

Muscota Marsh Methods

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RESEARCH STRATEGY OVERVIEW

This research evaluated the landscape performance of Muscota Marsh 10 years after its restoration in 2014. It was funded by the Landscape Architecture Foundation as part of its Landscape Performance Series 2024 Case Study Investigations and conducted in collaboration with the design firm Field Operations (formerly James Corner Field Operations) and the site operators at Columbia University.

The research involved collecting and reviewing primary and secondary source data. The primary data collected by the research team consisted of 1) plant and wildlife inventories through observation and

citizen science platforms iNaturalist and eBird; 2) Tree measurements and benefit calculations using iTree; and 2) an online intercept survey distributed via QR codes on signage throughout the site and surrounding area. These data were collected from February through June 2024.

The secondary data shared by Field Operations and Columbia University maintenance staff include 1) stormwater retention capabilities, 2) planting inventory and site plans, 3) site employment, 4) K-12 educational visits, and 5) construction costs and savings.

The research team focused on investigating the environmental, social, and economic benefits of Muscota Marsh renovation and meeting the project's primary objectives, which were set 10 years prior. These factors guided how the project's performance benefits were defined, measured, and quantified.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Stormwater

- ➔ **Intercepted an estimated 149,930 gallons of rainfall and avoided 87,187 gallons of stormwater runoff in the ten years after restoration (2014-2024) through trees planted as part of the restoration. Over the next 20 years, these trees are projected to intercept 333,173 gallons of rainfall and avoid 193,746 gallons of stormwater runoff.**

Methods: Tree observations and measurements were conducted in July 2024 and input into iTree Design Version 7.0 calculator (<https://mytree.itreetools.org/>) to calculate stormwater, energy, carbon sequestration, and air pollution removal. Our tree benefit calculations only include the trees added to the site during the 2014 restoration and not the pre-existing trees that were left (Black Locust, Ailanthus, Mulberry, Norway Maple) or the transplanted baccharis hedge. Moreover, Juniper trees along the perimeter of the property were not mentioned in the planting plans thus they were not included in the measurements. According to the marsh restoration planting plans, provided by Field Operations, 34 trees (3-inch caliper) from six species were planted in 2014. These were Black Gum/Tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*), Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*), Sawtooth Oak (*Quercus acutissima*), English Oak (*Quercus robur*), Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*), and Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) planted in 2014. The planting plans included 9 trees planted on the adjoining street. However, since only some of the trees depicted in the planting plans remain and it was not clear which of those remaining trees were preexisting versus added, we did not include the street trees in the calculations.

Except for the Black Tupelo or Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*) trees, which had significantly different heights in the location with direct sun and were easily accessible, we measured one of each tree species planted during the restoration and applied the sample measurements to the remaining trees planted according to species. Table 1 below shows the measurements and information input into iTree. Appendix 1 shows these trees marked on the planting plans. We measured tree height and trunk circumference, noted its species and condition through visual observation of the trunk, branches, leaves, and base, and recorded the sun exposure. We never used "excellent" as the tree condition since we are not maintaining the site and have only visited four times; it would be difficult to substantiate, and we preferred conservative estimates over an overestimation of benefits.

Table 1. The tree inventory and measurements that were input into iTree Design. Color code corresponds to trees marked on diagram in Appendix 1.

#	Code	Botanical Name	Common Name	Condition	Trunk Circumfer. (Inches)	Trunk Diameter D=C/3.14 (inches)	Tree Height (feet)	Sun Exposure	Count	Latitude	Longitude	Date Observed	Notes
1	NS	Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum/Black Tupelo	Good	21.5	6.8	22.4	Full	3	40.873711	-73.918184	7/11/2024	Sample Measurement
2		Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum/Black Tupelo	Good	21.5	6.8	22.4	Full				7/11/2024	
3		Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum/Black Tupelo	Good	21.5	6.8	22.4	Full				7/12/2024	
4	NS	Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum/Black Tupelo	Good	16	5.1	13.1	Partial	2	40.87323	-73.918106	7/11/2024	Sample Measurement
5		Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum/Black Tupelo	Good	16	5.1	13.1	Partial				7/11/2024	
6	CC	Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	Good	11.875	3.8	18.1	Partial	8	40.873074	-73.91816	7/11/2024	Sample Measurement. Only one tree in the central area of the park (partial sun) was taken, as the other trees in full sun were not easily accessible. Circumference Average = (14.75+14.5+11.5+ 11+ 10.5+9)/6
7		Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	Good	11.875	3.8	18.1	Partial				7/11/2024	
8		Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	Good	11.875	3.8	18.1	Partial				7/11/2024	
9		Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	Good	11.875	3.8	18.1	Partial				7/11/2024	
10		Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	Good	11.875	3.8	18.1	Partial				7/11/2024	
11		Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	Good	11.875	3.8	18.1	Partial				7/11/2024	
12		Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	Good	11.875	3.8	18.1	Partial				7/11/2024	
13		Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	Good	11.875	3.8	18.1	Partial				7/11/2024	
14	QA	Quercus acutissima	Sawtooth Oak	Good	33.25	10.6	52.2	Partial	4	40.873291	-73.918109	7/11/2024	Sample Measurement
15		Quercus acutissima	Sawtooth Oak	Good	33.25	10.6	52.2	Partial				7/11/2024	
16		Quercus acutissima	Sawtooth Oak	Good	33.25	10.6	52.2	Partial				7/11/2024	
17		Quercus acutissima	Sawtooth Oak	Good	33.25	10.6	52.2	Partial				7/11/2024	
18	QRo	Quercus robur	English Oak	Good	31.5	10.0	28.1	Full	2	40.873118	-73.917936	7/11/2024	Sample Measurement
19		Quercus robur	English Oak	Good	31.5	10.0	28.1	Full				7/11/2024	
20	QP	Quercus palustris	Pin Oak	Good	20	6.4	27.6	Partial	3	40.873003	-73.917917	7/11/2024	Sample Measurement
21		Quercus palustris	Pin Oak	Good	20	6.4	27.6	Partial				7/11/2024	
22		Quercus palustris	Pin Oak	Good	20	6.4	27.6	Partial				7/11/2024	
23	QRu	Quercus rubra	Northern Red Oak	Good	24.5	7.8	35.6	Partial	3	40.872965	-73.917844	7/11/2024	Sample Measurement
24		Quercus rubra	Northern Red Oak	Good	24.5	7.8	35.6	Partial				7/11/2024	
25		Quercus rubra	Northern Red Oak	Good	24.5	7.8	35.6	Partial				7/11/2024	
Total New Trees Measured									25				

