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1	All Parks	Management & Maintenance	Invasive Species Control	Continue efforts to control invasive species in the parks. Could involve community labor and/or partnerships with community groups.	Med	Ongoing	Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County, volunteer groups	The control method for invasive species removal depends on the plant. When a species requires hand removal (such as garlic mustard), community labor would be effective.
2	All Parks	Management & Maintenance	Park Boundaries	Survey and delineate park boundaries.	High	Short-term	Access/Connectivity	County	
3	All Parks	Management & Maintenance	Sustainable Trail Practices	Establish sustainable trail practices for natural surface trails. Designate "wet weather trails" that have gravel surfaces and low slope angles that can tolerate more use under wet conditions.	High	Short-term	Access/Connectivity, Sustainability, Shared Use of Trails	County, trail users	Trails are much more easily damaged when subjected to significant use during wet conditions. During wet periods, confining high impact uses to trails with a gravel surface and low alignment angle will reduce damage. Indicate wet trails on County park maps, post weather advisories online, use educational signage, and ask users to stay on wet weather trails.
4	All Parks	Management & Maintenance	Inventory of Existing Trails	Complete a thorough inventory and analysis of existing park trails using GPS technology. Identify trail corridors and locate problem areas that are unsustainable (e.g. badly eroded, poorly drained) or dangerous.	High	Mid-term	Access/Connectivity, Sustainability, Shared Use of Trails	County, ORC community, hiking community	Mapping of existing trails does not exist for some parks, and needs to be updated for others. Identify new opportunities to establish new sustainable shared-use trails where appropriate.
5	All Parks	Management & Maintenance	Trail Monitoring Program	Establish trail monitoring program to record trail use patterns and problem areas.	High	Mid-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Green Infrastructure, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability	County, trail users	
6	All Parks (except Ellison Park)	Management & Maintenance	Park Maps	Develop illustrative, informative park maps to inform users of available facilities and to delineate park boundaries. Make maps available on County website.	High	Short-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living	County	Update Park Maps as needed. Public comment indicated that more information is desired about park facilities and boundaries.
7	All Parks	Management & Maintenance	Utilize Internet, Social Networking and Web Tools	Expand use of the Parks Department website: post park rules, hours, trail etiquette, park information, facilities information. Identify shared-use trails. Post and update trail conditions and user advisories.	High	Short-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability, Waterfront Use & Access, Dog Parks	County, trail users	Consider the possibility of a partnership with the Monroe County Library System. Park advisories or event information could be circulated through a "print and post" email that is posted by library staff on a Park Bulletin Board at each library.
8	All Parks with Waterfront Access	Facilities	Waterfront Paddling Destinations	Establish a linked circuit of waterfront destinations for paddlers around Irondequoit Bay.	High	Short-term	Healthy Living, Waterfront Use & Access, Sustainability	County, Paddling community	Existing public landing spots around the bay would benefit from better signage. New landing spots could be developed. A map of landing spots and associated facilities (restrooms, picnic areas) would better inform park users of the opportunities.

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Number	Park	Category	Recommendation	Description	Priority	Time Frame	Issues Addressed	Partners	Notes
1	Devil's Cove Park	Facilities	Paddler access	Provide landing point for paddlers at Devil's Cove Park.	Med	Short-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Waterfront Use & Access, Sustainability	County, Paddling community	The majority of public comments supported the continuation of Devil's Cove as a boat-access-only facility. Public comment suggests that paddling access would enhance the park for many users.
2	Devil's Cove Park	Facilities	Trail access	Provide walk-in trail access to the park from a small parking off of Bay Road. Potential access arrangements and/or property acquisitions could be investigated.	Med	Mid-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Waterfront Use & Access, Sustainability	County, Genesee Land Trust	The majority of public comments supported the continuation of Devil's Cove as a boat-access-only facility. However, trail access would enhance the park for many users.
3	Devil's Cove Park	Management & Maintenance	Monitor water quality	Devil's Cove is a critical priority for aquatic habitat protection due to the high species diversity, important spawning and nursery habitat, and the presence of walleye.	High	Ongoing	Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County	Critical aquatic habitat was identified by the Irondequoit Bay Biological Study of 2002. This study identified the need to protect the aquatic habitat located in Devil's Cove.
4	Devil's Cove Park	Management & Maintenance	Environmental enhancements	Environmental enhancements to improve habitat value.	Low	Mid-term	Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County	Possible partnership with NYSDEC to enhance shoreline plantings.

