautiful pristine beachfront, undeveloped.
- No commercial buildings. Remain environmentally friendly with continued green areas.
- Riis Park should be restored and a large indoor pool should be built for year round use. Also, a year round pool should be developed in the hangars south of Aviator in Floyd Bennett Field. Also, Fort Tilden beachfront should be made usable.
- Well maintained, as it is now.
- A beautiful well kept area with an abundance of recreational activities.
- The Silver Gull Club should remain private! Other Gateway areas should be improved such as a pool in Riis Park, public access to beaches, restaurants, improved facilities.
- The club is kept very clean. The bathrooms r cleaned all day by their help.
- Look the same, sand and sun and nice water!!
- The same it has looked for the last 70 years.
- Silver Gull should be part of the recreation area in 20 years. People that are current members will have children that will enjoy the beach and park.
- The Silver Gull Beach Club should be a part of the Gateway National Recreation Area. It is available to join to everyone who wants to pay to join. The old faithful lodge at Yellowstone charges a fee to stay there.
- Silver Gull should be part of the plan, as it caters to the elderly, disabled, learning disabled, and average working class families. Parents can feel safe allowing their children to utilize the grounds. Many elderly with disabilities arrive with Access-a-Ride and feel comfortable utilizing the facilities as well as having art classes, bridge classes, and exercise classes. Camp is available for the children for 4 hours a day, and there is no additional charge. Silver Gull has been a summer haven for many of us. I am a retired teacher and this is my summer vacation. My children and grandchild also enjoy coming. We need this beach facility at Silver Gull maintained, as it servers many different groups of the community.
- Gateway should continue to make improvements on its property and also give a long term lease to the beach clubs that are leasing part of this property.
- The NPS should continue to improve Gateway, such as by creating the Aviator Sports and rec center. It should also include beach clubs such as Silver Gull.
- Like an open - environmentally friendly oasis where visitors can experience a natural space - no commercial buildings.
- It should be a preminent example of a protected seashore adjacent to a heavily populated city.
- I actually would not want to see Gateway change that much from the way it looks now. It of course needs resource to keep the waters, beach, woods clean and keep up in an environmentally sound way.
- There should not be too much overgrowth. Don't try to build too much.
- More people should be using Gateway. The land has been under used since the Park Service took it over.

- Better than it looks now. Many open spaces, I'm sure will be occupied with activities, classes, exhibitions, shows, etc.
- It should be an area with multiple use facilities. It needs to provide for seniors as well as the young and various hobbies and interests. There is a need to protect the environment and endangered species and in some way make this a park with locations for people with diverse needs.
- The Silver Gull Club should still be there servicing the elderly, the handicapped and middle-class families.
- More improvements of Floyd Bennett Field property.
- As a place you would like to inhabit to enjoy the beauty of the area.
- Greenwood similar to Central Park with more handicap accessibility.
- Like Central Park - where people look forward to coming - spend the same amount of money. More accessible to the handicap.
- I am not familiar with all programs of the National Park. However, the availability of the Silver Gull beach club should continue because it caters to the specific needs of the elderly, because of the limited space occupied its impact on the environment is minimal.
- Eco-friendly institution that preserves green space for future generations and enhances our lives.
- Cleaned up - fixtures and facilities in disrepair should be fixed. Example - promenade on Riis Park is accident waiting to happen.
- Very green and natural.
- Hope the same.
- The Breezy side should stay the same. I don't even know why they need changes and where the money is coming from.
- I think the park is lovely the way it is.
- The same - it's fine as is.
- Basically the way it is today. It is a beautiful area. Keep the Silver Surf Club as they are.
- My wife is a disabled cancer patient who uses Silver Gull Club as a vacation home, resort, beach. And place to rest between chemotherapy treatments. If the club did not exist it would make the summer less pleasant.
- The NPS cannot take care of its property today (September 2009); to project what it will look like in 20 years brings fears of inability to run a park. The Surf Club and Silver Gull should be given long (20+) term leases. The Breezy Point Cooperative has good neighbors in these two clubs today, hopefully will remain as such.
- Cleaner, better maintained.
- Continue cleaning and preserving, while respecting the community who have been in Breezy Point for generations.
- As natural as possible, considering all possible usages.
- Gateway should look like a mini Disney land. Bring in tax revenue!!!
- Promoting the areas, since no one really knows about it.
- I believe it should look pretty much the same because right now it's a very peaceful, beautiful place, close to nature. I don't want that to be lost, by any buildings or construction.
- Improved resources with more attractions to attract visitors.
- Forts preserved. Historical house completed.
- The clubs should be left intact at the Gateway park. The clubs should be designated Historic Landmarks. Upkeep should be kept in the style in which it was made as all historic land is supposed to.
- Repair crumbling facilities at Riis Park and Rockaway Beach which are currently underutilized! Due to lacking handicap accessibility especially restrooms.

2-WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT GATE NOW?

- Being able to walk so far
- Its clean. Family friendly
- Bike trails and old houses (empty!)
- It has a lot of lifeguards and bathrooms, showers, and the snack bar
- No trash and safety
- Its clean.
- The same.
- The beach and upgraded shower and rest rooms.
- Lighthouse. Availability of food.
- Lighthouse - preservation. Food availability.
- Lots of parking. Very clean and peaceful
- Peace and tranquility, cleanliness
- Price, parking
- I enjoy the ocean.
- The beach is very clean, there is a bathroom on the beach, a snack bar, and you can bring food on it
- Exploring Fort Hancock on Sandy Hook. It is a great cultural resource that is just rotting away.
- Short drive from North Jersey
- Clean, convenient, and not commercial
- The cleanliness, security, lifeguards on duty for protection
- History, trails, beaches.
- Swimming in the ocean and walking through the park
- Safety, family oriented, the lifeguards pay attention (this is a compliment)
- Clean and paved parking lots
- General fun
- Bike riding
- The family atmosphere as always. No beach is as reasonable as Gateway!!
- Bike path, historical base
- Mellow beach for family
- Preserved aspect, no constructions
- Closeness to my house, beach fee is reasonable, family oriented, bike/walk trail
- Clean, safe environment (sanctuary)
- That its really clean and it's a nice place to be
- Its peaceful - calm beaches - lighthouse - wildlife
- Its very close to home - good price to get in
- Beach!
- The great beaches
- Relaxation and price
- Wildlife preserve, museum, and Fort Hancock. Bayside, bike and walking track.
- The lifeguards
- Peace and quiet. Not too many rules.
- Its close to home
- Clean beach
- Trails
- Beaches and food
- Easy access to the beach, low cost and affordable

- Clean, diversity
- The price
- The beach
- Very natural, close to home
- Peace, serenity - joy of experiencing nature of NJ
- Bathrooms, price, nice people
- Natural dunes, no "neon"
- That its family oriented
- I enjoy the atmosphere. I feel comfortable when I come here with my family
- The sand and birds...
- Sun and sand and water
- I enjoy working out here, I love how clean and beautiful the sand and ocean is
- Big waves, clean sand
- The quick serves to get in and clean
- The water
- Water
- Pristine beaches
- How clean the beach and ocean is
- Convenience, price to get in, nice staff. Kids say - swimming and sand castle building
- Cheaper beach.
- The serenity, when the rest of our world is so noisy, and the low or "no cost" admittance fees, so that all can enjoy its natural treasures.
- I love the sand and the water and that it is family friendly
- Good price to get in and clean
- The ocean (clean)
- its very family friendly and clean
- Going to the beach
- Walk/bike path/beach/surf
- All of it. Love the paths.
- The service and how beautiful the ocean is
- The nature
- Its clean, friendly, the restaurant, snack bar, the showers
- It's a nice environment
- The best thing I enjoy about Gateway now, is the fact that it is a private park and entering the park is inexpensive
- Easy to get to. Inexpensive. Pay by vehicle - not per person
- Its easy access from the city
- Beach and museum
- Clean area beaches, lots of lifeguard stands.
- No boardwalks, plenty of space for walking, exploring
- The beaches and parkways
- Becoming family oriented, clean, great for fishing with family and friends. The admission fees are very affordable
- Open easy
- The clean ocean
- Its just beach

- The scenery
- The children and I enjoyed the bike trail and end up at the Sandy Hook lighthouse
- Sandy Hook beaches and Fort Hancock
- The beach and park activities
- Everything
- Love the diversity Sandy Hook offers - there is something for everyone
- I love the beaches. I wish it had a play area for kids with water activities, playground, etc.
- The bike paths the should be extended
- The friendly park rangers
- Great people, its close not to far to drive. Its very clean and very inexpensive.
- Bike trail. The employees; rangers, lifeguards. The beauty and the natural environment.
- The exceptional lifeguards.
- Nice family place to go.
- The children enjoy the summer trip.
- Weekdays.
- Alcohol allowed - spacious and not too crowded. Bike lanes! I love the nudie beach!
- The restaurant and bar and cleanliness
- Never been here before.
- You only have to pay per car and not per person
- That its only charges visitors per car.
- The price per car instead of paying per person. More privacy.
- Not build up, clean, quaint.
- Clean. Natural
- Love the easy access, will be even better when the new bridge is done. Think the bike/walk path is fantastic.
- Affordable for a family, easy parking.
- The beach! Salt water!
- Undisturbed beaches, sometimes no new developments/improvements is best.
- Clean!!! Garbage free! Convenient.
- Clean, bathrooms and showers convenient.
- Beaches, friendless
- Its not too far from home and feels safe
- Location
- We think it is a great space for our family to spend time in.
- The beach - its clean and nice to get away to
- The cleanliness, and the overall setting
- Off season calm and programs - bayside walks. I drive through almost every day (except summer weekends) and see wildlife every day. Love it
- Not expensive, spacious
- The cleanliness of the beaches and parks
- Nice and clean. Nice lifeguards.
- The fact that is reasonably priced; beaches have been extended despite erosion issues; its very accessible to where I live.
- Ocean, facilities, restaurant, showers
- Clean beach and water
- That we could bring out own food

- The beach
- Nice beach, clean
- Close to home and clean
- The "family" look and feel is #1 with us. As well as the beautiful and clean environment we find each time we come.
- The beach
- The sand dunes, the sand by the water is clean
- The beach, concerts, bike path, historic sites.
- Nature at its best
- Protected wildlife areas, bike path, exploring the bayside, supervised swimming areas
- Would like to see rides!! And also more important things people could be interest at!!
- Cleanliness. No amusement rides. Just natural
- Everything
- The new bridge being built, the beach and the people.
- Prices are good for families
- It very clean. I like that it is the closest shore point to my home (approximately 45 minute drive). It is also very affordable, like \$10 per car load. Very family oriented.
- The beach! Salt water!
- The sand and water
- The historic Fort Hancock is an amazing resource that should be showcased more including the batteries.
- Sandy Hook beach bike trails
- Sandy Hook ocean beaches, the Holly forest and dune trails.
- The beautiful beaches. The feeling of belonging to a special place right in our own backyard. All the guests from all over the world. The enjoy walking on the beach all through the seasons.
- I only come in the off season when it is quiet and lovely. The "relics" are great.
- All of the holly forest - the beach - the concerts (free) in the summer.
- Open spaces, beaches.
- Winter.
- Walking around in Fort Hancock. Walking the beach and the trails. Riding a bike on the HH trail. Picking beach plums.
- The views
- Variety - beaches, history, nature, that it is available year round.
- The beaches! Keep them clean!
- Honesty not a lot at the moment. Park needs an identity.
- Beaches, bicycle path.
- Beaches, historic structures, natural - views, wildlife, muptrail.
- The historic character and fantastic beaches and views are my favorite amenities. I appreciate the various ecosystems present and the diverse wildlife.
- The beaches, bike path, and lighthouse.
- Yes, much improvements have been done
- Scenic view and history
- Clean run property, easy to get along
- The fresh ocean air and the bike paths
- View, animals (goats)
- Natural setting; opportunity to walk/bike
- Walking, nature, history

- The trees, views, and historic sites.
- The tranquility and the views.
- Bike paths, hiking trails
- Give me a place to exercise
- The peaceful time before sunrise - the birds!
- Complete biker and running path from the U2 to the Conifame House
- Connect the boardwalk from Fort Wadsworth, add the word "park" to the Gateway name
- The views, area being untouched, the fresh air, the beauty is amazing. The history itself. Its clean.
- Daily walks through scenic areas, with little vehicular traffic to worry about.
- Seeing the old fort
- The atmosphere
- Views, accessibility
- The walking routes, foliage and scenic routes
- Relative safety and cleanliness
- Cleanliness, access, staff friendliness.
- Its history vary like tree historic building
- I am a photographer - I very much like the fact that besides history - there is an abundance of nature, birds, etc. All making for fine subjects for photography.
- The openness, looking at the boats and beaches!
- The water
- The view and how sporadic it is
- Large, safe pathways for bicycles and walkers to share, playgrounds. Basically, I love it. It has a little for everyone, marina, etc.
- The quiet walkways and birds throughout the park
- Access to parkland (shoreline, biking)
- Open air freedom which allows for a healthy physical and emotional for families with good law enforcement
- General atmosphere
- The lack of pollution and litter
- The preserved areas where humans are not allowed to destroy, but these are becoming far fewer every year
- Everything
- Crooke's Point and the wildlife by the seashore and at the salt flats
- It's clean, peaceful, and safe
- The beach, nature trails
- No people
- Water, beach, people, model radio control planes
- Fishing and boating
- That it remains a safe place for families to enjoy; gods nature and its natural beauty
- The beach and nature trails throughout the park. Radio controlled air field (bring back). Ball fields and playgrounds
- Quiet, open space, walking paths, ocean view
- The girls
- Not too crowded.
- Meeting all new people
- The environment and people

