



**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**  
**GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
**FOR NATURE PRESERVES**

Prepared by the Management Plan Subcommittee of the  
Town's Nature Preserve Committee

(The attached is a generic management plan for all Nature Preserves  
not requiring a specific/defined plan.)

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All properties designated by the East Hampton Town Board as Nature Preserves are protected by this general management plan, unless preempted by a specific plan or plans for specific parcels.

- I. **Definition:** Nature Preserve — "Any area of land or water owned by the town which is formally dedicated to being maintained as nearly as possible in its natural condition; said area either retains, to some degree, its primeval character (though it need not be completely natural and undisturbed at the time of its dedication) or has endangered, threatened, special concern or rare species of flora or fauna, unique geological or hydrogeological features, wetlands or features of scientific or educational value; and which area is used in a manner and under limitations consistent with its continued preservation, without impairment, disturbance or artificial development, for the public purposes of scientific research, watershed preservation, aquifer protection, education, aesthetic enjoyment and providing habitat for plant and animal species and communities and other natural objectives." (Nature Preserve Chapter 182, Article 1, General Provisions 182-3, Dated 11-25-91)

Trustee Lands — "Dedication pursuant to this chapter shall have no effect on wetlands, beaches, highways, underwater lands or other property in the ownership of the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonality of the Town of East Hampton." (Nature Preserve Chapter 103, Article II, Property Comprising the Town Nature Preserve 182-11F, Dated 11-25-91) (Added 9-18-1992 by L.L. No. 31-1992)

II. **General Prohibitions at all Nature Preserves:**

- Digging and artifact recovery
- Unauthorized woodcutting
- Unauthorized removal of vegetation
- Abandonment of pets and other domesticated animals
- Dumping
- Uncontained fires
- Unauthorized vehicles

III. **Procedure for changes:**

- A. Any changes to general or specific nature preserve management plans must be reviewed by the Nature Preserve Committee and approved by the Town Board.
- B. Nature preserve properties shall not be disposed of, improved or cleared without a public hearing and a majority-plus-one vote by the Town Board.  
(Nature Preserve Chapter 182, Article II, Sections 182-13B and 182-14, Dated 11-25-91.

IV. **Enforcement:**

All Nature Preserves will fall under the existing East Hampton Town Code of "Regulations for Town Owned Lands".  
Natural Resources Department – Fines up to \$2000.00 per violation will be enforced.