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 Devil's Cove Park

Number	Park	Category	Recommendation	Description	Priority	Time Frame	Issues Addressed	Partners	Notes
1	Ellison Park	Facilities	Dog Park	Construction of a contained, off-leash dog area inside Ellison Park, using privately raised non-County funds.	High	Short-term	Healthy Living, Dog Parks, Sustainability	County, Dog Park Group, Adjacent Towns	See report section for more detail on site selection considerations.
2	Ellison Park	Facilities	Upgrade Pavilion Lodge	Stone chimney repointing, masonry chimney rebuild and repointing, exterior painting, replace basement stairs, replace exterior stone stair and railing, replace gutters and downspouts.	High	Mid-term	Healthy Living, Sustainability	County	
3	Ellison Park	Facilities	Structural Improvements to Existing Buildings	Structural improvements to other existing buildings (canoe launch, restroom buildings, lodges, shelters, and Fort Schuyler).	Med	Mid-term	Healthy Living, Sustainability	County	
4	Ellison Park	Facilities	Paddler Access	Provide landing points for paddlers on Irondequoit Creek. Identify potential areas for paddlers to disembark and use park facilities. Strengthen connections between Ellison Park and the Ellison Wetlands.	Med	Short-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Waterfront Use & Access, Sustainability	County, Paddling community	Options include stream bank steps, terracing, boat tie-ups, etc. Need to address water level fluctuations. Provide access to picnic areas, rest rooms, parking, and playground equipment.
5	Ellison Park	Facilities	Trail Improvements	Improve trails from south entrance. Possible enhancements of trail surfacing on high-use trails, such as the Coyote Trail. Apply gravel surface to equestrian trails.	Med	Mid-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Sustainability, Shared Use of Trails	County, Equestrian community, ORC community, Hiking community	Apply trail improvements compliant with sustainable trail guidelines.
6	Ellison Park	Facilities	Re-open Park Access Road	Consistent with original park plan, re-open existing park road from Landing Road to creek bridge, and on to Pavilion Lodge.	High	Short-term	Access/Connectivity, Waterfront Use & Access	County	Improve emergency vehicle access. Improve public safety. Possible future addition of ADA compliant parking and access to creek
7	Ellison Park	Management & Maintenance	Stream Bank Stabilization	Continue stream bank stabilization strategies along Irondequoit Creek.	Low	Mid-term	Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County	Investigate best management practices (BMPs) and consider both soil bioengineering and engineered solutions.
8	Ellison Park	Management & Maintenance	Stream Bank Restoration	Stream bank restoration along Irondequoit Creek in areas damaged by frequent dog use.	Med	Mid-term	Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County	Investigate BMPs and consider both soil bioengineering and engineered solutions. The "dog beach" is a high priority.
9	Ellison Park	Management & Maintenance	Habitat Enhancement	Implement a planting plan to convert areas of maintained lawn to forest or shrub communities.	Low	Long-term	Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County	Increase biodiversity and "edge-factor" of native plant communities.

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Number	Park	Category	Recommendation	Description	Priority	Time Frame	Issues Addressed	Partners	Notes
1	Ellison Wetlands	Facilities	Construction of Empire Boulevard Access Point	Construction of a new access, parking area and car-top boat launch.	High	Short-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Waterfront Use & Access, Sustainability	County	
2	Ellison Wetlands	Facilities	Browncroft Blvd Access and Parking	New parking and access area possible on north side of Browncroft Blvd, at Landing Rd.	Med	Mid-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Waterfront Use & Access, Sustainability	County	Traffic, access and safety issues need to be assessed.
3	Ellison Wetlands	Facilities	Parking and Access Improvements	Minor parking and access improvements on Old Browncroft Blvd.	Low	Mid-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Waterfront Use & Access, Sustainability	County	
4	Ellison Wetlands	Programs	Environmental Education and Conservation	Emphasize ecological conservation and environmental education. Organize nature-oriented programs and events.	Med	Mid-term	Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County, environmental groups, Towns, private groups	
5	Ellison Wetlands	Programs	New Park Name	Consider re-naming the park to establish unique identity and increase public recognition.	Med	Short-term	Access/Connectivity	County	In coordination with updated park maps.
6	Ellison Wetlands	Management & Maintenance	Habitat Enhancement	Install root wads in the shallow water corridors and mud flats to increase and improve the amount of diverse habitat for aquatic wildlife.	Low	Mid-term	Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County, environmental groups, NYS	Use of natural fallen dead wood by wildlife such as painted turtles, herons, and other waterfowl was observed.