- Its friendly. We happy here. Connect old friends and talk about old times.
- My friends
- Walking the park
- I like coming up here by the beach. I like the areas over, we had parking for the motorcycles but they took it. (took it last year) That stopped us. Reopen the concession stand because I like to eat lunch here.
- Meeting place for friends - hangout. Go walking together. Year round park - indoor space for winter.
- The view of the ocean
- Seeing my friends
- Friendly, safe
- Biking
- Fishing, nature walks, bird watching.
- Peaceful, quiet, run on the beach, I ride my bike, the scenery. I love it.
- If offers you an easy way to enjoy nature in its natural face and inhabitants. (Close to where you live in SI)
- I like almost everything. Today is pretty empty, but I love it. I think the water is dirtier so most go to south beach. Other than that, I think this is real, you can't buy this!
- Beautiful beach, gorgeous marina, nice park to walk and run
- A water fountain. Barbeque pits. More D.E.C. enforcement
- Fix night lights
- Fishing, crabbing
- Fishing at the pier and point on beach
- Fish. Non pedestrians on road
- Police is terrific, playground is good idea
- Fishing at the pier
- Fishing at the pier (non-boater). Walks. Beach.
- We enjoy walking on the path and watching the boats. We enjoy the peaceful feeling of the space and the area not being congested.
- Relaxing
- Swimming. Beach. Birds. Horseshoe crabs. Fish. Shells. Woods.
- The atmosphere and the people
- The natural settings.
- Play areas for the kids.
- The walk way is great - the park at the center could have more play area and swings its such a big area - bug kids, small kids, more swings and picnic tables.
- Looking at the Verrazano Bridge and looking towards Brooklyn
- Opportunities for fresh air and outdoor activities
- Open small place to eat like it used to be here.
- The trails and the historic batteries
- The beach and boardwalk, and the historic sites at Fort Tilden
- The ice skating
- I like the idea of the swamp-like area. Its cool (both senses of the word) and the activities seem interesting
- Skating
- I enjoy the open space and I love to ice skate here
- All the experience
- Beautiful beach and available facilities
- Very nice, clean and safe, nice and polite people.
- Rock climbing

- The different activities
- Convenient to get to. Not far from Brooklyn. People usually keep to themselves.
- A boardwalk without the noise; open space
- Beach, playing fields for handball, basketball, golf - pitch and putt
- The recreation center
- The arcade games and rock climbing
- Ice skating, rock climbing
- Riis Park beach (probably least crowded not than in all its past history)
- Ability to get close to nature without going far from home.
- The peace and quite of the beach, the minimal commercialism and the family oriented beach goers
- RAA Arts programs, theatre group. The tails in Fort Tilden, beautiful beach.
- Beach
- Calm, quiet atmosphere
- Sun/breeze/atmosphere
- Ice skating, music, and entertainment
- I am a surf fisherman and really enjoy using the park in the "off" season and at night. As such I appreciate the secure access. Now I also enjoy the beaches in summer with my family.
- Activities of Floyd Bennett Field
- First time here
- Golf, the salt marsh, wildlife
- The beach and the dune area. I enjoy the almost wild nature of it right within the city.
- Water grasses natural habitat
- The cleanliness, the well-organized parking system. The multiple bathroom and eating facilities. The ability to enter the beach at various points.
- I enjoy the fact that Gateway is always well kept and clean - not always the case at NY beaches
- Sand/water
- The rock climbing and sky jumping. Also the caterian
- Its not that crowded - has lifeguards. My first time at the beach and I'm happy with it - kids are having a great time and its clean
- Beach
- Bike paths have now. Little league and Rockaway music and alt should be supported. Public parking.
- Not sure - quiet and walking
- I really enjoyed coming to the beach. The bathroom here are clean, and there is plenty of parking
- Cycling
- Everything, bike paths, little league, basketball, pitch and putt golf
- The ocean, the magnificent beach and all the lush greenery
- The greatest element of Gateway is it has turned into a public area, recreation and sports, versus a new commercial site
- Decently kept
- Open beaches, old buildings
- Ice hockey at Aviator
- Easy to get to by bicycle, large beach area, restrooms, golf course
- Walking, birding
- Love riding my bike here and going to the beach. Especially love the quietness and privacy of Fort Tilden
- Boardwalk, beaches
- Surf, biking, easy access from Brooklyn, showers

- Bike path to get here from Brooklyn. The serenity
- Bike riding
- Biking, walking through the park, walking through Crossbay bird sanctuary, RAA activities
- Bike riding and volleyball
- The beach, the ocean, the boardwalk
- Riding on the boardwalk and look at the beautiful ocean
- Accessibility
- Lots of space - relatively clean beach and water
- Trees, beaches, barb areas.
- The beach
- Beach - back area along Ft. Tilden
- The peace at the area with natural settings for the children to learn about the wildlife
- There should be conservation programs. The bikes need to have a path so that pedestrians are safe. We need a bike parking lot. A rear restaurant - there are only 2. It could be open for hockey or skating in winter.
- Ocean, beach, weekday solitude
- This is a beautiful beach and very close to home (in Brooklyn). We used to go out to Jones Beach - Riis is much closer and a better beach
- Very clean, safe, affordable
- Its unspoiled part, the gone bushes and natural vegetation close to the beach in Rockaway/Riis
- Its wildlife
- Easy access to NY. Price. Potential. Improves quality of life in metro area. Preserves natural area
- It clean. It makes you feel American.
- Nice place to get away to while remaining close to home.
- The hand ball.
- Parking - large beach
- Very big beach
- Its historic and natural, bird habitat, WWII Fort, etc. Floyd Bennett Field, etc.
- I am in the process of learning more about Gateway Park, but I love the park and think it is a great area
- Nearness to the city. Easy access from parking to beach
- Different environment. Very family like.
- The beach
- The open space
- Close, convenient, clean.
- Clean, beach is close. Being able to cook so close to the water.
- Park and beach together
- The closeness to my home and beautiful surf.
- Location, ease of parking
- The state troopers, the cleanliness and warmth of the ocean
- Nice place to be with fams and friends, cook out, good relaxation.
- Water and beaches.
- Close to home, location.
- I love the family atmosphere and location.
- The breeze and time with the ocean
- Aviator/Larders
- The beach

- That it's a safe place to go
- Working baths
- It is much cleaner since I was a child. There is a lot more for children to do including the play area.
- That it also includes a park for the kids.
- Close to my home and least expensive to get to.
- Clean and a lot of parking available.
- The weather, the beach, the location.
- The atmosphere is welcoming.
- Everything is here, the beach, the park, BBQ grills.
- The people and area.
- The peace and quiet.
- Aviator.
- That parking is free the facilities are clean and well taken care of. But in the winter the must salt a little better.
- Cleaner air than that of the usual setting. Quiet. Historic relevance and importance (Floyd Bennett Field and Fort Tilden).
- Aviator sports and the beach.
- Beach. Bikes. Surfing.
- What I enjoy about Gateway is that is has everything to do.
- RC cars, RC airplanes.
- The fishing and bike riding.
- Beautiful beaches, barbeques, kid-friendly, family friendly (traditional and non-traditional). Biking path.
- Direct contact with ocean.
- Not too crowded.
- Not as crowded as other beaches.
- Everything it has to offer.
- The beauty of this national resource for people and nature. It is accessible for the hard working families of NYC neighborhoods that is very affordable.
- The size - its amazing. Canoeing in Gerrisen Creek - it should be there every weekend in the summer.
- I enjoy the beach.
- Everything
- Space - water - sand - historic planes.
- The peacefulness of it.
- The quietness, and parking!!
- Bathrooms are clean and accessible. Beach is clean close to home.
- Helpful staff - many nature programs.
- Its old-fashioned feel. The way there's overgrowth and not too "manicured" a feel.
- The beach. Clean sand, nice people.
- Kite festival and RMAC festival. Programs at Fort Tilden where community is engaged (sunset concerts)
- Golf course.
- That I can walk a little ways and not see buildings and the beautiful open ocean.
- The location. It is easily accessible with ample parking.
- Nature trails, beach - bird sanctuary.
- Easy to get to. Clean.
- My kids enjoy it. We like the beach, and improved beach access, including parking
- Spacious, special events, nature, water, fishing, rec. center.

- This is my first time in Gateway but it is a nice place for the kids and inexpensive.
- The Aviator
- Aviator having indoor activities.
- Aviation.
- Aviator sports complex.
- Open air runway.
- I enjoy the wide open spaces.
- The open space.
- Like the soccer fields would like to see some kind of bubble for winter soccer. Concessions would be nice/more bathroom facilities. Place where the parents could bring for a coffee.
- Open, lots of room to run.
- The kids have somewhere to play soccer.
- Yes, enjoying the green and sun.
- The play area since it is a very big place.
- I enjoyed most flower. Area for small children.
- Clean, beautiful.
- Its very big and clean.
- How open the field is.
- Peace and quiet fresh air and beach walkway.
- Now I use the garden during the summer months with use of paths to the boardwalk. We enjoy picnicking at the garden.
- Gardening at the community garden areas. It's a beautiful place to have a garden easy access and parking. Picnics in the cool garden in the hot summer.
- The community garden, the beach.
- The kids playing soccer.
- I like this newer visitor center information on the trails. That it is never crowded.
- The walks.
- The natural surroundings.
- The ability to be close to the city but in an open/earth place.
- A bit of quiet and natural life within an urban area
- The feeling like you are not in NYC anymore. Multiple bird watching areas. Well groomed hiking trails.
- Personal feel to it - attentive help - clearly laid out. And natural, of course.
- I love the beach with so much openness and all public access - increase even more mass transit access. I come from NJ to this beach as ex-Brooklynite now in NJ
- How clean and well kept all of those woods, beaches, and sites are.
- Sight seeing was ok. Trail was good.
- The view.
- I enjoy Gateway for the views you guys preserved.
- Yes. Very peaceful thank you.
- I'm a member of the Silver Gull Club and enjoy the beautiful beaches and long walks to the point. My family also enjoys Riis park pitch and put and have enjoyed many programs at Floyd Bennett Field - no more junior rangers.
- Open spaces, views, less restrictive.
- Everything.
- Quiet beach walks, children exploring the area and learning to use it responsibly. Also, the social aspects - we have a yearly parade that leads to a picnic. Its for the kids but it brings the community of Hamilton

Beach together, especially with all the building going on. New neighbors get to know old ones and everyone is less suspicious of each other. The new ones also get to know and care about the park.

- Middle income people enjoy the facilities at a reasonable charge. Breezy Point Surf Club - spending great summers at a safe environment at a reasonable charge. Management is excellent and should be continued. Mr. Tom Mulligan does an excellent job and all his staff.
- The Surf Club it's a great way for families to get away from the city and very convenient for people in the area. Its like a big family and most everyone gets along.
- Breezy Point Surf Club, a great way to enjoy beach and friends.
- The open, peaceful space. The ability to ride bikes and hike. The summer boat tours of Jamaica Bay. The minor league hockey games at Floyd Bennett Field. The gold driving range. Bird watching.
- Maritime forest/prairie vegetation, open space, historic forts, ranger tours, historic district, nature trails, maritime climate, beaches, military history, connections to our immediate ancestors "the greatest generation" = this is their place in many ways (in the historical context)
- My summer at Silver Gull Beach Club is what we look forward to every year.
- My summer at Silver Gull Beach Club - extend the lease.
- Fort Tilden Beach, Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge and North 40 at Floyd Bennett field. Essentially I like the green space. Canoeing in Jamaica Bay, birding and plant walks.
- They Breezy point Area. Quiet, simple, and part of American culture. I have seen and been a part of generations raised on that beach. The area fosters family values and respect for the coastal environment. Unfortunately the bird sanctuaries are in disrepair.
- I enjoy the land leased by the Breezy Point Surf Club and the services of the club in general.
- I enjoy Breezy Point I have been a member of the Breezy Point Surf Club for my entire life and I would love to continue going to the private beach club for the rest of my life. I enjoy the privacy and the family friendly environment of the beach club.
- Fishing in the Jamaica Bay and Sandy Hook area like I did for 40 years before NPS took over the area. Now we have to be licensed and checked repeatedly by the NPS ranger, DEC, and NYPD.
- The tennis, paddle tennis, dancing, bridge, etc. We LOVE the facility and spend our discretionary vacation money on that rather than travelling. Silver Gull allows access to anyone who plunks down their hard earned money for this wonderful facility.
- We enjoy Silver Gull - it is our safe haven! A place for middle class people to enjoy!
- The beauty of country atmosphere in the most urban environment in the country.
- The beach club at Breezy Point; Breezy Point Surf Club and its sister club of Silver Gull. Gateway Marina is where we dock our sail boat. Ryan Center is a meeting place for the Coast Guard auxiliary and I am a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- Spending my summer at the Silver Gull club. Walking along the beach. Swimming at the beach.
- The Silver Gull Club. I have been a member for 22 years. My children grew up there. I used the pools to do aqua therapy because I recently had hip replacement. If the club closes I can no longer go to the beach because I can not carry anything or walk any distance. I love the club. It is opened to anyone who wants to join.
- Campsites, enjoying the nature, hiking, waterfront garden, programs, boating.
- Our family is involved in boy scouts and our troop is involved in camping. We use the campgrounds quite a bit. Investors can be invited to improve the areas for community use, similar to the football fields and ice rink.
- Privacy, cleanliness, beautiful beaches, fishing.
- Silver Gull Beach Club.
- Lovely beaches, friendly people and a safe beach club (Silver Gull) for my children and elderly parents.

- Being with friends and people who just want to distress. It is a place to go with people or by yourself.
- Walking on the beach facing the ocean - then turn around and look at the skyline. Biking through Ft. Tilden.
- Silver Gull Beach Club, paddle tennis.
- The diversity of activities. Open spaces within city limits.
- Fresh air and access to the bay and ocean. It is an oasis in a busy city.
- Breezy Point Surf Club. It's a family tradition for so many people. The Surf Club has been in existence for many years and I hope it will continue.
- The 4 paddle tennis courts.
- The beautiful ocean, park, unspoiled environments.
- I've been a member since 1986 and have a great summer every year. I hope it will be open 4 ever.
- The weather - the kind people.
- The beautiful view of both NJ and Atlantic. Sitting on the beach with my family at BPSC.
- I like swimming in the ocean, and sitting on the lovely sand beach. I also enjoy doing exercises in the pool. I also like the way management works with the members to keep the club working well. It is very senior citizen friendly.
- I like to swim in the ocean and the pools at the Silver Gull Club. I like to have a locker to keep my beach chairs and umbrellas between visits. I like that our club management maintains the facility in very good condition.
- I enjoy the Silver Gull Beach Club. I have been a member for 29 years and would hope to enjoy the beach for many more years.
- Free concerts in the summer, aviator sports and rec center, Silver Gull Beach Club.
- Its serene atmosphere, a space to escape the noise and pollution and crowds of a big city.
- I enjoy beach walks from Silver Gull to Breezy - watching sand elinp and plovers - enjoying open space, fresh air and expansive sky.
- Breezy Point Surf Club. Member 35 years - please keep it going! Thanks.
- Breezy Point Surf Club. Member 35 years - please keep it open.
- Throughout my childhood and years as parent (20) we have always enjoyed the natural beauty of the ocean as ocean swimmers, beach goers, bike riders and club members of the surf club in Breezy Point, as well as visitors to Riis Park and activities at Floyd Bennett Field.
- The use of the Aviator Complex and the Breezy Point Surf Club. These are the two most important things for my two children.
- Silver Gull Club provides recreation for many disabled and handicapped people. My husband is confined to a wheelchair and the club is wheelchair accessible. He has access to bathrooms and swimming pools.
- Its close by and many activities are being developed and available to the community.
- Silver Gull Club. This facility provides me a safe, clean and restful place to escape my apartment, otherwise I would be without such. Not having a backyard, etc. I am able to have exposure to the outdoors.
- Silver Gull Club affords the handicapped and elderly a place to enjoy the sea air with facilities.
- The nature center on Ave U, it has improved the area a lot!
- The nature center on Ave U, restoring the nature of the area.
- The sun. Sand beach.
- The Surf Clubs and the ocean, sand, and sun. It's a safe place for children.
- The Silver Gull Beach Club.
- Beaches, surf clubs, activities in Floyd Bennett Field, the bay.
- Beach clubs, clean beaches, open spaces, natural areas.