Calculations: Tree circumference was measured on the trunk of the tree at 4.5 ft from the ground surface (NYS DEC, n.d.) using a cloth measuring tape. Circumference was automatically converted to diameter by iTree Design using (D=C/3.14) and rounding to the nearest decimal place. For the Eastern Redbud, which had multiple trunks (n), the circumference average was calculated ($\sum C$)/n (NYS DEC, n.d.). Tree height was measured using the Trees app by Forest Monitoring Tools on an Android phone, and the ground distance from the measurement location to the tree base was measured using a Crescent Lufkin Pro 4in Measuring Wheel. While iTree Eco did not require the tree height to calculate benefits, we include these measurements for reference.

A note on how calculations are made by iTree Design (n.d.) – see also the Carbon Sequestration Benefit below:

“Carbon dioxide sequestration values are derived from species-based biomass equations. Carbon dioxide avoided values are estimated by converting the savings to pounds of avoided carbon emissions. values (kWh and Mbtu) are converted to carbon dioxide using state-based EPA E-grid conversion values. The carbon dioxide dollar value is based on the average central value estimate of the social cost of carbon as calculated by the 2010 Interagency Working Group on Social Cost of Carbon for the United States Government (see: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/sc_co2_tsd_august_2016.pdf.)” (p. References)

“The stormwater interception and avoided runoff values were derived from county-based i-Tree Eco runs for the conterminous United States using 2010 data. (see: [i-Tree Eco Precipitation Interception Model Descriptions](#))” (p. References)

“Future benefits are estimated using a forecasting model that calculates tree height for each consecutive year until the user-specified “future year.” For example, if the user wants to estimate benefits 10 years into the future, tree height is estimated for 2014, 2015, 2016,...2024. The forecasting model uses growth rates to estimate the changing size of the tree and calculate the benefits for each year. The model assumes that there is no change to tree condition and sunlight exposure.” (p. How to Use)

“Past benefits are also estimated using the forecasting model. Benefits are calculated each consecutive year in the past until the modeled tree size reaches 1 inch in diameter.” (p. How to Use)

Limitations: Given that the past benefits are modeled back until the size reaches 1-inch diameter, but the trees were planted 3-inch diameter (3-inch caliper) per the planting plans, the past benefits may be an overestimate. After completing the inventory, we were informed by iTree support that iTree Planting allows for changing this variable. Given time constraints we did not redo the inventory analysis. This is something future research teams might keep in mind. Also, the reason we selected iTree Design over myTree or iTree Eco is that while it was a simple web-based tool like myTree, it allowed for the entry of multiple trees with the same measurements and showed the inventory list with details, to avoid confusion one what had been entered already. Whereas iTree Eco allowed for an entire inventory to be uploaded via Excel, but the measurements were more complex and it is only available as a desktop tool.

Habitat Quality + Populations & Species Richness

- ➔ **Increases ecological quality as demonstrated by a total Floristic Quality Index (FQI) score of 23, a native FQI score of 29, and an adjusted FQI score of 40. An FQI score above 35 is considered to be “natural area” quality.**

- ➔ **Achieves a native species richness of 61%, with 33 of 54 species observed on-site being native.**

→ **Has provided habitat for at least 142 observed bird species in the 10 years since restoration was completed (2014-2024), with 53 bird species observed in the first half of 2024.**

Methods: We used the iNaturalist citizen science platform to document and identify plants and animals on site and involve community members in the project. The iNaturalist Project page was set up and limited to observations made at “Muscota Marsh, New York, NY, USA” using a polygon of the restoration site to accumulate all observations between January 1, 2024 and July 19, 2024. We advertised the iNaturalist project along with the survey as described earlier. The research team conducted walking species observations of the site in March, June, and July. Pictures and details of plant and animal observations were then uploaded, and preliminary identifications were made using the iNaturalist suggestions. The research team also relied on the planting plans from the restoration in 2014, the landscape staff maintaining the site, and Google image search to validate certain identifications. The species list was then cleaned to remove duplicate identifications, and identifications with only family taxa. Additionally, we gathered observation data from the existing eBird location, “Inwood Hill Park-Muscota Marsh,” as some park patrons informed us it was a preferred platform for local birders. See Appendix 2 and 3 for the plant and animal inventories and marketing materials. The observations for animals were combined in Appendix 3: Animal Observations with a notation on whether they come from iNaturalist or eBird.