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1	Abraham Lincoln Park	Facilities	Parking and Access at 1559 Empire Boulevard	Provide new access, parking, entry signage, ADA-accessible nature trail and playground area, and trailhead at 1559 Empire Blvd.	High	Mid-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability	County	Existing structures require asbestos abatement, demolition, and removal. Follow best practices for green building. Salvage and re-use barn timbers as practical.
2	Abraham Lincoln Park	Facilities	Park Entry Signage	Provide additional park entry signage at Smith Road.	Med	Short-term	Access/Connectivity	County	Park is difficult to find and access.
3	Abraham Lincoln Park	Facilities	Repair Park Access Road	Provide surface repairs and improvements to park access road.	Med	Mid-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Sustainability	County	
4	Abraham Lincoln Park	Facilities	Interpretive Signage	Provide signage with trail maps and interpretive information on natural and historical resources within the park.	Low	Mid-term	Green Infrastructure, Healthy Living, Sustainability	County	
5	Abraham Lincoln Park	Facilities	Additional Parking	Investigate the potential of additional parking spots along the park access road.	Low	Mid-term	Access/Connectivity, Waterfront Use & Access, Sustainability	County	
6	Abraham Lincoln Park	Facilities	Playing Fields	Possible future addition of playing fields on plateau in old nursery area, in partnership with Towns or local sporting groups.	Low	Long-term	Healthy Living, Sustainability	County, Towns, local sporting groups	1985 Master Plan recommendation. Old Lilac Nursery should be inventoried and protected prior to developing sports fields.
7	Abraham Lincoln Park	Facilities	Protect Old Lilac Nursery	Inventory and protect the horticultural resources of the Old Lilac Nursery.	Low	Mid-term	Sustainability	County	Should be completed prior to the design and development of any new playing fields.
8	Abraham Lincoln Park	Facilities	Construct New Waterfront Lodge	Design and construct a new waterfront lodge, dock, and parking with multi-purpose functionality and enhanced waterfront recreational opportunities.	High	Mid-term	Healthy Living, Waterfront Use & Access, Sustainability	County	Lodge presents an opportunity to showcase green building construction techniques, and sustainable site design. Possibilities include rain gardens, permeable paving, and recycled materials.
9	Abraham Lincoln Park	Programs	Maximize Partnerships	Maximize partnerships with Bay View YMCA, Rochester Rowing Club and others.	Low	Ongoing	Healthy Living, Waterfront Use & Access	County, YMCA, Rochester Rowing Club	
10	Abraham Lincoln Park	Management & Maintenance	Stream Bank Stabilization and Restoration	Stream bank stabilization strategies along ravines draining to Irondequoit Bay. There are several opportunities for stream restoration in the upper drainage basins especially in the southeastern portion of the park.	Low	Mid-term	Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County	The stream reach associated with the Norway spruce stand is especially a good candidate for stream restoration. This reach is entrenched and eroding due to the suburban watershed creating "flashy" storm events.
11	Abraham Lincoln Park	Management & Maintenance	Habitat Enhancements	The old field/early successional forest adjacent to Smith Road, and outside of the Old Lilac Nursery, could benefit from a vegetative management plan to help naturalize and stabilize this area.	Med	Mid-term	Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County	Non-native species could be removed while native shrubs and trees are planted to help transition this upland area to a mature forest.
12	Abraham Lincoln Park	Management & Maintenance	Native Planting Program	Implement a native planting program by reducing non-native plants in all successional areas of the park.	Med	Mid-term	Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County	This will help to transition these areas back to a natural balance. Non-native plants include buckthorn, honeysuckle and swallowwort.

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Recommendations for Abraham Lincoln Park