- Enjoy spending the summer at the Breezy Point Surf Club.
- Privacy.
- Breezy Point Surf Club.
- Silver Gull Beach Club
- Aviator Sports Complex.
- The Silver Gull.
- We can only go because it is near our home. Provides a shaded place where she can rest when she needs it. If it closes she could not go to a public beach or pool because she needs a quiet space of her own.
- The Breezy Point Surf Club, the Nature Center
- It had cleaned up the area and restored appreciation of nature.
- Breezy Point Surf Club and its facilities.
- All conveniences such as all sports, nearby beaches, pools, closed in areas for all children. Silver Gull Beach Club.
- Everything about it. Beautiful view of Verrazano Bridge, City, Brooklyn, parks, horses.
- The peaceful, quiet, clean environment.
- The peacefulness that you feel.
- The staff very well versed and knowing of the site.
- Mont Sec House.
- The beach club and its access to the beach, the water, see the birds, see the open outdoors.
- Handicapped access through Silver Gull Beach Club is ESSENTIAL! All other Gateway facilities are NOT on the beach parking facilities.

3-HOW CAN GATE BEST PROTECT ITS HISTORIC SITES, WOODS, WILDLIFE, AND WATERS THROUGH 2029?

- More volunteers
- Educate public
- Maintenance and avoid further development
- It should protect these areas to keep the history thru 2029, but make them open to people to explore
- Have volunteers help clean it.
- Better security
- By limiting use of off road vehicles.
- No man made build house. Leave man made item alone.
- Do not tear houses down at the end - leave nature as is
- More recycling
- Recycle, planting more trees
- Recycle, more trees
- By not littering and recycle
- Keep doing what you are doing it so nice and clean
- Get more funds from Congress, etc.
- Keep money mangers away!!! And builders
- By keeping the general public informed of all these sites
- More mapping and GIS
- The only building can be a campground in designated area
- Keep doing what you are doing
- Don't know
- Public awareness

- Wait! What a question! I wish I had a good answer for that, I think the "people" need to contribute to this!
- Restore, beautify, and use
- Keep them clean (preserve it)!
- Preserving the historical officer row would be great.
- Having a special group that can take care of these things
- I guess by having groups of people that are able to help take care of everything
- Please clean up the water - its too dirty
- Keep the beaches clean - clean up the water - sometimes you see a lot of garbage floating in the water
- Less cars - shuttle system? More garbage receptacles. Education!
- Keep everything clean and limit certain people from going on the beach
- Historic sites to be improved and maintained by NJ based company such as PS&G, JCP&L renovated to meet LEED standards to educate the homeowners on how to improve their homes
- Keeping visitors out of protected areas
- Keep violators out but let people do what they want
- No development, keep it natural
- Keep maintaining
- Limit the number of people
- With a very good organization, investing to improve and protect, creating programs to teach visitor how to take care to keep clean.
- By putting garbage cans all over so people don't trash the place
- Enforcement of rules
- By maintaining them and limiting access
- Keep restricted areas protected
- NO COMMERCIALIZATION of our National Park!!!!
- Keep up the good work but put some dumpsters, 1 at each end of the parking lot
- Limit development
- Training its staff to be knowledgeable about wildlife protection
- Hold beach cleanups for volunteers to help keep it clean.
- Good question
- I think just keeping a better eye on it
- Make a museum
- Volunteer work, charity work
- No more buildings
- Clean the litter
- Keep promoting its historical value
- keep the historic sites clean
- Keep it clean
- Keep commercial developers, such as Sandy Hook Partners out of the park and devoted to its rightful owners, the general public, not just the well heeled.
- Enforce keeping areas clean
- Keep it clean, more garbage cans
- Have garbage cans set up so people will throw their garbage out instead of on the beach
- Promote clean beaches, promote and educate kids, why we need not to pollute to protect the environment and wildlife
- Protection of the rangers and rules/laws in place

- Keep it clean
- Keep up the great work your already doing
- Lots of info and much help from the people who use the beach. To keep this and the earth clean
- Protect everything by listening to everything
- Enforce the laws
- People on the job so anything that happen they could come fast as fire DP
- Continue on doing the same thing the park is doing now!
- Protect against litter, etc.
- Through increased security and more personnel
- Keeping it clean, recycling
- Sand dunes - designated nature sites
- Protect dunes, limit access
- Maintain their sites by restoring fixtures, guardrails and other facilities
- Through the admission, knowledge to visitors
- Only nature things
- Work with environmentalists to develop preservation plans. Do not allow development
- Ecological studies for lowest impact
- No littering
- Hire more people to protect them, even hire teens to help and make them aware of the sites, woods, wildlife, etc.
- Need for more partnerships, private and public working together
- Maintain them, whatever buildings are unusable - restore them, constant maintenance
- I don't know, maybe through education
- Through public/private partnerships - adequate funding
- Protect it from littering, pollution, animal safety
- More educational programs so people are more aware of the importance of these sites and wildlife
- Awareness, public knowledge - like today. Does everyone know Gateway?
- Build less, keep the oceans clean and allow designated areas for animals and wildlife.
- Have programs to teach people why we need to do this.
- No building
- Making sure people throw their food in garbage.
- Not littering the beach.
- Post and monitor.
- Allow for bird nesting?
- Not sure
- Don't build too much of anything.
- Honestly I really do not know
- Monitor places, make sure visitors don't abuse land.
- Set up a preservation fund. Maybe make a percentage of beach price and food towards the fund.
- Have places for garbage disposal, not build on it.
- Just keep clean w/ strict rules.
- Protect our wildlife - keep waters, beaches clean.
- Continue conservation effort!
- Keep it the same
- It seems that whatever is being done now is working fine. So keep up the good work.
- More garbage cans.

- Garbage/recycling cans on the beach
- By taking care of it
- Hire some experts
- Preserving the area
- Using tolls to protect these things. Building dunes, etc.
- Plant grass on the dunes? Keep it a park - don't commercialize
- Through hard work and dedication.
- 1. Go green all the way 2. Ed Programs students in area 3. expand info center, more programs in winter 4. maybe bonuses or reduced parking fees for those who compete ed programs
- Manage cleanliness
- Keep areas protected at all times, very important to have these areas staffed.
- Keep it the same
- Get the public involved, not private developers. Use the community, the Lowes Foundation, HGTV Restore America program involved so we don't have luxury hotels, keeping the common man out.
- Education
- Fundraisers
- Fundraiser
- That's what science is for
- Trash cans on beach
- Keep the crowds down and keep the current garbage program.
- Keeping the sands clean of clutter and working to protect the dunes.
- Security
- Put some "pretty" trash cans on beach, so its not so hard to get rid of your garbage
- Fund raising activities! That would bring income to establishment (park) to subsidize the preservation and protection of park. Address your local politicians (flea markets, fairs)
- Don't over build
- Encourage community participation, civic group involvement
- Have restrictions consistently enforced. Which you do
- Do the same job
- Making sure the community keeps it clean
- Going green
- Information - keep the people informed
- Keep it clean
- Something has to be done to make the historic buildings useful. Field institutes, artist retreats - need programming so people can actually stay here - maybe a model like Asilomar in Monterey, Ca.
- Limit the resources to properly maintain them. Install interpretive signs along the trails (identify trees, plants, etc.). Also of the old ammo bunkers.
- Education. Help people to understand through programs such as bonfires and free boat rides taking the public out on the water to experience the wonder and importance of it all.
- By keeping cars out. By raising awareness of historic sites and renovating/stabilizing them (at least the armaments).
- Don't add
- By not expanding, building or major rehabbing. Obeying environmental laws.
- Don't over develop

- Well, as for the historic Fort Hancock, I'd like to see it restored rather than to fall down. I'd like to see residences still be used as such by private renters or owners - kind of like how they are at the Presidio. I'd also like to see the larger buildings available individually to organizations that can use them.
- The mosquitoes must be eradicated.
- Cooperation with others - appropriate private funds concessions, leases, more connections to other parks, historic sites, museums, etc.
- Sandy Hook should be its own park.
- Working in partnership with non-profits and ecologically minded companies, going forward with well thought plans.
- Funding.
- Limit and monitor all work, and visitor abuse, rotate areas of compaction or use. Try and get other organizations involved. (Chamber of Commerce in that county, county park systems, state parks)
- Continue to allow the use of these facilities by appropriate organizations and educational institutions that cause no harm to the historic structures and natural environment.
- By not selling any part of the park to commercial developers!
- Kept up preservation of buildings. Let community know about historic history
- Plant more flowers
- No problem, no construction
- Maintain sufficient funding for upkeep; Promote public awareness of the importance of protecting the environment
- Must increase public interest in its value
- Keep traffic to a minimum; provide funding
- Limit growth, charge admission (nominal amount)
- More manpower, tours of sites.
- More police to watch what's going on
- Better patrolling and enforcing the rules!!
- Less automobile traffic through Great Kills, speed bumps
- Publicize this place from Ferry Terminal, establish current uses for historical buildings, "bring them back to life"
- People working together to maintain it and keep order.
- Provide more maintenance of all facilities, as well as more interpretive programs in order to generate greater public support.
- More garbage cans to reduce pollution
- Go greener, more security
- Better security at Wadsworth
- Keep development out!
- Yes I think we can, important
- The coastline needs protection against erosion and pollution. Annual events can include volunteers for beach clean-up in the spring and fall, organized hikes, nature.
- No dogs, no kids naked
- Educate the public on what Gateway has to offer.
- More informational signs, rangers walking around at key areas. Its all about education and location and advertising.
- With increased park police
- Purchase surrounding lands. Expand capacity of water treatment plant. Direct all sewer and water runoff paths to the treatment plant. Develop state the art. Monitor current water flow into and thru park.

- Keep the walking trails and bike trails and update the park area to one like the playground in the Bronx 200 and the West Side NYC Sports Center
- Keep taking care of what we have now, remain country like
- Throw up some fences, restore some habitats, start up a nature center with a camp for kids and conservation studies for college kids. Like Mohonk Preserve. Take a page from their book; they are great!
- More and better enforcement to keep people out of ecologically sensitive areas! Put up signs in Russian and other eastern European languages
- Reinforcers so they don't get trashed
- Public education programs and wild areas that are cleaned on a regular basis
- Overseeing it
- Police, charge fee, permits
- Become vegan
- People education
- More police
- I believe that if everyone who enjoys these parks can conduct and do their part as a community rather than individually account. We all can invest in nature and continue to enjoy now 2009!
- Plant more foliage for temporary and permanent wildlife. Removal of foreign invasive plants and trees. Create breeding areas for wildlife.
- Increase revenue
- Increased awareness of Gateway's parks through this program
- By cleaning around it
- Keep doing what your doing
- Keep it the way it is.
- I hope so
- By preparing now, get rid of radon at the airplane field and ball fields
- Sand is dirty - less sandy, should improve. Sand in swimming area. Keep beach clean in the summer.
- Limit sewage into the ocean, add new greenery
- Keep the bums out
- Getting the public to want to do it also, more public relations as we're doing today
- Enforce speed limits on all areas.
- Better education booklets to let youngsters and adults to know how to preserve our historic sites, woods, wildlife.
- Clean the sand
- Cleanup garbage, place garbage cans throughout park and beach, need more signage.
- Clean fishing area, they cut grass and don't sweep up. Put up signs "no joggers on road" way.
- Extend fishing pier (parking lot "F")
- Keep park clean and add more greenery and flowers
- Manage garbage and put in water fountains throughout the park
- Enforce dumping of garbage in water
- Remove and cleanup all toxic waste
- More restrictions on garbage dumping (both boaters and non-boaters)
- Waters should be checked regularly for diseases and foreign chemicals
- By maintaining it
- Keep it natural and as garbage free as possible.
- Have educational programs for the youth. This way they can learn and explain to their parents.
- Possibly gates and security not allowing after hour hangouts that dirty area.