PROJECT PAGE

Figure 1. iNaturalist Project page.

The screenshot shows the iNaturalist project page for 'Muscota Marsh'. At the top, the iNaturalist logo and a search bar are visible. Navigation links include 'Explore', 'Your Observations', 'Community', and 'More'. The main header features a large image of the marsh with a text overlay: 'Muscota Marsh' and 'MAR 1, 2024 - JUL 19, 2024'. To the right, an 'About' section provides details: 'The University of Connecticut Department of Plant Sciences and Landscape Architecture (PI: Sohyun Park), in coordination with the design firm responsible for the marsh restoration, Field Operations, is conducting a Case'. Below this are buttons for 'Read More', 'Your Membership', 'Edit Project', and 'Project Journal'. A statistics bar shows: Overview (87 OBSERVATIONS), 62 SPECIES, 26 IDENTIFIERS, and 14 OBSERVERS, along with a 'Stats' button. The 'Recent Observations' section includes a 'View All' button and four observation cards: 1. Groundhog (*Marmota monax*) with 2 observations, 2 days ago. 2. Northern Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*) with 1 observation, 13 days ago. 3. Virginia Chainfern (*Woodwardia virginica*) with 1 observation, 13 days ago. 4. Brown-belted Bumble Bee (*Bombus griseocollis*) with 1 observation, 13 days ago.

Project Requirements →

Observations in this project must meet the following criteria:

🌿 Taxa	All taxa
📍 Location	Muscota Marsh, New York City, NY, US
👤 Users	Any
📁 Projects	Any
🌱 Quality Grade	Research Grade, Needs ID, Casual
📷 Media Type	Photo
📅 Date	Jan 1, 2024 · 8:19 AM EST - Jul 19, 2024 · 8:07 AM EDT
📍 Establishment	Any

Stats →



- Research Grade
- Needs ID
- Casual

Journal →

No journal posts yet

Map of Observations

Map | Satellite

Recent Observations

Keyboard shortcuts | Map data ©2024 Google | 50 m | Terms | Report a map error

ABOUT PAGE (selecting “Read More” in the project description header)

Calculations:

A pivot table and graph were created in Excel with the eBird (2024) data related to the Hotspot “Inwood Hill-Muscota Marsh”.

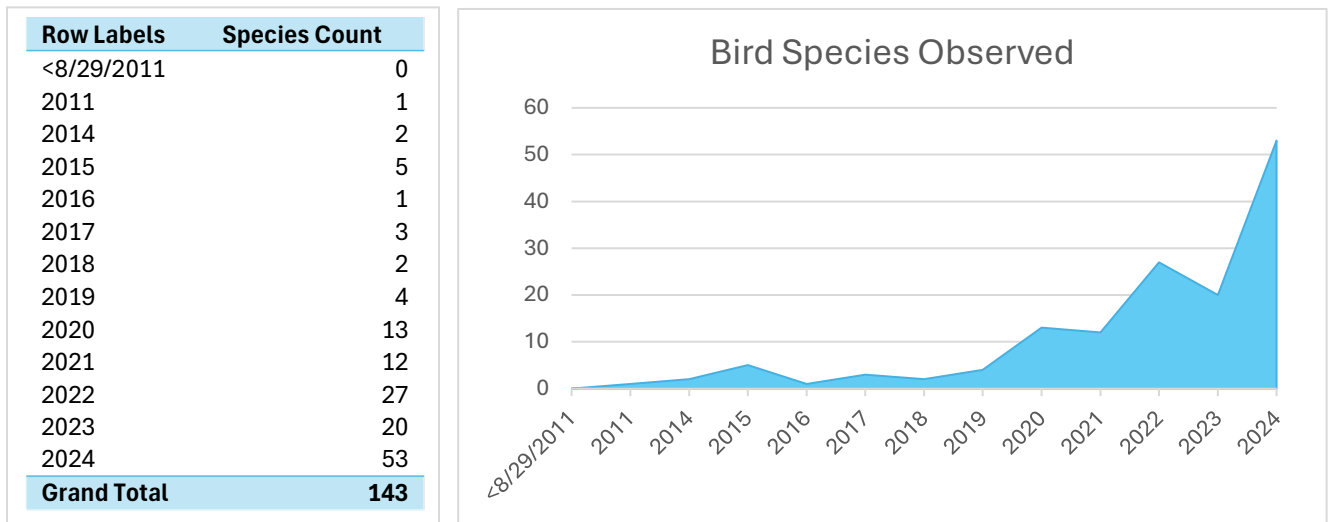


Figure 2. eBird Species Counts based on Last Observed, 2011-2024.

