

**The Mildred Flower Hird Nature Preserve - East  
SHELTER ISLAND, NEW YORK  
STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Introduction

In 2005 the Town, Village of Dering Harbor and Suffolk County jointly purchased 17.1 acres of woodland on the east side of Manhasset Road. The property was purchased from Grandma & Partners Ltd, the Hunt family (SCTM 0701-01-03-020). This property is within the Village of Dering Harbor.

Intentions

The property reflects old growth woodland extending from Manhasset Road on the West to Gardiners Bay Country Club on the North and Island Way on the East. The woodlands are fairly open and accessible for walking. The property includes the remnants of a long berm, remnants of an old firebreak, stretching the length of the property from north to south and marking the eastern border of the property.

Name

The property will be called **The Mildred Flower Hird Nature Preserve East** and will be so-called on all Town maps and descriptive material.

Improvements

There are no improvements on this property and it should be kept that way.

Management

Because these are relatively old growth woodlands, they have little invasive vegetation. If possible, encroachment of invasive vegetation should be discouraged. The estimated cost of maintaining the place for walking is up to \$500 annually. There may be some initial cleanup of some metal waste in one location on the property although it is anticipated that there will be many periods when no maintenance is required.

The parcel will be left in its current state, to act as open space, habitat for animals and for storm water recharge.

Public Access and Signage

Public access should be *from Manhasset Road, almost opposite the entrance to The Mildred Flower Herd Nature Preserve East, as the road has a small shoulder for parking at that location. The Town will erect a bronze plaque (see attached draft) embedded into a large stone identifying the preserve name along with its intended usage at a point along Manhasset Road. The property should be available for the public to walk. Future signage will not contain any restrictions indicating "Private Property" or "No Trespassing". In addition to the bronze plaque, there will be "Town of Shelter Island, County of Suffolk, Preserved Open Space signs modified to reflect "Hunting by Permit Only" with a contact phone number to Town Representative.*

## Measures to Protect Ecology

The Town will manage the property to protect the ecology of this property. Specifically:

(i) Birds: no particular action will be taken except to avoid use of pesticides or chemicals which could harm them.

(ii) Animals: The bulk of the property will be left in an undisturbed state as habitat for plants and animals. The town may use the property as part of the 4-Poster program to reduce ticks. Nuisance hunting is allowed on this parcel. The property should not be included in the town's wood cutting program because the vehicle disturbance associated with cutting would not be appropriate.

The CPF Committee will prepare an annual report to the Town Board of expenditures from the Community Preservation Fund for stewardship of this property.

Grandma Partners II



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