- Educate the public with websites - walking tours - classes that are fun for kids.
- Educate the public more, water quality testing made public
- Most important is to clean the water more often. Taking good care... cops makes sure everything is ok. People are nice, lifeguards are nice. Smell is better, more clean.
- Get rid of night golf, lights are visible from Brooklyn and it disturbs wildlife
- Get rid of night golf - the lights are an abomination - make astronomy impossible, wastes energy - causes light pollution.
- Make sure no one builds condos or apartments
- More extension to schools, students are the best diving boards of future wildlife activists. They should be educated about their causes and all the factors on both sides of the conflict so that they do what they do intelligently
- Don't know
- We could try to make this a landmark
- I don't know
- All people should be helpful and take care of Gateway
- To have more programs to show and explain to kids and adults how to protect historic sites, woods, wildlife...
- Prevent vandalism and pollution
- Have more policing on the beach and the dunes. More signs so people know what not to do. Keep up the nesting sites.
- Keep doing what you are doing!
- Make rules and consumers protect what now exists
- By continuing the practice of proper sanitation
- Build fences
- Spend some money and effort in maintaining these facilities created in the 1930s.
- I don't know much about park. Maybe involving students (from small age) in learning about this park, about habitats, taking care of it.
- By keeping it less commercialized and preserving what's already there.
- Do not change the focus of the park on nature. We don't need amusement rides or other "improvements". A swimming pool would be great.
- Education
- Block them off to public or limit access
- Good staff and public involvement
- Remain under fee control
- Keeping it clean
- Stop pollution, community awareness and various public relations activities
- Educate people about conservation, patrol areas to ensure people are respecting the park
- Environmental awareness to all visitors.
- Litter enforcement, educational programs
- More awareness
- Activate the oyster program to clean up the bay and bring back marsh land. All the science is sand and in place
- By not tearing it down
- Teaching others
- More security
- I have no idea, I hope you guys think of something

- Keep it clean and the roads/trails in shape
- Same
- More federal funding to preserve this national treasure
- Receiving funds from the city for protection as well as try and get volunteers
- Educational at NYC schools, enlist kids in community service programs
- Have programs and festivals to show people about the area and Brooklyn
- Publicize it more
- Best to have some money in it to keep updated safe and protected. If there is security people will need to respect the parks and space.
- Gateway can encourage more education to the children
- Working rangers
- Education on saving and protecting environment including in our classroom, hands on activities
- Conservation - limit commercial fishing off our shores, no more building in Fort Tilden, protect the environment - make it beautiful
- By upgrading the whole area including the broken concrete, railings and trimming the vegetation
- By keeping the repairs on an on-going basis - every year maintaining its natural beauty
- Educational programs - nature, gardening, programs like Crossbay bird sanctuary
- Propaganda of preservation of nature in schools, etc. More rangers
- Security and maintenance
- Less or no development
- Public awareness
- By remaining under Federal jurisdiction of the National Park System
- Don't just protect them - make them visible and accessible and don't forget humans (I hate it when you cordon off half the beach for those piping plovers)
- I am most concerned about the nesting birds. Nesting areas need to be protected and guarded - we've heard about people vandalizing the nests and it is very distressing
- Less cars more ferry service, bike lanes, more public transportation
- Oppose liquid gas where I believe will be set up off NY and NJ and could ruin the water - the park faciline - the number visitors - the money. There a liquid gas spill recently in Hailey Many homes need to be evacuated.
- Leaving the environment the way it is.
- Better public awareness, get active in NYC street fairs, etc. Set up a booth in Times Square. Attract micro payments on line for specific projects.
- By having enough personnel to make sure things are not destroyed.
- Keep patrolling the area and keep it clean.
- Keep beaches clean
- I don't know
- By not allowing its natural resources to be used and abused.
- Install recycling receptacles. Use solar cells
- Keep doing what you are doing.
- More gazebo
- More funds and the right people in charge
- Not to change much but also improve area
- Keep patrols at all times if possible
- Do not skimp on keeping up upkeep, when something breaks fix it.
- Keep it like it is now, nice and clean

- By not killing the wildlife and building less buildings and discarding debris
- Keeping it clean and organized.
- By just managing to beach and park area and keeping it clean and safe for the people. Also making sure people follow the rules of the area.
- Bill to cap hill
- Have more designated grill section
- I would not mind paying a little more to have a nice place to go.
- Have greater community volunteer activities, a "board" of local com (5 boros) members. Petitions of interest for funding from federal government.
- Not really sure.
- Putting up more people to clean and protect.
- More clean sweeps of the sand. Cleaning the beach after dark.
- Have lectures/education programs, trips for schools from Sept-June.
- Hire my company, I.C.E. Belleville, NJ.
- They should have a keep-it-clean committee and teach swim classes, such as a day care.
- Tell people not litter
- Enforce new law to protected em
- More awareness of attractions.
- Awareness, involvement and participation, programs.
- Through gated area and restricted laws.
- Raise awareness about the area, contact local leaders and politicians in order to raise funds. Global warming ads usually catch people's attention.
- More advertisement of the area and what it has to offer.
- By keeping it clean.
- Leave it alone mother nature will take care of it.
- Through trial of the public that use the park.
- Limit/restrict private development.
- Make people aware about its values.
- More regulations.
- Keep barbeque to its limit.
- Limit development, enhance foot and bicycle access and alt. handicap access.
- Get the community involved in the preservation.
- Provide more employees, more activities.
- Keep the park clean at all times.
- LAND MARKED!
- Turn the historical sites into museums - inexpensive museums. Make trails.
- Daily maintenance.
- No commercial development!
- Charging more of an entry-fee. Perhaps running educational programs for youths (the fees to go towards preservation). Maybe even guided tours for adults.
- Legislation.
- Through the use of inventive and creative ecologically green creations, maintenance of marine biology in area. Conservation efforts, maintenance of endangered species and identification of those.
- More personnel, more landscaping.
- Careful policies.

- Not sure!! Perhaps offering or organizing events that would attract people. Promote awareness and generate finances to upgrade and maintain facilities (concerts, etc. contests)
- Enforcement of rules - cleanliness.
- Nature first.
- Spend some money on it.
- Enforcing rules and regulations.
- To keep crowds coming and let people be aware that is
- Through donations.
- Prevent vandalism.
- Preserve the earth (Greener America), protect the animals.
- Rangers.
- They should keep it clean.
- Make it greener!
- Economic focus/development.
- Create a more wildlife area, and fishing areas.
- Less cars on Belt Parkway!
- No more roads through the park.
- Keep doing what you do, keep it green.
- Gateway should remain clean. There should be lots of trash cans.
- More trash cans.
- By keeping it very clean for others to follow that example.
- More awareness.
- Must keep up with the times and protect it.
- More security -extended hours of patrol. More early learning for children regarding the environment and beach environment.
- More security after dark.
- By enforcing parking and sanitation laws.
- Better police active.
- Work in tandem with city agencies. Parks Department.
- Not sure.
- Isolate designated areas. Keep strict rules in place.
- No further building.
- More of the same - more educational programs - lobby for more public financial support and legislation
- Restrict the use of motorized vehicles. Increase access to the general public, public transportation, boat access, increasing awareness of Gateway
- Attract more people to its parks - get people interested - people would be surprised how many "free" things are here for kids, etc. - more advertising.
- Take care of them with more money. Don't let a minority have access vs. a majority.
- More lifeguards throughout the entire stretch of the beach, good informational sites.
- Invest in a small rail road with a PA systems. Also a tour guide person.
- Keep it clean.
- By putting cages around pond.
- The park needs a cohesive, comprehensive plan to maintain buildings, roads, and paths - the sea wall in Floyd Bennett looks in bad shape.
- Maintain what is here, restore the marshlands, improve water quality, enhance visitor experience.
- Just keep it clean.

- Increased outreach and information to local groups - civic, fundraisers, residents, schools, scouts and boaters, etc. We have had guest speakers from Gateway over the years at our civic association meetings.
- Clean up the beaches and let people use them, not just for dumping, garbage.
- Dredge Jamaica Bay. Clean up Fort Tilden buildings and clean up picnic area.
- Work with the city and state regulators to reduce polluted storm water runoff. Use historic preservation grants to restore old buildings, including improving their energy efficiency.
- Preserve historic fabric in historic buildings. Provide interpretation that illuminates the history of these structures individually and in larger context. The threats to the waters have to be more aggressively presented. The evaluation of connecting and contained habitats have to be in place before program the larger history of places have to be more fully presented. The best way to protect Gateway is more effective regional management. The hands on folks do great, but the upper echelons fail.
- Insure our recreation areas for years to come.
- Need to increase green space, remove invasive species and improve/restore certain important historic structures and take less important structures like parts of runways and restore to open green space for flora and fauna. Also work with NYC to eliminate combined sewer overflow in Jamaica Bay.
- By doing nothing. Put money into conserving, refurbishing. Fundraise. Make concerted efforts to attract visitors. Landscape in as environmentally conscious a way as possible. Repair and upkeep your structures. There is a lot of forgotten, unused land in this park.
- Gateway should protect historic Breezy Point by letting it alone in operation of itself.
- Breezy Point Surf Club and Silver Gull Club are historic sites so Gateway should protect the traditions of the clubs.
- The Plumb beach area should be cleaned up (tires from beach erosion) and a jetty built at the east end to prevent the beach from filling in Sheepshead Bay (another historic area). The belt parkway will be falling into the bay soon.
- We bring our grandchild there and it provides outdoor and indoor facilities for her, much more so than Riis Park does.
- Place certain sections "off limits" except for guided tours.
- Protect its historical sites; maintenance. I feel beach areas should be sand not weeds and greenery. Piping Plovers naturally camouflage is a sandy brown but the shoreline has become overgrown with wild grasses, bushes. Let nature do its thing without any maintenance is an overgrown environment not preservation or protection.
- Historic Sites. Silver Gull was built in 1963. It should be considered a historic site. It was featured in the movie Cabana Boys. Also over the years it has become a naturally occurring retirement community.
- Keep the Silver Gull Club it too is historic. It has been here over 40 years and the management maintains it beautifully.
- Security, without compromising the freedom people enjoy here. Patrolling the area against vandalism.
- By leaving it alone.
- The staff is great, friendly, and trustworthy. Please
- Take down the old structures in Fort Tilden, clean the shoreline at low tide, control public access (i.e. no mass transit) other than ferries. Similar to Fire Island.
- Limiting events that involve too many visitors and cars at one time.
- Maintenance, restoration where needed and development of the Riis Landing area. Future GMP for Gateway should definitely include water transportation between all sections of the park.
- Asking for volunteers to oversee the specific areas as well as Ranger Patrol.
- With adequate care and security.
- They can maintain what they have now. They can improve what they already have.

- Better maintenance program.
- The money the club pays for the lease, \$700,000 for a year which can be used by Gateway to do necessary repairs and improvements.
- The Silver Gull Club pays \$700,000 per year for its lease. This money can be used to help maintain these national treasures. It costs much money to maintain the roads and buildings.
- Use part of its historic sites and improve on them. Make improvements in Riis Park, keeping the beaches open, hire more life guards. Longer leases for the beach clubs (Silver Gull)
- Preserve the facilities such as Silver Gull which now provides recreation to members. Do not allow the property to be sold to builders, investors, etc.
- By continuing to monitor use of the park - so it returns its natural condition - open space needs to be protected by federal funding and laws.
- Restrict unsupervised human access by maintaining Fort Tilden's fishing license requirements and the clubs presence by more contained and respectful clientele!
- It should be given the momentary resources to maintain these properties without increasing development.
- More maintenance of the Fort Tilden pathways would be nice.
- With proper planning and foresight, having competent personnel dealing with environmental and ecological issues we can avoid mistakes made in the past.
- Through collecting some fees for its use and then funneling that money into protective activities.
- You have many personnel available already.
- By employing persons who truly want to save the Gateway beauty.
- Preservation of Fort Tilden.
- What sites??
- By limiting access to wildlife areas - Silver Gull Club already has that task.
- Continue to monitor and enforce its own rules as well as form link with national institutions and centers of academia to keep current on all of the above manner.
- Work with existing neighbors, care for people in the same way you preserve and protect environment.
- Maintain clean-up crews to deal with refuse.
- Keep people out.
- Leave it the Breezy side the way it is.
- Keep cleaning the neglected sites that were neglected for many years.
- Enforce pollution laws, bring in more tax revenue and help clean the public areas.
- Families have been using the club facilities for decades. They are a unique environment in this city.
- Clean up what you are responsible for right now, overgrown foliage along roads; uncut grass; buildings in total disrepair.
- Respecting the humans, as well as wildlife.
- Maintain and improve natural beauty - (litter, shoreline, etc.)
- Making it a bit safe by the overlook because they are a bit short.
- By being green, always. Do not ever do anything that will ouine its historical value and closeness to the nature.
- Avoiding fires you protect the vegetation and the wildlife and at the same time the water.
- Education of the public. Use local papers and the internet to inform and educate. Go to schools!!!
- More friends and staff.
- By having the people at the clubs the members take care of the environment. We take care of the "clover". We look out for the animals and wildlife already there. We can co-exist.

- Continue services to senior citizens through Silver Gull Club. Allow Silver Gull patrons to use their pools - not the beach.

4-WHAT PROGRAMS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT GATE?

- Scuba lessons
- Lifeguard instruction
- Canoe program is great !! Campfire for kids fire too!
- Not sure
- Telling little kids what dangerous and safe.
- Arts and crafts, children's activities, music.
- Music, children
- Environmental programs for children. More family oriented programs.
- Nature educational program
- Music, family fun
- A "go green" program
- Clean up program to help continue to keep the beach clean.
- More history based things. There is a ton of history here.
- None
- Nature walks with experienced rangers
- Nature and scientific programs for school children and adults. Ocean swimming lessons and fishing instruction for children, bird watching and wildlife....
- Exercise, but don't add any more traffic. Marina.
- Tours of military base
- The same you get at vacation beaches (excursions)
- Nature, birds, etc.
- Activities for children, not just school functions in school trips. Thank you! Keep up the great work. We love you! As my children will in 2029!
- More teen activities, senior activities
- Fun activities for the kids on special days
- Summer camps for kids, bike rentals
- Kids camps, nature walks/hikes, kid/toddler programs - Saturday/Sundays, covered picnic table area, rentable "grove" for parties (like at parks)
- More people to clean up beaches and waters
- Better clean up crew - put a place to leave your garbage - on the beaches
- Children's fun days! Running events! Anything water related
- Kid and adult activities
- Children's programs
- Kayaking and wind surfing, kite surfing instructions.
- Kayaking
- Things for children to do (educational), easier access to and from
- More water activities
- Camps, music, games for kids to enjoy. Every Sat should contain a clown to make fun and do games for kids
- Educational outreach to schools. Invite social and service project groups to help maintain and protect to parks
- Children's activity

- Beach concerts
- Clean beaches as they are now
- Surfing lessons
- Fishing, boating, birding, swimming, seining, walking tours, wildlife education for school children
- More things for kids
- Continue naturalist program
- Music festivals, kids programs
- Music festivals and family activities
- Scuba classes? Live music...
- Maybe some live music, yeah that'd be awesome
- Maybe something with the ocean
- Environmental programs
- More kid programs, day camps, more state programs, to help the kids.
- More programs for children to keep them busy
- Go in a boat to see wildlife
- Eco tourism. Children programs
- More tours and clean beaches
- Concerts
- Continued and intensified marine ecology of the young in order to foster a life long appreciation.
- I like children's programs
- Beach concerts
- Junior lifeguards
- Wildlife for kids, swimming lessons
- Kayaking
- Kids programs. Day camps with environmental "spin"
- More concerts
- More boat rides to bring guests in to avoid traffic
- Concerts, kite flying, races, nature walks
- More natural programs
- Concert, flea market
- More things for kids
- Programs that involve children and families
- Don't know
- More attractions for kids
- Ocean swim safety lessons
- Children's playground area
- Nature walks w/ guides, winter beach programs, salt water pool
- More history lectures, more nature programs for kids, more exhibits in visitors centers
- The programs that are offered as well as new ones to keep up with the times
- Discount coupons
- Nature hikes, free school programs (like you have)
- Educate public on ways for them to best minimize damage while here
- Water activities
- Movies at the beach or even concerts
- School groups more available to take tours all day at the Sandy Hook Lighthouse and Fort Hancock's historic sites. More ranger availability to keep these sites open all day.