We input the inventory compiled through iNaturalist submissions and our iTree inventory into the free online [Universal Floristic Quality Assessment \(FQA\) tool](#). We selected the “Northeastern Coastal Zone (8.1.7) (CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT) (Omernik III Ecoregions: 59), 2018” FQA database for our assessment and entered the scientific names for 63 observed plant species (iTree inventory + iNaturalist, see Appendix 2) The following species did not exist in the database: *Helleboreae*, *Hydrangea petiolaris*, *Hydrangea quercifolia*, *Iris sanguinea*, *Magnoliopsida*, *Melilotus albus*, *Nepeta racemosa* *Quercus acutissima*, *Quercus robur*, *Ranunculus bulbosus*, *Rumex crispus*, *Rumex cristatus*, *Ulva*.

Rumex crispus and *Rumex cristatus* were substituted with *Rumex altissimus* a similar pale dock native to the region, as it is possible that the identifications on iNaturalist were not accurate, and since this had not been identified as something planted by the design firm or site operators, it's likely naturally occurring. Similarly, both *Ranunculus acris* and *Ranunculus bulbosus*, were identified on site, and they could be easily confused and are naturally occurring rather than planted, *R. acris* was found in the database and included in the FQI while *R. bulbosus* was not. *Iris versicolor* was substituted for *Iris sanguinea*, as we knew the former had been introduced and these similar non-bearded irises could be mistaken for one another. The remaining species were planted and non-native, therefore we did not attempt to provide a substitute and these were not counted in the FQI. Notes are included in Appendix 2.

Limitations:

The iNaturalist and eBird platforms are citizen science and rely on citizens for identification and validation. Some citizen scientists who partake are novices, while others are hobby naturalists, and still others are scientists with varying specialties but not necessarily expertise in the identification of any species. The platforms provide species suggestions based on the images uploaded. While these are very useful, accuracy depends on the quality and detail in the images, and the effort put into photo comparisons during identification. The community of citizen scientists works diligently to verify or suggest changes to identifications with notes and comments. Overall, they are incredibly useful tools for species observation, but there is potential for identification errors as well as opportunities to amend the errors, which may change the data over time— if old observations and identifications are amended. These platforms have been gaining popularity. Therefore, the unknown pre-restoration species counts and the reduced use of these citizen science platforms in the past are limitations. Moreover, the marsh is an extension of Inwood Hill Park, and while it does add a Freshwater wetland, many of the species observed are not limited to Muscota Marsh and thus cannot be solely ascribed to the restoration. A conclusive statement on biodiversity changes attributed to marsh restoration alone cannot be made.

Carbon Sequestration

- ➔ **Sequestered an estimated 19,315 lbs of atmospheric carbon in the ten years after restoration (2014-2024) in trees planted as part of the restoration. Over the next 20 years, these trees are projected to sequester an additional 45,334 lbs of atmospheric carbon.**

See Stormwater Management Benefit above for Methods, Calculations, and Limitations.

SOCIAL BENEFITS

- **Created public waterfront access where there was previously none, with 73% of 63 surveyed visitors reporting that they visit at least once a week.**
- **Supports well-being and improved mood, with the number of surveyed visitors reporting feeling “great” increasing by 20% between arriving and departing the marsh. 56% of 64 respondents attributed their improvement in mood to scenery and views, 16% to wild animals, and 13% to plants.**

Methods: A multi-stage intercept survey was conducted between June 4, 2024, and July 19, 2024. The survey was conducted online to maximize the randomization of use times and possible users. The survey (Appendix 4) was distributed via QR code on signage and postcards posted on the site at the entrance, within the park near seating areas, and across the street at a local coffee shop on June 4, 2024. Additionally, posts about the research project with the survey link were made on several Inwood community Facebook groups on June 24, 2024, to garner more results. We ended up extending the original deadline of July 7 to July 19, reposting to the Facebook community groups, and sharing flyers with the extended deadline with some marsh visitors during our final visit on July 11. The survey was restricted to adults (18+) and started by 72 users, of which 68 users agreed to the terms and took the survey with the average number of responses per question 64. Respondents had the option of skipping questions or sections.

Marketing

Participants were asked to answer the questions in several categories (see Appendix 4). Multiple-choice questions were offered in multiple stages to improve completion rates. The first stage was estimated to take approximately 5 minutes to complete, after which participants were allowed to continue to answer additional questions that may be completed within about 10 minutes.

Figure 3. Survey and iNaturalist Bioblitz marketing flyer and Facebook posts.

Muscota Marsh

HOW HAS THE MARSH RESTORATION IMPACTED YOU? TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Previously known as the Boat House Marsh, Muscota Marsh is situated on the Spuyten Duyvil Creek connecting the Hudson and Harlem Rivers in upper Manhattan, New York City, New York. A joint effort to restore the marsh was undertaken in 2014 by Columbia University and New York City Parks, to ensure public access to the waterfront and habitat restoration to increase biodiversity and stormwater filtration. We want to know what's changed in 10 years since!

