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FIRST PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR MAY 12, 2009 ON SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR LONG ISLAND PARKWAYS

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), Region 10, Long Island, will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, to introduce plans for the development of a Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan for select historic Long Island Parkways that were designated under the New York State Scenic Byways Program.

The meeting will be held between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, at the Nathan Bennett Pavilion, Hempstead Town Hall, One Washington Street, Hempstead. This is the first of several meetings that will be held over the course of this 1.5 year endeavor. Individuals, businesses, elected officials and all interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate in a brief presentation introducing the planning effort, review the draft vision and goals for the Long Island parkways and to provide input during the question and answer period.

Specific sections of the six parkways shown on the right were selected for their outstanding historic and scenic qualities, and for their association with Robert Moses, Long Island's master planner and builder. The goal of the Corridor Management Plan (CMP) is to establish a vision for these historic parkways and recommend stewardship strategies to preserve, protect, interpret and enhance their features, while balancing the functionality of the roadway with the protection and promotion of the parkways' aesthetic and environmental attributes. Evaluation of the parkway corridors includes visual assessments, resource inventories, traffic, safety and operational analysis and land use review. Potential for byway tourism and recommended strategies for promotion, interpretation and marketing the parkways, which were designed to provide access to Jones Beach and Bethpage State Parks, and methods to expand Long Island's state parks experience to the parkways, will also be addressed.

It is intended that the CMP will include an implementation schedule, suggested agency, group and individual responsibilities as well as plans for collaboration to benefit the byways, adjacent parklands, neighboring communities and byway visitors. An advisory committee comprised of local and regional stakeholders was recently established to help guide the planning process. Additional public meetings will be conducted to gain further insight into issues and opportunities during the CMP development stage.

Selected Scenic Byways

- Bethpage State Parkway
- Wantagh State Parkway
(south of the Southern State Parkway)
- Meadowbrook State Parkway
(south of the Southern State Parkway)
- Loop Parkway
- Bay Parkway
- Ocean Parkway

Municipalities along the Byway

- Nassau County**
- Town of Hempstead
- Town of Oyster Bay
- Village of Freeport
- Village of Farmingdale
- Village of Massapequa Park
- Suffolk County**
- Town of Babylon
- Town of Islip

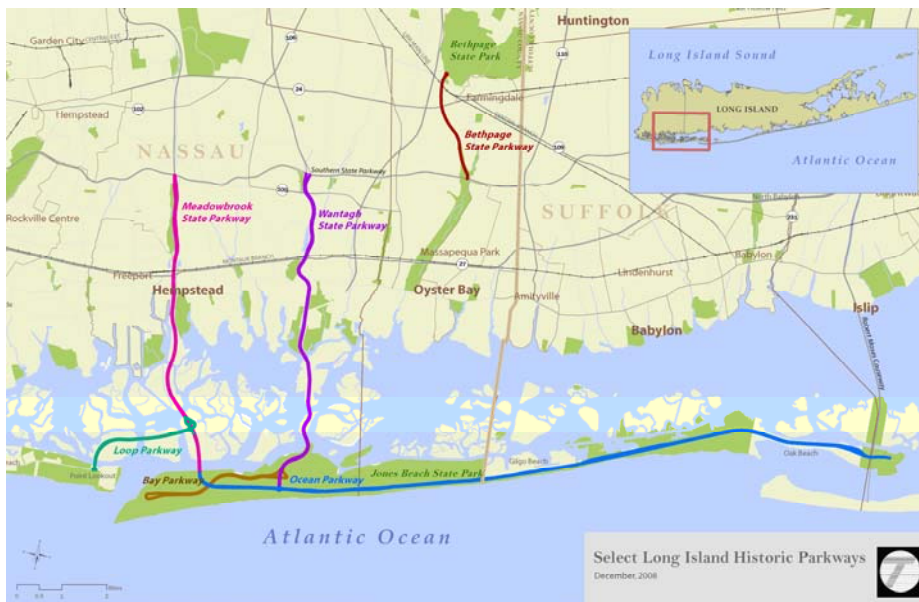
The meeting site is handicapped accessible. Individuals who require a sign language interpreter, assistive learning system or other accommodations should contact NYSDOT at (518) 457-6277.

Any person who has questions about the Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan for Select Historic Long Island Parkways but is unable to attend the public meeting should mail comments to:

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