- Historic reenactments, cleaner beaches
- Nature preservation
- Increased availability to school groups - access to Lighthouse keepers quarters - guided tours. Love the public programs involving environment/natural area. Would like to see more involving historical structures at Fort Hancock
- More activities for kids. Seashells, wildlife, swimming, canoeing, etc.
- More tours so the visitors to the beaches can learn about the history of the Hook and what it has to offer
- Wave runner rentals
- If none yet easy rail access.
- More restaurants, larger shower areas.
- Historic programs, marine programs.
- None
- Concerts on the beach
- Camps, games, music.
- Swimming
- Concerts!
- More concerts and live bands
- Never been here. Keep it natural.
- Family fun programs
- Concerts, movies, family events.
- Family movies/free concerts.
- Live music on the beach.
- Activities for children
- Would like a designated area for dogs.
- Maybe a tour train ride to the lighthouse.
- Surf school
- I would like to see more historical information.
- Fireworks!!
- Surfing lessons
- More activities
- Children's swim and water safety classes
- Education re: the preservation of one of our most beautiful coast lines.
- Some sort of summer program for kids
- Educational about the area and the ocean for kids and adults
- Jet ski, boat rentals
- A few more restrooms and seasonal "carts" on bayside, more better signage and directions re weekend parking, before one enters Highlands Rt 36 corridor. More better handicap parking/accessibility
- Swimming lessons
- More activities for kids, etc.
- Same
- Yoga on the beach
- Walks, tours, continue concerts, beach exercise
- Hip hop concerts
- Flea markets and shops
- Dog beach year round.
- Music programs on the sands, sports/athletics are always a big draw i.e. volleyball tournaments

- Garden, golfing
- More education w/ kids about pollutants. Go to the schools
- Bring back the "circus"! Repair and modernize the theater (air conditioning), create a better museum (info center), marine education camp for children, wildlife education camp for children
- Nature tours, historic presentations
- Surfing lessons, education programs - families children, skate park
- Lets say about a challenging program dancing and participation in activities!!
- Wednesday night concerts to continue
- More bike trails
- Concerts
- More theatrical
- History programs
- Programs about historic features - especially batteries.
- Continued bus and ferry service to Sandy Hook beach. Service in spring and fall would also be good.
- Provide rental kayaking on the bayside. Provide more educational programs.
- No new programs to spoil the place.
- More educational services - walks, seminars - for all, adults, school children. A larger, better museum.
- More camping.
- Sailing. Fitness (possible AM boot camp at the beach) as a nod to the army mission.
- Swimming pool near the water.
- Teaching of more resource management and more history. Recycle.
- Continue to offer the existing NPS programs and continue to work with park partners to offer the exceptional environmental programs and interpretive signage and mapping.
- History and wildlife programs on Sundays. Most of your programs are on week-days and Saturdays which don't coincide with my work schedule.
- Senior citizen, by myself
- The bridge
- Children
- Controlling invasive plant species; Re-introduction and support of native plant species
- Walking tours integrating above ideas
- Teach children the value of nature and history
- Tours, nature trails, dog park area
- Health and fitness, yoga, tai chi, etc.
- Great Kills needs more signs to let people know it's a park and share the road. Maybe some speed bumps.
- Hiking, running, and biking groups. So pleased with how it has gotten better in the past 40 years!
- Bus system similar to Niagara Falls (Canadian side). Jump on, jump off - big windows
- Having some concerts for all. If programs of any kind do occur, it needs to be well taken care of and people have to continue not to take advantage of this pretty beautiful areas that we bike ride through or walk through and bring our families through.
- Historic interpretation of all sites, including Battery Weed, Ft. Tompkins, Mount Sic House and other batteries now closed
- Tours, historic programs, nature.
- Ferry connecting all three units
- Small cafes and restaurants, tennis courts
- Concerts, a National botanical garden, catering options - sub let

- Walking routes and pathways; more physical activities, walking tours, biking, running, recreational activities.
- Adult programs and tours (Ft Wadsworth) shortened to be child appropriate (i.e. short attention span issue)
- History tours...
- Fun for whole family
- Walks and photography meet ups. Maybe a photographer club (on-going) this can meet regularly to learn photography, share photography skills and develop photos for future exhibits and/or publications
- Kayaking, more nature walks
- Children learning about nature
- Concerts and educational marine life
- Heard of child oriented class towards end of August. Sounds great, however would have never known about it if I didn't see a Ranger today. Need to get the word out more and have family programs that teach people about conservation, etc. at the park
- Concerts
- More bird-banding/nature programs - better advertised - coordinated with BlofCd. Use education center as focal point for programs/solar power panels, native plantings to educate population about retro-fitting and landscaping in a natural way with nature plants and no non-organic pesticides/fertilizing - use the parks to transform the island environmental wariness
- Get a jukebox and oldies group, and entertainment, dancing, etc. Have a retractable awning for seniors who can't take the sun.
- Senior programs, family programs, more recreation
- We could use some conservation internships for college students and this is a great opportunity. Deer migration, water conditions, dragonfly migrations, bird nesting... All are opportunities for students to learn. We could do educational bike tours and nature walks for all ages. Concerts during holidays... such and such. Preserve!
- More public programs about why dune habitats are important and need care. And bird programs to show the public the value of conservation practices.
- Sport and nature programs. It is a good spot.
- Bird walks, seashore walks, public education programs
- Radio control airfield (bring back), tracks for radio control cars (add), boating boat rentals, food.
- More volleyball, more paddle. More sand, less dirt, more water sports, wave runners, parasailing
- Amusement areas. Free access to end of beach and not have to have permit
- Volleyball
- Any program that can involve the whole family, the community, and Staten Island
- More sports programs. More access to waterways for kayaks, canoes, etc.
- Concerts, things for people to do. Add a fishing pier and walking pier
- Wet t shirts
- Movies in the park (e.g. Pier A lawn in Hoboken does this. Great turn out!). Work with the city and state to create a new website or update an existing website that links someone to all the park systems, not just Gateway in the New York metro area. So that they can get quick answers on what activities are available where, as well as where to get more information on specific activities.
- Educational
- Not needed
- Club house for seniors!
- More games

- Summer concerts
- Beach volleyball. Something for kids.
- Senior programs, especially in the winter
- Fireworks display
- Baby contests, beauty contests, mud wrestling.
- More food services, kid friendly
- Wildlife tours
- More things for kids. I heard there was no money but that should change. Also activities for adults.
- An exhibit to introduce Gateway of its wildlife, woods, etc!
- Volleyball net and games.
- Like it as is. Another playground, old one being over used. Dog run in a closed area.
- Concerts in the park. Install surveillance cameras. Stiff fines for loitering and destroying park property!!
- Better bathrooms
- Rental boats (small-trolling)
- No pedestrians on road
- Boat rentals. Small trolling boats.
- Would like to see concerts in the parks. More recreation on the beach. Put more tables on the beach. Proof that something will happen "proof is in the pudding". Swings should be included on playground on the beach. Management make decisions and there not here to see what goes on.
- More concerts in parks. No hard rock but oldies local groups. More recreation. Need music and entertainment.
- Concerts
- Boat rentals (small trolling boats) at a reasonable price.
- A better and bigger area for children to play. A better fishing area, with access to bait and fishing equipment. The sand on the beach should be cleaner.
- Senior area for relaxations
- Nature walks.
- Additional activities for the kids.
- Kayaking on harbor side
- No weeds, daughter got a few ticks, real sand without mud and rocks. Cleaner sand even where there aren't lifeguards.
- Geared toward teaching our kids about nature and preservation of the parks and wildlife
- Same as #1
- Bike trail in Fort Tilden/Riis Park. Tours. Observatory sites in the park
- Mountain bike park/trail system: A "gateway trail" in the Fort Tilden area, a full imbatric trail at the former Fountain Avenue landfill
- Wildlife education, golf carts, historical tour
- There should be more learning sessions/lessons. The Aviator should have tennis courts. The lighthouse is beloved enough to me; it can be restricted.
- Swimming facility
- I would like to see go-carts and dirt bike riding
- A bigger football team
- Beach bbq? Also would love to have more food choice - turkey sandwich, some fruit! Not just soda and french fries.
- About animals and birds which live here. The historical programs. More activities programs.
- Family and recreation

- Tours and lectures.
- Kids programs and education or sea lore; running club; membership program (i.e. Friends of Gateway), astronomy club?
- More recreational programs, e.g. volleyball tournaments
- Family fairs
- After school programs
- Track
- Activity programs developed over the past few years. Develop crowds, but the current facilities are not adequate for the real loads cropped by events. Find a program to improve those conditions so that special events may flourish.
- I would like to get guided tours.
- A newsletter informing beach goers on various activities, more events like concerts etc. and a membership program.
- Gateway needs better maintenance to keep what we have in better conditions.
- Camping, kayaking
- H2O showers at Bay 9; to remove sand from kids feet.
- Fishing/crabbing
- Circus, music, sky diving
- Birding, and historical interp programs
- Camping
- Tennis, space to BBQ
- More tours and educational programs, such as how important the dunes on wildlife are.
- Children's nature programs - art
- I would like to see a specific dog park where pets would be welcome year round. P.S. appreciated the free parking day greatly. Lower senior discount age requirement to 50.
- How you can better help the land
- Open up Riis Landing for kayak launching
- More adult activities
- Kids activities, chair/umbrella rentals
- Allow dogs on the beach
- Community events to raise money for the parks
- More cycling trails
- Same
- Ranger lead tours to inform and educate adults and children
- Concert areas
- Swimming instruction, concerts, movies, surfing instruction, sports (volleyball)
- Beach restoration, sand castle contest
- Swimming, roller rink and skating, rides
- Got to put money into Riis. Fix railings
- Really want to see improvements in park safety - again repair/replace railings and broken roads.
- Parks, concerts
- Keep making folks aware of Riis being part of Gateway and they must be made aware they could loose it if inattentive
- Surfing lessons, more festivals
- Salt water pool!!! To be used year round, state of the art ferry transportation - not outdated ferry as now in use with more reasonable hours, use of bathhouse, educational classes, water activities

- Salt water pool - indoor and outdoor
- Kite day, the annual fair, volley ball
- Some music would be nice - continue the kite flying
- Salt water pool (indoor for winter) open summer, restaurants - nice ones, cultural programs, ferry - updated with reasonable schedules, not outdated, surfing beaches, stop bathers using fishing permits for free parking it stops fishermen from getting permits
- Riis park is very nice - I like it the way it is!
- Any
- Concerts, craft fairs, yoga on the beach
- To enrich the grade school children to protect the environment
- Conservation programs, community action for clean up education
- Good maintenance, good security, some nature staff (tans, exhibits), some nudist recreational program (water sports, etc.)
- Educate the public much more thoroughly/continually about wildlife (and proper behaviors on beach - cleaning up after themselves). Not a program, but important - put a hose or a few spigots outside restroom - maybe it would help keep people from using sinks for washing feet.
- Open water swimming lessons
- Fishing pole rentals. Go cart riding. Horse back riding.
- Boat tour of all the Gateway. Biodiversity and wetlands education. Nature activities for children.
- Camping for adults at Floyd Bennett field.
- More activities for children. Maybe a fair every now and then to attract crowds. CPR training for people interested
- Gateway bike and boathouse to store and launch kayaks near Riis Landing. Rick Koran organized the idea but Gateway said no. How about being able to launch a kayak there.
- More kids programs
- Children programs and sprinklers
- More natural habitat
- Concerts, youth activities
- Summer day camps for kids
- More programs for kids (activities). Reservations to be available.
- Shows
- More activities for kids
- Motorcycle events to benefit charity
- Tours of Ft. Tilden/Riis. Bilingual and for kids
- Volleyball tournaments.
- More handicapped facilities.
- Sports tournaments, concerts
- Tennis courts, volleyball by the sea and a ball court.
- Some kind of sports... competitions, etc.
- Something for the kids to learn about beaches
- More family events to come out to Gateway
- For children tennis volleyball
- All different activities would be fine.
- Games/concerts
- Volleyball nets.
- Conservation for all ages, walking wildlife tours. And stuff.

- Maybe places to purchase items or food. Chairs (rentable)
- More water park for the kids.
- More activities for young children. Sand castle building, volleyball camp.
- YMCA/YWCA - more children friendly programs.
- More kid friendly activities.
- A pier for children, a boardwalk.
- Music programs, free bands.
- Children zoo and live wildlife.
- Weekly summer events (fireworks, concerts, campfires, etc)
- Family-oriented and nature-oriented, parks and playgrounds.
- More kid friendly and free stuff also for senior people.
- Perhaps tours of the area, events outside of Aviator.
- NA
- Kids activities.
- Unknown.
- Lots more notice of events. I like coming to this park but I don't always get the news like when the blimp was here, or the planes.
- Public performances, educational ocean hikes, dives, kayaking, fishing, biking tours.
- Child activities.
- Maybe farmers market?
- Environmental protection.
- Keep it affordable. Develop more programs for children and youth to educate and involve with environmental issues and protection.
- Year-round activities.
- Whodie cool more high tech game, amusement games.
- Boat rides, helping children learn about fish.
- More nature programs kids and adults.
- Swimming, scuba, recreational programs. Utilize people to help keep Gateway clean.
- Aerobics programs. Games and public BBQ.
- Tours for adults/children.
- More horseback riding. More bike paths.
- Nature walks, bio preserves.
- Kayaking.
- Continuation of campfire program (expansion, increased dates) boating, safety with respects to water tracking of ocean swimming, conservation. Create program in area schools for conservation green ecology, etc.
- Swimming lessons, dance/music programs.
- More recreational activities; evening events during summer months.
- Nature conservancy. Maintain.
- Outdoor music?
- More beach access, better canoeing and kayaking access in the bay.
- More special events.
- I'm not sure, but anything for kids.
- Programs through the schools. School trips.
- More family activities to bring the communities together.
- Picnic areas.