The University of Connecticut Department of Plant Sciences and Landscape Architecture, in coordination with Field Operations, the design firm responsible for the marsh restoration, is conducting a Case Study Investigation for the Landscape Architecture Foundation Landscape Performance Series. As part of this investigation, we are conducting a visitor survey and collecting species observations for this project.

VISITOR SURVEY

Would you like to share your perceptions of the Marsh restoration and how it has impacted you as a visitor or the community at large? Fill out our survey using the QR code **by July 7, 2024**.

Must be 18+ to participate.

iNATURALIST BIOBLITZ

Would you like to share your plant and animal observations at Muscota Marsh? Participate in our BioBlitz on iNaturalist! Participate using the QR code **by July 7, 2024 and mark your observation place as Muscota Marsh, New York, NY.**

Pocket with extra QR code slips were included so people did not need to take the entire flyer unless they wanted to.

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Would you like to share your perceptions of the Muscota Marsh and how it has impacted you as a visitor or the community since its restoration in 2014? The University of Connecticut Department of Plant Sciences and Landscape Architecture, is conducting a Case Study Investigation for the Landscape Architecture Foundation Landscape Performance Series. As part of this investigation, we are conducting a visitor survey and collecting species observations for this project.

Fill out our survey or participate in our iNaturalist Bioblitz by July 7, 2024.

Visitor Survey:
<http://s.uconn.edu/muscotasurvey>

iNaturalist Project:
<http://s.uconn.edu/inaturalist-muscota>

Muscota Marsh, NYC

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Posted in the Inwood (NYC) Community and the Washington Heights/Inwood Community Inclusion Facebook Groups

Figure 4. Clear polysheet protectors with flyers and QR code slips were left at the cafe across the street from the marsh and taped to trash cans within the marsh.



Calculations: We used Qualtrics as our survey platform which also provides data analysis. The percentages were calculated by dividing the number of a particular response (e.g. numbers of ‘no’) by the total number of respondents for each question. The breakdown for the noted benefits is as follows:

- Q. Do you interact with strangers at Muscota Marsh?
- ▶ Out of 63 respondents to this question, 43 ($43/63=.68$ or 68%) answered “Yes” and 20 ($20/63=.32$ or 32%) answered “No”.
- Q. Is the Marsh a good place to meet new people?
- ▶ Out of 40 respondents to this question, 30 ($30/40=.75$ or 75%) answered “Yes” and 10 ($10/40=.25$ or 25%) answered “No”.
- Q. Do you interact with people of different backgrounds than yourself at the Marsh?
- ▶ Out of 63 respondents to this question, 48 ($48/63=.76$ or 76%) answered “Yes” and 15 ($15/63=.24$ or 24%) answered “No”.
- Q. Do you see people from different backgrounds interacting with one another at the Marsh?
- ▶ Out of 60 respondents to this question, 48 ($48/60=.80$ or 80%) answered “Yes” and 12 ($12/60=.20$ or 20%) answered “No”.
- Q. How often do you visit Muscota Marsh now, after its restoration?
- ▶ Out of 63 respondents to this question, 6 answered “Daily”; 9 answered “4-6 times a week”; 14 answered “2-3 times a week”; and 17 answered “Once a week”.
 $(6+9+14+17)/63 = .73$ or 73%
- Q. Generally, how do you feel when you arrive at the Marsh?
- ▶ Out of 63 respondents to this question, 22 (35%) responded “Great”; 30 (48%) responded “Good”; 10 (16%) responded “Okay / Neutral”; 1(2%) responded “Not Good”; and 0 (0%) responded “Bad”.
- Q. Generally, how do you feel when you leave the Marsh?

- ▶ Out of 64 respondents to this question, 35 (55%) responded “Great”; 25 (39%) responded “Good”; 4 (6%) responded “Okay / Neutral”; 0(0%) responded “Not Good”; and 0 (0%) responded “Bad”.
- ▶ This question had one more respondent than the previous but an overall improvement in mood was demonstrated in answers shifted from “Not Good”, “Okay/Neutral” and “Good” to “Great”.

Q. Have you enjoyed scenic views at the Marsh?

- ▶ Out of 63 respondents to this question, 63 (100%) responded “Yes”.

Q. What aspect of the Marsh contributes the most to improving your mood?

- ▶ Out of 64 respondents to this question, 36 (56%) responded “Scenery and views”; 0 (0%) responded “weather”; 1 responded “sounds”; 8 (13%) responded “Plants at the Marsh”; 10 (16%) responded “Wild animals at the Marsh”; 0 (0%) responded “Other People”; and 9 (14%) responded “Other/Comment”. Of the 9 who answered “Other/Comment”, 4 noted it was the combination of these aspects; 3 noted the closeness to the water or access for rowing/kayaking was what enhanced their mood. The remaining 2 did not benefit from mood improvement, with one noting they could not visit because of restrictions on bringing dogs although they would love to.

Limitations: Due to the survey's online nature, it excluded users who may not be comfortable with technology and would be more likely to complete a paper survey. We acknowledge that “different background” is subjective and without further clarification, it is difficult to draw conclusions. We recommend future investigators be more specific in terms of socio-economic, racial, ethnic, or educational cross-group interactions. For instance, it was interesting to see that while 80% of respondents noted observing people of different backgrounds interact and 76% indicated they did themselves, however, the majority of respondents identified as white/Caucasian (73%); having an income level over \$75,000; and/or an education level of bachelor’s degree or higher (many all three).