Number	Park	Category	Recommendation	Description	Priority	Time Frame	Issues Addressed	Partners	Notes
1	Irondequoit Bay Park West	Facilities	Signage Improvements	Make improvements to entry signage and directional signage.	Med	Short-term	Access/Connectivity	County	
2	Irondequoit Bay Park West	Facilities	Road Improvements	Make improvements to surface conditions of existing roads.	Med	Mid-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Sustainability	County	
3	Irondequoit Bay Park West	Facilities	Stormwater Management	Abatement of existing drainage problems and address stormwater management issues.	High	Mid-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County	Existing drainage ways within the park may require bank and channel stabilization to reduce erosion and sedimentation.
4	Irondequoit Bay Park West	Facilities	Shared-Use Bicycle Trail	Establish shared-use trail in Irondequoit Bay Park West that is suitable for intermediate cyclists.	High	Mid-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability	County, ORC community	Design and construct according to sustainable trail guidelines. A new shared use trail would provide a test case for building and monitoring a new trail, in tandem with monitoring Tryon Park's existing trails.
5	Irondequoit Bay Park West	Facilities	Paddler access	Provide landing point for paddlers at Irondequoit Bay Park West, on narrow waterfront portion of park, halfway between main park and Empire Boulevard.	Med	Short-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Waterfront Use & Access, Sustainability	County, Paddling community	Excellent access point for paddlers. Broad, flat grassy area with easy water access. Consider picnic tables or a shelter.
6	Irondequoit Bay Park West	Facilities	New Trail Connection	Utilize old railroad bed to provide waterfront trail corridor from Empire Boulevard into the park. Would provide connection from parkland on south side of Empire Boulevard (Ellison Wetlands and Tryon Park).	Med	Long-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Waterfront Use & Access, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability	County	Could be part of an interesting shared use trail system. Requires safe crossing of Empire Boulevard.
7	Irondequoit Bay Park West	Facilities	Pedestrian Crossing of Empire Boulevard	Develop a safe pedestrian and bicycle crossing of Empire Boulevard.	High	Long-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Waterfront Use & Access, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability	County, NYSDOT, Town	Crossing has been proposed in other relevant planning studies. Requires traffic study, gap analysis, and crossing facility design.
8	Irondequoit Bay Park West	Programs	New Park Name	Consider re-naming the park to establish unique identity and increase public recognition.	Med	Short-term	Access/Connectivity	County	In coordination with updated park maps.
9	Irondequoit Bay Park West	Management & Maintenance	Stream Bank Stabilization	Stream bank stabilization strategies along ravines draining to Irondequoit Bay. There are several opportunities for stream restoration in the upper drainage basin in the western portion of the park.	Low	Mid-term	Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County	Investigate best management practices (BMPs) and consider both soil bioengineering and engineered solutions. Several stream reaches are entrenched and eroding due to the suburban/urban watershed creating "flashy" storm events.

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Recommendations for Irondequoit Bay Park West

Number	Park	Category	Recommendation	Description	Priority	Time Frame	Issues Addressed	Partners	Notes
1	Tryon Park	Facilities	Access and Parking Improvements	In coordination with Monroe County Department of Environmental Services, identify additional access, parking, and trailhead opportunities.	High	Short-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability	County, ORC community, trail users	Figure N identifies one potential location for improved access, parking and a trailhead from the north side of Tryon Park Road near the old treatment building.
2	Tryon Park	Facilities	Biking-Hiking Interface	Address the biking-hiking interface by placing bicycle racks at appropriate locations.	Med	Short-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability	County, ORC community, trail users	An effort that could be used to encourage trail riding in appropriate locations, and to discourage riding in inappropriate locations.
3	Tryon Park	Facilities	Tryon Park Expansion	Investigate possible additional land acquisitions to expand Tryon Park.	Med	Long-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability	County	
4	Tryon Park	Facilities	New Signage System	Develop a new signage system that includes entry signage, regulatory signage, interpretive signage, and wayfinding signage.	High	Mid-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability	County	
5	Tryon Park	Facilities	Upgrade Road/Trail	Improve and upgrade the condition of the deteriorating paved road by removing the pavement and reverting it back to a trail.	High	Mid-term	Healthy Living, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability	County	
6	Tryon Park	Programs	Off-Road Cycling	Open natural surface trails in Tryon Park to off-road cycling.	High	Short-term	Access/Connectivity, Healthy Living, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability	County Parks	
7	Tryon Park	Programs	Off-Road Cycling Workshops	Establish educational programs and workshops to encourage safe and responsible off-road cycling. Apply lessons learned from the successful shared-use trails in the area and the region.	High	Mid-term	Healthy Living, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability	County, ORC community	
8	Tryon Park	Management & Maintenance	Evaluation Period	Establish an 18-month evaluation period to monitor impacts of policy changes on park use, facilities, and users.	High	Short-term	Healthy Living, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability	County, trail users	
9	Tryon Park	Management & Maintenance	Develop Partnerships	Develop partnerships between the Monroe County Parks Department and community trail user groups for appropriate trail development and maintenance.	Med	Short-term	Healthy Living, Shared Use of Trails, Sustainability	County, trail users	Some partnerships already exist, but there are additional opportunities for more partnerships.
10	Tryon Park	Management & Maintenance	Ecological Enhancements	Enhance small disturbed area in clearing where deteriorating paved trail terminates in the center of the park. One possibility would be to maintain this as an open area with native herbaceous plant species and shrub plantings.	Low	Mid-term	Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County	This area is located in an important transition zone between the successional and mature forest but, has a higher percentage of invasive species and lacks the natural ecological balance that provides optimal habitat.
11	Tryon Park	Management & Maintenance	Stream Restoration	There are opportunities for stream restoration in the lower areas of the primary stream corridor that flows through the park, especially on the lower reaches before the confluence with Irondequoit Creek.	Med	Mid-term	Green Infrastructure, Sustainability	County	This reach is entrenched and eroding due to the urban watershed creating "flashy" storm events.

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Recommendations for Tryon Park