- Sports.
- Relay races.
- Free mobile movies and do free concerts
- Soaring/gliding/skydive.
- More fishing areas.
- Kayaking, jet ski and other water sports.
- Horseback riding, family camping, canoeing, sailing, kayaking. Partner with DOE - classroom space in disused buildings, HS programs focusing on natural resources, conservation, etc.
- Bigger fields, skating rink, rock climbing. Swimming pool.
- More playground for child. More seat for adults to watch. Games.
- Programs like volleyball and probably others.
- Programs for little children.
- Senior programs.
- Outdoor skating rinks.
- More soccer training programs just more sports and activities for children of all ages.
- Continued use of fields for athletics. More parking for gardens with secure fencing.
- Wildlife - gardening - children's programs.
- Student gardening.
- More soccer, concessionaire, turf field.
- Hikes, especially related to migrations.
- More talks and walks.
- Wildlife refuge - educational programs explaining natural area.
- Evening star gazing, snow walks.
- Community education, especially to raise awareness of neighbors.
- Canoe/kayaking programs. Non-motorized boat access and no-motor zones. Camping area? Not sure if this exists already.
- Guided tours, educational programs, school trips.
- Kids programs, picnic type festivals, biking (rent bikes to all), public swimming lessons for kids at low cost, open boardwalk between Riis and Rockaway. E.g. Belle Harbor area should not be private.
- Kids programs, environmental awareness programs.
- A person walking around with a group of people and telling them about things.
- I would love to see a tour person, vehicle transportation.
- Suggestions: Make signs showing directions and paths of different pathways. Put up more info on plant life.
- I would like to see more cohesive development of Floyd Bennett Field. Outreach to NYC public schools should also be emphasized. Nature appreciation/education programs such as bird walks. Kayak and canoe rental. Sport fisherman could use better access. Continue beach club concessions.
- Education programs for children and adults. Walks and tours. Lectures about the wildlife and the ecology of the area.
- More out reach to communities within and on its borders. Public/private school class to the held at various Gateway locations (at least once per year).
- Butterfly garden, moth night, edible plant tour, history tour.
- We have a plan from New Yorkers for Parks to improve the Hamilton Park section of Charles Park in Howard Beach. We cannot get Congressman Meeks to give funds to implement anything! A kaboom playground build by the community several years ago and turned over to Gateway is in need to

replacement parts and repairs to protect children. A swing post gate needs repair to stop dumping and off terrain bikes.

- Horseback riding, more guided tours of all facilities. Better security needed at Charles Park especially cleaning up the beach.
- More people cleaning up better facilities for disabled people, bathrooms kept in better shape. They should use Jones Beach as an example of how they can keep a beach in Queens as nice as L.I. Put in some nice restaurants where people can go besides just snack facilities.
- More kayak and canoe opportunities of those without their own boats. More collaboration with school, civic, environmental groups on habitat restoration, organic gardening and bird watching.
- If one reads the current "visitor programs schedule" one can see how wonderful this park is and all that it offers. What is necessary is an upgraded context (and a promotion mechanism) to bring people here. More aircraft would be a very appropriate addition.
- Let the Beach Club stay the way it is for the young and old alike.
- Beaches, parks, amusements.
- Public sailing/canoeing/kayaking. Birding, flora, and fauna walks. Perhaps movies in the runways (with environmental theme)
- Continued growth into public affairs and facilities at Floyd Bennett Field, throughout the year. Advertise to bring Riis Park back to life.
- I would like to see the Breezy Point Surf Club remain in operation as it has been for many years. They provide an area for the public to enjoy and a great place for families to enjoy.
- Have public town hall style meetings and hearings to encourage the opinions and feelings of every single person. These meetings would be productive discussions on what to do with future programs. And do not schedule any more meetings on Yom Kippur.
- I would like to see the sea plane ramps at FBF used as trailer boat ramps and with ample parking with no fee. Or is this a conflict with the franchised (\$) marina across Flatbush Ave? Great Kills park has a ramp?
- Silver Gull to continue!!!
- Space type programs that concentrate on the latest news and views of space exploration.
- Control the number of Canadian geese as I drove here I saw a flock near parkway which had to be at least 100 strong. Not bad now but by the year 2029 it could be over-run.
- Many seniors citizens have it as their only summer respite. The club offers handicap access that is unparalleled in this area. Also the Silver Gull is not elitist. It is open to all people who pay. There is no board of admissions.
- Ecology programs for everyone, camping programs and camping more available for groups.
- Nature walks, bike trails, meeting places, expansion of camp sites, bird watching clubs.
- Keep all the paths safe.
- Please do not close the club. It's our summer retreat.
- Education classes on our beautiful natural resources.
- Anything improvements are greatly appreciated. Please let us keep the beach club. It's important to our health. Regard, Maureen Gusrcio
- Sailing, bike trails
- I would like to see existing parkland and transportation between units improve. I see no need to absorb or change the operation of the Silver Gull Club or the Surf Club. Most new uses seem to come from the ferry at Riis Landing and warrants the improvement of the Fort Tilden beach.
- Beach concerts, the way they have in Sandy Hook. It could also bring in revenue.
- Recreational and sport programs - handball, paddle tennis, volleyball, golf, softball and or baseball.

- Pool - water safety in Riis Park. Tours - wildlife, bicycle tours. Riis Park is in a state of disrepair. This area should be improved first.
- The Silver Gull Beach Club - for 99 years. So I can grow old and enjoy it every summer!!
- Improve concessions and facilities at Riis Park.
- I would like to see Silver Gull have its lease extended because I know the young people the club employs for summer jobs would feel confident that they have a job when school is out. The club offers art classes and aerobics classes and these classes are not only excellent for our younger members but also for the senior population. The management is very willing to listen to suggestions for always making things better.
- I would like to see a program to teach and support snorkeling and scuba diving in the waters around Gateway. The bay waters would be the best area for this. Also our Silver Gull Club teaches an art class for painting and drawing. It also offers dancing and water aerobics in our pools. This should be preserved. Silver Blub has handball and tennis courts. It has a cafeteria. It has band music every Sunday in July and August. It has staff to help the elderly and disabled carry chairs, etc. to enjoy the beach.
- Concerts, sports facilities, and Silver Gull, more employment for the youths in the Sobarnay area.
- Continuation of concerts, sports facilities, Silver Gull.
- Sailing instructions, bike riding, senior picnic, school trips to learn history of Gateway, continue aircraft restoration. Website with information.
- I would like to see more extensive volunteer presence to help manage the existing expanse. This is our land - our responsibility. We have sanctuaries with filthy beaches that there are apparently not enough Park Service personnel to clean. You can't fund a sanctuary and let the birds die. This is egregious waste.
- I think most of the programs that I think utilize this natural place, without overusing it, are already in place. I am aware that there are programs for adults and children to learn more about the natural habitat that we are so lucky to have so close to home (Marine Park)
- I would like the campsites to be more accessible.
- I would like to see multi use of the area. This would open the property for use of all segments of the population: various age groups.
- Many classes and activities available to senior citizens as well as activities directed toward school age youngsters.
- Multiple programs and facilities. Those that permit bird watching, fishermen, beach goers, sailors, etc to use this broad expanse of land but one that also provides for seniors who are not at ease in crowds and are not able to easily get around.
- Fishing instructions.
- An area where people could rent cabanas near the beach! Like the Breezy Point Surf Club.
- Continuing the present programs and the addition of others as the situation changes.
- A swimming pool for seniors and summer programs for young children. The surf clubs should stay open!
- Continued access to Silver Gull and similar beach clubs.
- I would like to see our two beach clubs continue to function under the current environmentally friendly management. These clubs provide the financial underpinning for your park. In these though economic times it makes no sense to disrupt your viable economic revenue stream (\$700,000 per year).
- More children's programs, more fitness and preservation programs, continued existence of the beach clubs.
- Nature tours, water safety, children conservation programs.
- Clean up sand on beach.
- Use your money on something else.
- I would to see the Silver Gull Beach Club continue to provide a wonderful summer.

- I want you to leave the beach clubs alone.
- NA or at least build more beach clubs.
- The beach clubs within the park have existed on the site from before the time of Gateway NP. It should be grandfathered. The club is used by a wide mix of families, many retirees, disabled, elderly, etc.
- I would like to see continuation, but appreciation of the history of long standing community landmarks, like the Breezy Point Surf Club.
- Beach usage and convenience accommodations.
- Build more facilities such as beach clubs, sports clubs.
- More activities for kid and family and make more space for picnics. Love this place.
- More people visiting there place. Create more awareness, because I have met people who haven't even heard of Fort Wadsworth after living 10 years in Staten Island.
- Teach other languages to facilitate the understanding of the park's history.
- More educational programs.
- Historic.
- I would like to see the maintenance of this environment. We need some open space, not more buildings.
- Continue to provide for opening of Silver Gull Club. Handicapped resources are limited throughout Gateway, except at Silver Gull club. DO NOT close Silver Gull Club. Elderly and handicapped citizens have nowhere else to go.

5-HOW CAN TECHNOLOGY CONNECT GATE TO NEW AUDIENCES INCLUDING PEOPLE THAT LIVE FAR AWAY?

- TV and website
- I guess by advertising on the internet but I like it now.
- I don't want people who live far away to come here
- Send emails for special events to notify people.
- I don't know
- By use of email, texting, etc.
- A website (interactive)
- Sandy Hook website, Facebook Sandy Hook Site
- Gateway website
- More website content
- Interactive mapping online, connected to local tourism sites.
- Tech the area through site to local school children - day at the beach in the classroom.
- Just make the website accessible and easy to navigate.
- Radio and TV and cable, computer sites
- TV and government endorsements via internet
- Update website
- The internet, as well as word of mouth.
- Website, build bridge to Atlantic Highlands or run ferry service
- Internet
- Text message # to know which parking lots are full.
- Ferry service to and from Brooklyn
- Brochures, website
- By having their own webpage so people can discover more about it
- Clean up the beach - the bathrooms are filthy and they smell - get soap!
- Get the word out - maybe send info to people 2 times a year - let them know the schedule of events
- Internet - interactive site whatever makes this place unique should be emphasized!

- Do not want to attract people from other areas, would like to keep it NJ family oriented
- Better website
- We live in Freehold (pretty far) and came because my son is in Mast camp. Programs that teach kids about marine life may draw people
- I wouldn't bother
- TV, infor not
- Email list
- It is not necessary to bring major technology to Gateway. It is not a business venture - it is a park and should be treated "reverentially" to keep it a part from business.
- Web cam?
- Web pages...
- Live music
- Maybe a hotline or websites
- Make more beaches, advertise on TV
- Listen to the radio
- Websites, tweets on what's going on in the park
- Concerts
- Possibly a multi-episode PBS series which would inform a diverse segment of the public of the activities available here for personal participation.
- Internet
- Have the ocean temp and wave info posted on the internet
- Radio, TV, internet
- Websites, tweets on what's going on in the park
- Website. Email updates and events for people who sign up
- Website
- We don't need more people. Maybe year pass
- Make trains to go there
- People would want to see what's new so they will come
- Larger website - to view the park
- Internet, TV ads, radio, newspapers
- Videos of website, parks also should be on Facebook
- Through the internet
- Promote sites on internet?
- Interactive website and programs
- More user friendly web sites
- As a national park it can connect to people through other parks
- Internet
- Through educational riders funded by official Friends Groups
- Through email newsletters
- Build a monorail directly to the Gateway.
- Video stream of Sandy Hook.
- Website easy to find/maneuver
- Internet advertising
- Website? Buy passes online
- You should be able to buy passes online
- Make a website.

- Good website w/ lots of events info, directs, suggestions, etc.
- Make accessible to all.
- It was difficult for me to find a website for the park.
- Advertisements although I wouldn't want it to get over crowded and too commercial.
- Wi-Fi
- Is there a good website now?
- Internet, television, radio, commercials.
- Websites, more TV commercials, brochures.
- TV and advertising
- Internet and websites
- Website easy to find/maneuver
- Have an interactive website to attract people
- E-mail, Facebook, National Education groups
- Wi-Fi
- Obviously the web is a huge method for people to find out about Sandy Hook. How about a social networking "Friends of page". Making sure Gateway/SH is prominently positioned for a Google search...
- Internet, "travel on demand"
- Informative website.
- Keeping the "website" updates and user friendly, ads on the NJ networks are always positive.
- Email
- Our best secret (locals), you would have to advertise
- Website, NJ travel bureau - advertise
- Live web cam, nature observations on-line, solar/wind powered electricity, boat/shuttle to cut down on traffic, water taxis
- Water taxi
- More internet
- Through the internet, television programs and word of mouth
- Creating a website to advertise our beaches
- A Sandy Hook website with general info.
- Internet, Facebook, MySpace, twitter
- Maybe an email newsletter of events to a broad mailing list. Weekly/monthly. Advertise (service announcements) on Brookdale Radio and other local public stations. Better map of
- Don't know. Maybe documentary films on the internet?
- Website is pretty good now, but could probably always be improved.
- Better transportation - via water esp. - and virtual tours and programs. From NYC
- Use models from other sites, parks, museums - don't "re-invent" the technology - use what is available - plan to use future technology.
- Twitter, Facebook
- This will come with the new businesses as they develop. Park just needs to have master site.
- Public transportation
- Waterway or railways, radio station, advertise, monorail, websites, or advertise at other parks that are far away.
- The NPS has a very good website, but adding more photos and more narrative, possibly through on-line slide shows would be nice. It would also be useful to offer some on-line summaries of the in park exhibits, such as those offered at the visitors center.
- The internet

- Putting pictures on the internet and TV
- Website(s)
- I haven't looked, but a good website announcing events and offerings
- Improve the website with more specific information
- Internet links related to area, i.e. NYC park Detp...ESAL
- Television, online, and ads.
- Podcasts highlighting interesting stories, such as Gen. James Wadsworth, Stephen Weed, "disappearing gun" batteries, early fortifications at the Narrows.
- Internet, television, newspaper
- Connect to European demographics
- Internet accessibility to routes and facilities
- I am a life long resident of SI. As a kid, I had to sneak in to visit school friends and explore the fort - now we can walk freely though the fort and the need to "rush" - I have found from bjermakion, this many tourists (European, etc) do actually get off the ferry and take a bus to this park.
- Through the website and local outdoor/conservation etc. Related magazines
- Create interactive website to develop park projects, solicit ideas from locals and global community. Create contests for local and global input - \$ rewards, prizes for best ideas
- Make the fun and entertainment available in the internet and cable and cable TV
- Internet
- A nice easy to navigate website with lots of pictures and species descriptions
- Free Wi-Fi access
- Clean up sewage plant
- Advertisement, TV, local papers
- This may be a good possibility
- Provide free Wi-Fi access and cell phone reception
- I believe my answer to the previous question answers this.
- Not necessary
- Advertisement, TV (SI cable free)
- On the net "re" places 2-C in NY
- Live webcams in known wildlife locations so you don't disturb
- More trees. Better roads. More portable toilets in all areas.
- Flyers around the park and online.
- We can already get info from internet of the Gateway
- Internet, MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- More water fountains throughout the park and piers
- On-line permits, on-line license, on-line ads and events
- Water fountains in entire park
- Fix all lights in park for safety
- On-line purchases and information
- Internet access to park information. On-line purchase of all permits and licenses (cars and fishing)
- Explain via internet the environment and how best to have all people protect our natural resources.
- Website
- Educate the public - reiterate how everyone can make a difference by keeping the park clean - picking up after themselves and teaching their children to do the same.
- Get the public interested with activities people would enjoy (movies by the water at night, more restaurants)