The following data analysis was conducted via Qualtrics Stats iQ “relate” tool.

Annual Household Income	Do you interact with people of different backgrounds than yourself at the Marsh?				Count (n=61)
	Yes		No		
\$0 - \$24,999	2	4.3%	0	0.0%	2
\$25,000 - \$49,999	3	6.4%	1	7.1%	4
\$50,000-\$74,999	6	12.8%	2	14.3%	8
\$75,000 - \$99,999	8	17.0%	4	28.6%	12
\$100,000 - \$149,999	16	34.0%	3	21.4%	19
\$150,000+	12	25.5%	4	28.6%	16
Count (n=61)	47		14		

Highest Education Completed	Do you interact with people of different backgrounds than yourself at the Marsh?		Count (n=63)
	Yes	No	
High School	1	0	1
Some College	5	0	5
Associates	2	0	2
Bachelors	11	4	15
Masters	21	9	30
Doctorate	8	2	10
Count (n=63)	48	15	63

Educational Value

- ➔ Promotes public awareness and education about marshes and wetlands with 54% of respondents indicating their visits pushed them to seek out information and learn more.

Methods: Anecdotal accounts of school visits were obtained from the site operators, and school visits were observed by the researchers while visiting the site. Five teachers ranging from elementary to college responded in the survey that they either brought their students on field trips to the marsh or made recordings at the marsh to use in their classes.

Q. Have you visited the Marsh for a class field trip?

- ▶ Out of 63 respondents to this question, 5 responded “Yes”, with a brief explanation.

Q. Did visiting the Marsh prompt you to further research marsh and wetland habitats or wildlife you encountered there?

- ▶ Out of 63 respondents to this question, 34 (54%) responded “Yes”, and 29 (46%) responded “No”

Limitations: While the observed K-12 school visits demonstrate the introduction of wetland ecosystems and marshes to children and youth and are recorded as an educational event, we were not able to obtain an exact number of annual visits. Moreover, the curriculum that accompanies the visit is assumed to provide educational enhancement beyond the visit itself. The marsh serves as a venue for children to connect with nature and observe wetland and marsh ecosystems. However, the quality of experience and knowledge gained is contingent upon the lesson, the time allocated to the visit and lesson, the student-to-teacher ratio, and several other factors beyond the scope of our study.

Scenic Quality & Views

- ➔ Provides aesthetic value, with 100% of 63 surveyed visitors reporting that they enjoyed the scenic views.

Access & Equity

- ➔ Supports social interaction, with 68% of 63 surveyed visitors confirming that they interact with strangers at the marsh and 75% of 40 surveyed visitors agreeing that it is a good place to meet new people.

- ➔ **Supports cross-group interaction, with 80% of 60 surveyed visitors reporting that they have observed people of different backgrounds interacting at the park and 76% of 63 surveyed visitors reporting having interacted with people of different backgrounds themselves.**

See Social Benefits above for Methods, Calculations, and Limitations.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- ➔ **Created 1 full-time year-round position for site maintenance.**

Methods: Site operators explained that one maintenance position was created to care for the site, which also has responsibilities on other university properties.