- Facebook would work
- Tripadvisor.com
- There are enough leaflets but you should be connected everywhere. Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, Meebo, etc. Also, outreach programs to far away places can make it like a pure place, that impresses people and draws them.
- They could get more programs and get a website so people could look them up
- By having a plan to get people
- Advertise on NYC transit, trails websites, MTA, LIRR, etc.
- Website - internet
- Internet sites. Give out pamphlets
- Is there a website? I come here to get away from technology
- Gateway can get a Facebook or Twitter
- Advertise on television
- New audiences are available when the publicity you have is positive. This park, when last I read had the lowest rating of all National Parks with respect to accessibility and general welcome. The state of neglect is evidence is a turn-off to most people
- Letting more people know about this area, about work you are doing
- The internet and the media like NY1 News and radio stations
- Newsletter
- Free Wi-Fi, Lists on NY website
- Improve website, add more information on the many parks and programs offered
- I was unaware that there was a website for Gateway
- A better website!
- Riis Park website - calendar of events
- Internet/cycling sites
- Same
- Make maximum use of the web. More interactive tours should be made available. Develop an appreciation among children of the environment. Go into the schools and present environmental awareness program
- Online blogs
- Webcams, website
- A lot of people don't know about the parks and beaches here unless you grew up here. Kind of like the "best kept secret" of it keeps it from getting destroyed.
- I like it way it is private and only bus access to the area.
- I like that you are using FB and tweeting. Def check it out
- Public transportation and thru the internet
- On the internet
- Live shows
- Websites, shuttle busses
- Websites, public broadcasting (WNYE, PBS, WNET), radio
- Of course internet. By having programs that bring the public in - brochures in restaurants, etc. Public TV
- Is there a link to Federal parks on the White House website and its Facebook page? If not, there should be - the White House sends out emails, Gateway could too
- National television and radio station commercials.
- Webcam of property, social media outreach to travel professionals, create NING group, tweet conditions and attractions

- Get Congress people to send out mailings
- Internet
- More entertainment
- More web info
- By allowing access to the park through the web and allowing the web to be interactive.
- Need its own website. With so much parking could build an events facility for concerts, etc.
- Internet
- Internet. Maybe cameras thru internet
- Active website with info/pictures
- Internet
- Web cams and message boards
- Ads in newspapers, television and flyers.
- Make easy transportation to get here.
- By advertising on the internet and newspapers and media. Also by word of mouth.
- Hire people volunteer by website or donate to parks department
- Make it tan't attract
- Plant a tree
- Post sites on the net
- Via webcam. Don't try and overload the site people.
- Trips would help or trams for people that don't drive. Put a small theme park around close.
- Advertise events on the news and radio.
- Internet sites, commercials on TV, ads in local papers. Brooklyn/metro parent.
- Give us more option to view wildlife.
- Internet is the ultimate gateway to information; webpage, email lists. Perhaps implement a weekly text update about the park.
- Using social sites such as Facebook and other means of advertisement to broadcast Gateway. And creating more forms of transportation to this area.
- Having a web site with all the info.
- Look at internet.
- Internet cams, e-mail updates.
- Highlight historical significance.
- Website
- Use Facebook, social networking. Update your website more often, keep an easy to read calendar of events and activities.
- Interactive web site.
- Advertisement.
- A website with up to date info about park rules and up coming events.
- Internet - mass media advertising.
- Interactive maps on line - or at computer posts inside Forts.
- Travel. Websites.
- I don't know if a website is available, but having one which would included a calendar of events that would notify and attract people would be nice.
- Better website.
- I don't this is the purpose of Gateway recreation is.
- Drive in movie theater! Postings in local papers other newspaper.
- By having road signs and street lights.

- Boat from Manhattan to here.
- Build a internet site.
- Facebook.
- Facebook page.
- Making ads. So people know that Gateway is a great place.
- More light bulbs.
- Sending emails and flyers to people.
- Website "updated" often.
- Free Wi-Fi
- Cameras hooked up with solar panels - another has done this in Pelham Bay.
- Through schools.
- Advertise on internet.
- Interactive web pages.
- There are always new ways to use the web. Could you work with a local college to develop some web based courses?
- Partner with teachers to do webcasts, followed up with (or proceeded by) a visit to Gateway. Rent (and market) the meeting room to businesses for special events.
- More use of computer - but, really more advertising to attract people who don't know that good aspects of the park - funding is of course, important. People to feel more competed to use the parks as "entertainment"
- Think internationally. Think of small properties that are helping to change the area for the positive, e.g. 114th St. D Piper Inn - be is small proprietor I just found with true spirit to help bring back the edgier areas.
- Through websites and commercials Gateway reach new audiences both near and far.
- A well done interactive website (games, maps, activity, schedules), Google earth, advertise in the City. Provide good maps and give transportation information.
- Videos on your website and maybe a YouTube channel that talk and show the natural surroundings.
- Internet - use of: new programs; do virtual tour of Gateway and make it available through free CDs.
- Camera site online hook-ups.
- I am not technologically current! But websites and information to schools and lesson plans are a good way. As a high school art teacher my major art class did research and painted animals of the bird sanctuary and exhibited at John Adams High School - I'm retired but I know biology teachers who use the park with their classes.
- Use of internet
- By advertising on the internet and showing how well the beaches and fishing facilities are run, and by hiring people to ticket and exclude those who damage and dump garbage there.
- Internet and boat taxies.
- I am not sure, but I think more people should know about it. Perhaps via internet blogs and the webs sites of weekly papers.
- If the park is not upgraded, if its resources are not better protected and the meaning and significance of these places individually and collectively are not advocated for the sites, technology can do nothing. We have to preserve the sense of place.
- Do more awareness of programs available to all people.
- Perhaps videos and webinars about Gateway, YouTube videos on nature programs and wildlife here.

- Technology does more to keep people distant than bring them closer. It makes it easier to care less because it is so readily accessible at one's convenience. There is nothing convenient about connecting to people. Advertise, use the radio, and come to us. Offer some refreshments. Make us feel welcome.
- Gateway should put ads out about what their plans are and elaborate on how they plan to shut down the Breezy Point Surf Club. Then they will see the opposition from the public of which a large number has spent their childhood at Breezy Point.
- Technology will not help to bring people together for discussions. It will create distance between Gateway and the community. Gateway has to actually listen to people in the community too.
- TV, camping and fishing magazines.
- Regalong programs on TV with heavy emphasis on programs for young people.
- Gateway can only be truly experienced by visiting it.
- Advertise on the internet provide services. Clean bathrooms although too many people might destroy what you have.
- Email advertising of events.
- A website with video presentations, blogs for all major areas of interest.
- More concerts, restaurants, friends, family.
- I love my orderly friends. They are like my parents, caring and we watch over them.
- Please do not take this away from the people. It became way of life for many people. It will be devastating.
- A sunset video page online.
- By advertising via websites.
- Internet. Ferries - between Sandy Hook - Staten Island - Floyd Bennett Field - Jamaica Bay and Fort Tilden/Riis Park.
- E-mail
- Have adequate public transportation available.
- Websites/advertisements.
- Try a boat.
- Join "Facebook" or some similar venue.
- Create a ferry system making it easier for the large senior population to get to the club. Young people living in Brooklyn are into bicycling, so making it easier to bring the bike across is a very important feature.
- The Silver Gull Club should be a model for making a facility protected and self sustaining. If all the facilities in Gateway were maintained as well as Silver Gull, they would be protected from neglect due to lack of funds and public abuse. Club members and staff care and preserve our staff faculties.
- Improve transportation, access a ride etc. for this area
- Improve public transportation. Support and devote more funds to programs like access a ride.
- Encourage use of runways for walking/jogging/bike riding.
- I don't think it should. I'm against overpopulating a preserve with un-educated visitors who do not know appropriate concernment around sanctuaries.
- Make use of the internet in spreading word of Gateway.
- Internet, email, etc.
- Very difficult, due to the lack of transportation!
- By using the internet. By advertising. By invitations for the people who live far away. Make a trip to Gateway sound interesting.
- By having moderate priced beach clubs such as Silver Gull.
- The internet - can and does link our nation's parks. We must continue to update sites and modernize information. University links and colleges must be expanded to inform the public of offerings and plans.

- Advertise nature at its best.
- Keep it a secret.
- Water ferries.
- Internet.
- For retired people, many would move from the area if the clubs were closed. It enables use to spend the summer at the beach at a very moderate expense. If don't exist it would be a shame.
- Internet advertising, create community leadership
- Keeping communities informed.
- Keeping communities informed and allowing their input.
- Put more info about the historical value of there places online. Collect all the info and organize them and put it attractively.
- Through the use of the computers you can reach many people and faraway places.
- Cell phones (texted messages), Facebook, twitter. Internet is what the future is all about. 90% of all are connected to technology.
- Interactive displays, interactive computers or programs, internet interactive programs.
- School teachers should continue to be invited for class trips to Gateway and the programs should connect to the classroom visually. There is really no need for more technology for each home has enough technology. Keep this an open, breathable place.
- People who live far away are not travelling to Rockaways. The residential communities surrounding Rockaway Beach and Riis Park are not safe. There is no public transportation available.

6-WHAT SHOULD GATE DO TO BECOME A "GREEN" OR MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PARKS?

- Containers to recycle
- Bring back the trash cans - at least at the parking lots - don't have to have them all over the beach - thanks!
- I think it is good now but there should be garbage cans
- Have trash containers - even though your supposed to bring your trash home it would keep the park more "green" if there were garbage/recycle containers
- Pick up trash. Have events to support idea.
- Pick up trash and plastic.
- Using solar and/or wind power for generating electricity.
- More trees and plantings. More landscaping.
- Planting trees, recycling, no smoking in Sandy Hook
- Plant more trees
- Keep birding program going
- Windmill research
- See other answers - keep it natural and simple
- Many trash receptacles, shuttles from entrance of park.
- Hire children at minimum wage to collect any garbage and litter
- To have trash cans for people so I don't see any garbage that people do not want to take out of Gateway! People should do their part.
- Keep it clean!
- Bus shuttle from Navesink
- Garbage cans on beach

- More recycling bins by beach
- Motivate people to be cleaner and to protect their environment
- Keep it clean - I know you try - but its still not that good.
- Put in garbage bins - clean up the beaches more.
- Everything it can! No plastic or recycle bins
- LEED's programs should be applied and again get PSE&G and JCP&L involved and NJ Env. Engineer majors involved in internships
- Garbage cans, fix the traffic
- Don't know
- Trash cans at entrance
- Offer environmentally safe trash bags to people on the way so they can carry their trash out easily
- Solar power
- No COMMERCIALIZATION
- Allow recycling receptacles rather than bring out trash
- Teach about environmental protection and the animals and plants that live here.
- Solar powered cars to patrol the beach
- I think its good already
- More garbage cans, people cleaning the beach, more flowers
- Don't litter
- Cleaning programs. Involve community on keeping water on bayside healthy
- Recycling bins
- Stop the commercialization of Fort Hancock building which would deprive the general public of access to these areas. In addition such commercialization will deprive beach goers of a large segment of parking places - especially if said commercial parking is gated and closed to general usage.
- Recycle
- Set up garbage cans
- Educate the importance of keeping the beaches safe and clean
- Garbage cans!
- Maybe to handle the garbage at the end of the day - dumpsters in parking lot.
- They do a good job already
- Stay as is
- More grass and nature
- Trees, plants
- Keeping the beach clean
- Gateway should have trash bins around the park!
- Bags for garbage on way in or out
- Already doing a great job
- Solar power, wind power harnessed to give energy to facilities
- Use environmentally items, environ friendly. Keep up on the bacteria in water.
- Continue to enforce litter rules. Limit after dark activities to programs sponsored by Gateway
- Work to be zero-carbon footprint
- Use solar energy
- Give trash bags at entrance
- I don't know

- Sandy Hook is currently utilizing biodiesel conversion to run its jitneys - would like to see all visitors moved through the park in jitneys versus private vehicles. Would alleviate traffic congestion, pollution, road rage, etc.
- Stop the carry in carry out (there is trash everywhere). Start a recycling program
- Recycling cans
- Less traffic, shuttle everyone to the beaches.
- Keep people off the dunes!
- Control traffic
- Recyclable garbage cans for glass and plastic
- Not too sure
- They are green enough
- Environmentally friendly products.
- Not build on it!
- Strict laws.
- More trash receptacles. Recycling bins.
- Continue to recycle. Get rid of the card on the dash. Just give a ticket if people will re-enter
- Landscaping
- It seems that your doing that now.
- Clean up garbage.
- Provide buses that drop off people right at the beach.
- They r great they way they r
- Recycle recycle recycle, plant more
- Recycle and educate
- Harness some of the wind power to supply power to bathrooms, etc.
- Bonuses for taking public train - oh, yeah, what public transp. Encourage Highlands officials to clean up their end of Henry Hudson Trail, and show link from there to S.H.
- Recycle
- The vehicles used could be hybrids. Employees could ride bikes instead of driving all the time; don't have employee or visitors' cars idling all the time to cut down on noise and air pollution.
- Solar, modify carry in out, restaurant should use local produce
- Keep the take your trash home program.
- Provide more trash receptacles on the beaches to promote a cleaner look.
- Recycle bin
- Information signs prior to entering recreation area. Example; Please use garbage can upon exiting area.
- Take out trash is good. Transportation - bus, vans from a central area
- On-site recycling center. And garbage cans, many people just leave their trash!
- Take trash home
- Bikes only no cars
- Use environmental cleaning products and keeping the water clean. Don't cut down the trees
- By recycling
- No plastic allowed on beach.
- Recycle more
- In Sandy Hook, numbers just have to be limited and cars limited to Ft. Hancock on website.
- Keep it clean. Use area as test site for alternative energy R&D. Provide water taxi shuttle service to Highlands and Atlantic Highlands to relieve traffic congestion on the Hook.
- Recycling, fewer cars, offer transportation alternatives, increase ferry service.