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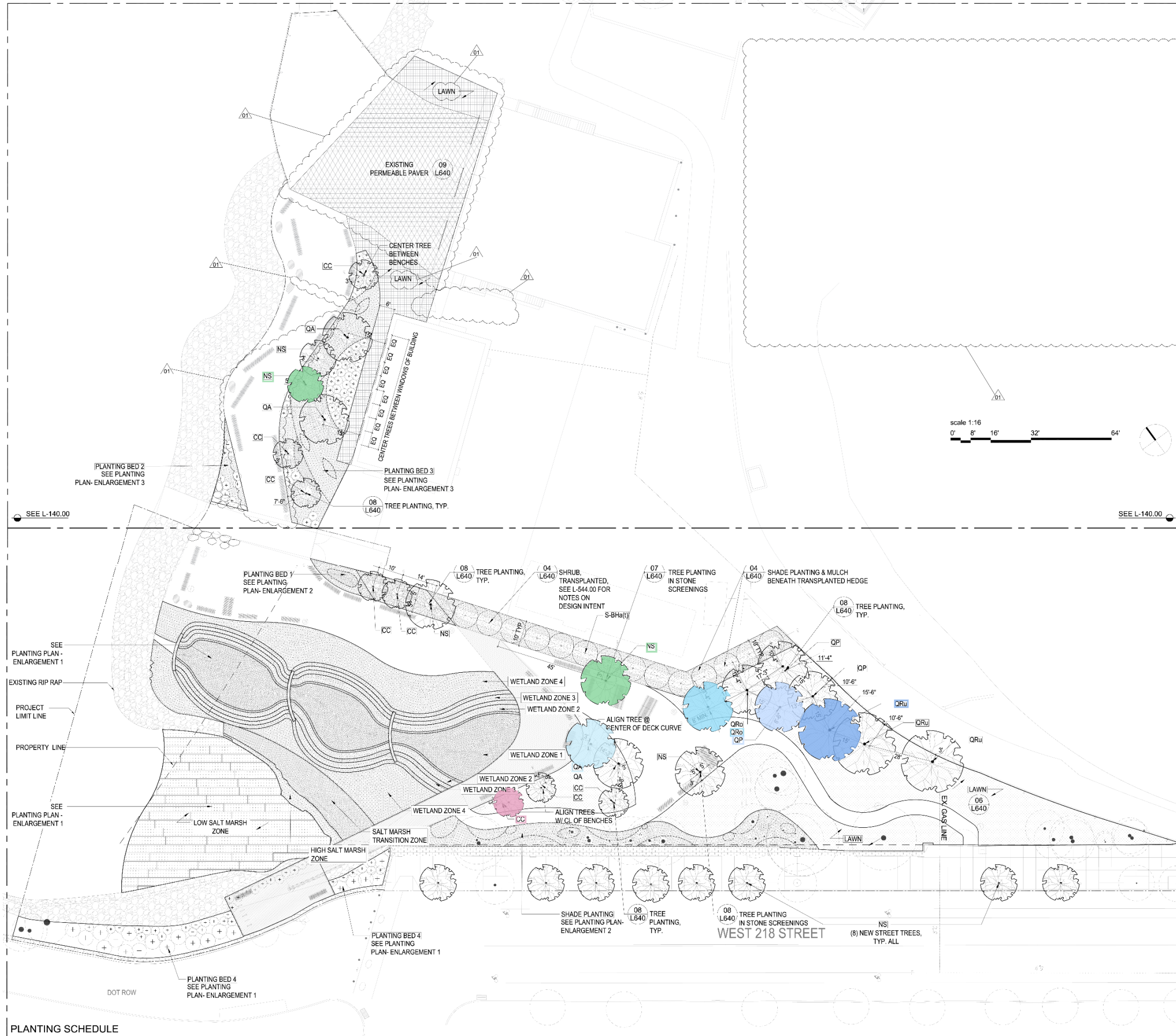
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APPENDIX 1: PLANTING PLANS WITH MEASURED TREES



REVISION:

NO.	DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION
01	3.25.2011	GT	ISSUED FOR PERMITS

LEGEND:

- PROPERTY LINE
- PROJECT LIMITS
- PROPOSED SHRUB
- PROPOSED PLUG OR POT
- PROPOSED LAWN
- PROPOSED REINFORCED LAWN
- COR MATRESS PLANTING
- EXISTING TREE
- PROPOSED TREE

NOTES:
 1. CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY PLANT QUANTITIES.
 2. SEE N-001.00 FOR NOTES REGARDING WETLAND ZONES.

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PLANTING SCHEDULE

TREES				SHADE PLANTING				WETLAND ZONE 2				SALT MARSH TRANSITION ZONE				HIGH MARSH ZONE				LOW MARSH ZONE				PLANTING BEDS 1, 2, 3, 4						
SYM	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	SYM	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	SYM	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	SYM	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	SYM	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	SYM	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	
CC	8	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud	3" cal.	GC-ac	488	<i>Asarum canadense</i>	Canada Wild Ginger	#4 pot	G-ccc	104	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Longhair Sedge	2"	G-ag	138	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Big Bluestem	2"	G-ccc	104	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Longhair Sedge	2"	G-aa	5	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	2 gal.	
NS	5	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum	3" cal.	F-aff	99	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady Fern	#4 pot	G-coc	104	<i>Carex crinita</i>	Fringed Sedge	2"	G-nd	37	<i>Aster novi-belgii</i>	New York Aster	2"	G-ccc	104	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Longhair Sedge	2"	G-aa	5	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	2 gal.	
QA	4	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	Sawtooth Oak	3" cal.	P-aq	25	<i>Anemone quinquefolia</i>	Twoleaf anemone	#4 pot	P-cg	69	<i>Chelone glabra</i>	Turtlehead	2"	G-nv	185	<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia Wild-Rye	2"	G-ccc	104	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Longhair Sedge	2"	G-aa	5	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	2 gal.	
OP	3	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak	3" cal.	F-dar	99	<i>Dryopteris cristata</i>	Crested Shield Fern	#4 pot	G-cl	104	<i>Carex lurida</i>	Shallow Sedge	2"	G-rr	37	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-Eyed Susan	2"	G-ccc	104	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Longhair Sedge	2"	G-aa	5	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	2 gal.	
QRa	2	<i>Quercus robur</i>	English Oak	3" cal.	GC-ij	428	<i>Cornu canadense</i>	White Asters	#4 pot	G-cs	104	<i>Carex stricta</i>	Tussock Sedge	2"	G-ss	138	<i>Schizachyium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	2"	G-ccc	104	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Longhair Sedge	2"	G-aa	5	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	2 gal.	
QRu	3	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Northern Red Oak	3" cal.	F-oe	99	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern	#4 pot	G-cv	104	<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	Fox Sedge	2"	P-ss	138	<i>Solidago sempervirens</i>	Seaside Goldenrod	2"	G-ccc	104	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Longhair Sedge	2"	G-aa	5	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	2 gal.	
					GC-pl	428	<i>Phlox stolonifera</i>	Creeping Phlox	#4 pot	P-hm	69	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Swamp Rose-Mallow	2"	G-sn	138	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indian Grass	2"	G-ccc	104	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Longhair Sedge	2"	G-aa	5	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	2 gal.	
					GC-ic	428	<i>Floerda cordifolia</i>	Heart-leaved Foamflower	#4 pot	P-iv	69	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blueflag Iris	2"	G-pav	60	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switchgrass	#4 pot	G-ccc	104	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Longhair Sedge	2"	G-aa	5	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	2 gal.	
					P-vc	25	<i>Viola canadensis</i>	Canadian Violet	#4 pot	G-jc	104	<i>Juncus canadensis</i>	Canada Rush	2"	P-rh	124	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-Eyed Susan	#4 pot	G-ccc	104	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Longhair Sedge	2"	G-aa	5	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	2 gal.	
					P-vp	25	<i>Viola pubescens</i>	Downy Yellow Violet	#4 pot	G-jm	104	<i>Juncus militaris</i>	Bayonet Rush	2"	S-gb	48	<i>Gaylussacia baccata</i>	Black Huckleberry	2 gal.	G-ccc	104	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Longhair Sedge	2"	G-aa	5	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	2 gal.	
					F-lw	99	<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>	Virginia Chain Fern	#4 pot	G-lo	104	<i>Leersia oryzoides</i>	Rice Cutgrass	2"	S-ig	5	<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Inkberry	2 gal.	G-ccc	104	<i>Carex comosa</i>	Longhair Sedge	2"	G-aa	5	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	2 gal.	