- Following environmental guidelines - ban plastic water bottles, eventually. Allow amateur fishers to fish without permit.
- 25 MPH everywhere (especially the police)
- I'd prefer having trash bins for people to use.
- Lead by example - vehicles, mass transportation options - to Sandy Hook - in addition to seasonal ferry service.
- Solar power
- Study ocean and river current power technology in use in S.F. Cal. I believe. Low impact, no visual impact on the park.
- Gateway is already environmentally friendly. Stay that way.
- Solar, solar, solar. Recover or use some of the by products that the maintenance take off the bathing beaches. Beach rake debris. Alternative fuels.
- Expand ferry service, offer summer shuttle bus service from parkway and park and rides. Offer in park shuttles to encourage visitors to see more than the beaches while leaving their cars parked. Look for alternative energy options for facilities that do not impede the historic character of the Ft. Hancock and other significant historic areas. Consider micro wind and solar in the more commercial areas or where facilities are more modern.
- Set up seminars for environmental studies through schools and organizations
- Keep up your good work. Plant more trees.
- Solar powered lighting, etc.
- Recycling containers. Placards discussing what you are doing in this concept.
- Minimize cars!
- Designate picnic areas to limit potential of propagation of trash, litter, etc.
- No cars!
- Recycle has to continue 100% at all times no matter what or who...
- Eliminate all through traffic from Bay Street to McClean Avenue
- No glass, or barbecuing
- I was not aware this was a national park
- More wildlife, like goats!
- There should be more signs, posters, and handouts at the ferry terminal to promote Gateway and the views it offers of the harbor. Goal - become more tourist friendly. There is no need to add more parking spaces - a steady bus service might be worth looking into - along with maintaining bus shelters and posters of bus schedules in several languages.
- Again, great concept of the form (today's event) but I didn't know about it until I saw the sign. I check the AWE section every week in the SI Advance - was it posted?
- Make all park vehicles hybrid or electric. Make all park buildings solar powered. Create more bike paths throughout park links to community (in cooperation with NYCity and NYState agencies). Develop bike facilities at Ft Wadsworth, GKP, Miller Field. Develop bike/hike paths connecting all Gateway properties on SI.
- Monitor garbage disposal more
- Remain the way it is, and introduce more things that amuse people of the environment
- Promote environmentally friendly practices, such as composting and recycling bins
- Stay the same
- Solar and wind energy
- Plant more foliage
- Solar and wind energy

- Maintain it clean and safe!
- Solar and wind power to provide the park with the energy to make it self sufficient
- More trees, recycle facilities
- Not sure
- Its fine the way it is
- Eliminate dogs from the park in areas where people are gathered (people areas, playgrounds, etc)
- It's a family beach
- More plants, trees, etc.
- Add more trees
- More recycling cans
- Education program combine with technology
- Plant more trees, for more shade.
- You are doing a good job. I am sure it will get better since you have the intention to do so. Thank you.
- Put separate garbage cans labeled recycle and trash so people can separate items.
- Clean up waste
- Concerts in summer, musicians
- Clean clean clean
- Clean all areas and toxic waste. Open up more areas
- Cleanup beach - new sand
- Clean up more. Enforce garbage removal for boater and pedestrians alike.
- More trees, shrubs, etc.
- Keep the recreational and ball fields to a minimum
- Follow the plans of the economy and educate people - people need to do the most - if everyone pitches in that makes a difference.
- Recycling pails?
- Get rid of lights at Golfing
- Sorry, not sure yet?
- They should show they care about the environment. Also they should start a garden.
- By getting blogs and by get gotcar
- Add solar panels to park building roofs.
- Re-cycle water and waste materials
- Make sure people follow rules. Give out garbage bags at parking booth so people don't leave trash on the beach.
- Limit the noise
- Practice "going green"
- Recycle
- No thoughts on this subject.
- Let more people know about your work. Now that I have a book and a map, after reading it, I will think of more ideas.
- Use hybrid work vehicles and put out a few more recycling bins
- Windmills
- Recycle bins
- I noticed on Sandy Hook the brown bag garbage program did not work well. I think it's a good plan though.
- Enforce the rules - people need to respect the wildlife (areas roped off when birds are nesting), no littering, don't walk on dunes, don't dump garbage in the water

- Recycle bins
- Recycling
- More trash cans
- Same
- Encourage the public to recycle and educate them that the future of this area is in their hands. Protect it and please no development (housing, hotels, etc) should allowed
- Direct bus service from areas in Brooklyn
- Recycling bins, free water (without bottles)
- Have recycle binds more prominent
- Yes, I believe that would help encourage families to enjoy this wonderful area
- Recycling bins
- Recycle, more planting and pruning
- More trimming of the plantings
- Provide more trash cans
- More access by bikes. Ferries to parks.
- Recycle, reuse, reinforce. Park rangers need more pay!
- The parking lot is huge. Some of it could be landscaped with greenery, especially trees.
- Put garbage cans on beach, stop selling beverages in glass containers at concession stand. You can't expect people not to bring their own glass containers onto the beach, if they can buy it in the concession stand
- Keep it clean and respectful. Do not build over the area.
- Demo solar and wind power projects. Community volunteer clean-up days.
- Have garbage cans at entrances - carry out all your garbage. Show people how to field strip their cigarettes
- Recycle garbage
- Not sure
- More solar power
- By not allowing global warming to effect the park and by bringing environmentally products to the use and upkeep of the park.
- Needs better advertised public transit.
- Get the word out - more advertising
- More garbage cans with recycle labels.
- More trees.
- Recycle, post signs and bins
- Need more recycle bins
- Use less chemicals to kill insects.
- Have sports competition.
- Give out more info on being green.
- By placing recyclable waste baskets around picnic and beach area.
- More trash receptacles
- I think it is already.
- Plant a herb garden and flowers
- Add solar panels for power
- Clean it. Now.
- If its not done already I would recommend recycling.
- Supply people with trash bags and recycle bins.

- Continue to educate public and have some volunteer days to learn about site.
- To get more people involve with the moment.
- Increase reach of public transportation to the area or raise awareness about the local bike trails.
- More environmentally friendly forms of transportation that is suitable for the massive amounts of people that come to Gateway.
- Having people clean at the end of everyday. And a lot more garbage cans.
- Leave it alone.
- Bike paths, walking paths, compose all possible things. Lots of recycling bins.
- We need more garbage bins here.
- Discounts for hybrid cars, recycling stations, facilities with windows or solar powered.
- All vendors and materials should be "green" (both conservation and consumable)
- Next to every trash can have recycling bins.
- Recycling.
- I don't really know think all the efforts are noticed. Its people that need to do their part.
- Plant trees or palm trees.
- Just keep doing what you're doing. More people are "going green".
- Recycling bins, education al programs.
- You do a good job as it is.
- Recycling trash cans.
- Solar powered lights? More recycling bins.
- Recycles and heu bottles only trash cans on the beach.
- DO NOT LITER!
- Have their own hybrid security cars.
- Leave it the way it is.
- Gateway can become more green by building a wildlife center.
- More trash cans.
- More trees and flowers.
- Keep the community garden and maybe garden classes. Show the community how to and they will be more likely to with knowledge.
- Offer compost to community gardeners. Recycle!
- Offer LEED classes, green roofing classes, work with green training program like "million trees training program" to get disconnected youth involved in National Parks.
- Just like the JBWR - Gateway.
- Recycle, education.
- Have more adult programs.
- Use the existing building as an educational lab. If an expanded center is built, try to make it a net-zero building.
- No motors, signage explaining 'Green' building components, all new buildings - LEED, retrofit existing buildings
- Not sure
- More recycling. Teach young children how to preserve areas and the beauty can't be lost
- Keep educating others about the environment and how to be more "green" and eco-friendly.
- Better trash receptacles, encourage recycling through available receptacles, shuttle busses.
- Not sure... Collect and reuse rainwater? Solar panels? Unplug everything? But it look like you do lots of that already.
- Every proposed project should include green technology to its fullest.

- Solar farm expo's, water treatment plant tours, get boy scouts involved.
- Explain more to people what and why "green" means to the park. Its not just about removing trash (we only get about 10 to 300 people to show up for annual international beach clean-ups). So, many people comment about removing vegetation not knowing that it protects from beach erosion and provides animal habitats - a common statement is "get rid of the ticks and mosquitoes and we will to the park more often" - can there be a happy medium?
- Hire people to clean up the beaches and get rid of the waste materials that are there now.
- Clean all parks.
- Use biodiesel in its vehicles. Take advantage of solar and wind power incentives and use any such installations as "teachable moments" for the general public.
- Well some structures need to be retrofitted but one hopes that historic fabric will not be further destroyed. This is a bizarre question: This is one of the greener, open space areas of the city with one exception the PRIMARY ACTION IS TO CLEAN UP JAMAIC BAY. If you cannot do that "green" and "environmentally friendly" cannot be applied to this park.
- Listen to the people that use Gateway facilities not people from other parks of the country.
- Restore Jamaica Bay salt marsh, ranger stations should be LEED certified (gold) if possible. Parking areas shall install porous pavement in parking lot, rain gardens and storm water infiltration. Buildings should use solar heating and electricity. Remove invasive and restore grasslands and greenery for threatened and endangered species. Get rid of buses/sanitation/police training in appropriate use of PARK space.
- Don't schedule your "open houses" on religious holidays. If you truly want our opinions, give us a meeting where opinions can be openly shared and deeper thought encouraged. As a community it is important for us to feel welcome to collaborate our sentiments.
- They should have a town hall meeting in order for people to voice their opinions instead of using these questionnaires with questions not geared toward the real issue of Gateway shutting down the Breezy Point Surf Club.
- Lease out unused Gateway land to developers in the field of alternative energy, such as wind turbines.
- Continue to show the connection between the "green" environment and the quality of life that one can have for the future.
- The marina could have a fishing line recycle container. I heard it takes 600 years to biodegrade monofilament line.
- Gateway is pretty green as it is. Don't follow the usual Gov't foolishness of "fixing something that's not broke"
- Gateway is under utilized. Riis Park is not advertizing or providing services that would draw people there. There is a lot of beach available to people who want to go there but the feds are not maintaining it.
- Recycle, more clean-ups, education programs!
- Solar powered ranger stations, solar lighting.
- Access Ride is a benefit. I love the beach club, I work 3 days a week and the rest of the week we go to the cabana. Please come and try it out.
- Keep promoting the benefits of the clean, healthy, and socially diverse environment of our lovely shore. Thank you. P.S. We the people... cab driver, teachers, and every other type of worker, deserves a place to safely and patriotically love this country.
- Anything that can improve is greatly appreciated.
- Keep the shoreline clean/ disallow vehicles on beach.
- Use green technology wherever possible. i.e. solar power - green plant and insect control. Alternative fuel vehicles, etc.

- You are doing a good job right now. The overall cleanliness of the roadways along with the manicured, tree lined roads is job well done.
- More ferry access, bike paths, participate in recycling "green" products.
- The same as it.
- Again they to provide better maintenance especially garbage removal along the jetty area at the tip of Breezy.
- Silver Gull should be an example to other areas on how to protect the seashore.
- Build more bicycle paths.
- Preserve Silver Gull
- Preserve the "park like" environment by maintaining Silver Gull. Silver Gull provides an environment which is: elderly friendly, a harmonious blend of many ages, religions, and ethnicities, a major employer of local youth, an attractive land scope which adds to the beauty of the GNRA.
- Again - inspire a group of voluntary to manage clean-up. Ban smoking on beaches. Put our recycling containers to encourage the public to keep plastics off the sand. Fine polluters. Call me first or e-mail me at childcoach@aol.com for volunteer help
- Once again having interested personnel to concentrate on this aspect is essential.
- Provide and service garbage facilities, provide and service bathrooms. Safeguard some of the land from the public. Provide more educational materials.
- My husband and I are senior citizens and suffer from arthritis and skin cancer. My husband is handicapped, the "Gull" is the only facility that offers us an opportunity to enjoy beach life at a moderate rate.
- Let people plant gardens and grow vegetables on Floyd Bennett Field proper!
- Advertise you are "green". This will appeal to the young and educate the senior group. Save "Breezy Point Surf Club" Thank you
- No!!
- It seems to me that Silver Gull Beach Club is environmentally friendly.
- Keep up with current technology - go solar. Use eclectic or natural gas cars. Organize more public school tours. Keep putting information and shows on PBS about the park.
- Request government funds to maintain beaches and parks.
- Keep people off the grass.
- Run the whole park the way the Silver Gull is run. Very clean and responsible.
- "Green" does not mean weeds! It is a breeding ground for mosquitoes and vermin. Clean up your act.
- Shuttle service.
- Make pathways to keep grounds and areas as pure as possible.
- Put up few sign boards and keep garbage receptacles and plant more trees.
- All that we produce should be organic for the good of the environment and humanity.
- Put recycle bins throughout the park. Utilize environmentally friendly cars. Utilize recycled items throughout.
- Keep it as it is - open, free, clean, a recreational place for the elderly, families, and disabled. Don't ruin something beautiful and natural.
- Clean garbage out of nesting areas at Fort Tilden. Restore facilities at Rockaway Beach and Riis Park which are underutilized now. They have deteriorated since the National Park Service took over.

7 - OTHER COMMENTS:

- There is no place to stop and rest along the five miles pedestrian trail. There should be benches strategically located through out the trail especially at the beginning and the end. There should be a place to site along officers row so people could enjoy the view, a few benches could be located there.
- Jetty fishing area would be better if it wasn't restricted to permit fishers only (remove permit only restriction)
- More boats (for rent). More food vendors. Ferry connecting 3 units. More lifeguards. Ferry rides to Hoffman and Swinburne Islands. Chlorine swimming pool on barge - temporary pool. Color of sand. Glad that sand is graded everyday. Sand is dirty. Motorcycles need a parking spot. Picnic tables. Hose grand at beach center. Never bother them even after hours. Because buoys are gone boats are coming onshore.
- Enjoy. Peaceful. Started come to beach in 1997. Have been here everyday since. In winter they come by. Had parties in the snow. Its like a family. Park rangers and cops are so nice. Safe. No graffiti. Beach programs, campfire. Night tours. Halloween program. EMT Francisco. Personnel is great! Flexible.
- I visited by nephew in Texas (he's a biology professor) he took me to South Padre island (where he takes classes from his college) they have an interesting ranger station with lots of samples and explanations of the area wildlife.
- Unfortunately, it is clear from the limited questions on this form, that many of the issues that are the cause/source of Gateway's problems are not going to be addressed!!