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APPENDIX 2: PLANT INVENTORY

ID	Scientific Name	Common Name	Last Observed	Taxa	Citizen Science Platform	Note on FQI
1	<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway Maple	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
2	<i>Actaea racemosa</i>	Black Cohosh	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
3	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree-of-heaven	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
4	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	Common Serviceberry	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
5	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	False Indigo Bush	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
6	<i>Arctium minus</i>	Lesser Burdock	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
7	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
8	<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	common mugwort	3/14/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
9	<i>Asarum canadense</i>	Canadian Wild Ginger	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
10	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common Milkweed	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
11	<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	Groundsel Tree	6/6/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
12	<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Hedge bindweed	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
13	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud	4/29/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
14	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
15	<i>Clematis occidentalis</i>	Purple Clematis	6/1/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
16	<i>Daucus carota</i>	Queen Anne's lace	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
17	<i>Eutrochium purpureum</i>	Sweet Joe-Pye-weed	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
18	<i>Galium aparine</i>	Catchweed Bedstraw	4/30/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
19	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Swamp Rose Mallow	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
20	<i>Hydrangea petiolaris</i>	Climbing Hydrangea	5/20/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
21	<i>Hylotelephium spectabile</i>	Iceplant	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
22	<i>Iris sanguinea</i>	Japanese Iris	5/12/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	Sub with <i>I. Versicolor</i>
23	<i>Iva frutescens</i>	Marsh Elder	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
24	<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	Slender Path Rush	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
25	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern Redcedar	3/18/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
26	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	Prairie Blazing Star	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	

27	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Northern Spicebush	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
28	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	5/28/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
29	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple Loosestrife	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
30	<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	Solomon's plume	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
31	<i>Morella pensylvanica</i>	Northern Bayberry	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
32	<i>Morus alba</i>	White mulberry	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
33	<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	Field forget-me-not	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
34	<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	water forget-me-not	5/19/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
35	<i>Narcissus</i>	Daffodils	4/13/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
36	<i>Oenothera biennis</i>	Common Evening-primrose	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
37	<i>Peltandra virginica</i>	Green Arrow Arum	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
38	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
39	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak	7/14/2024	Plantae	iTree Inventory	
40	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Northern Red Oak	7/15/2024	Plantae	iTree Inventory	
41	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
42	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow buttercup	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
43	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed Susan	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
44	<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curly Dock	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	Sub with <i>R. altissimus</i>
	<i>Rumex cristatus</i>	Greek Dock	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
45	<i>Saururus cernuus</i>	Lizard's tail	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
46	<i>Securigera varia</i>	Purple Crownvetch	6/6/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
47	<i>Solidago sempervirens</i>	Northern Seaside Goldenrod	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
48	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
49	<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
50	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Southern Arrowwood	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
51	<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	5/19/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
52	<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Hairy Vetch	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
53	<i>Viola canadensis</i>	Canada Violet	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	
54	<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>	Virginia Chainfern	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	

	Helleboreae	Hellebores and Lenten Roses	3/14/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	Not included in FQI
	Hydrangea quercifolia	Oakleaf Hydrangea	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	Not included in FQI
	Magnoliopsida	Dicots	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	Not included in FQI
	Melilotus albus	White Sweetclover	7/11/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	Not included in FQI
	Nepeta racemosa	Eastern Cat-mint	6/4/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	Not included in FQI
	Quercus acutissima	Sawtooth Oak	7/12/2024	Plantae	iTree Inventory	Not included in FQI
	Quercus robur	English Oak	7/13/2024	Plantae	iTree Inventory	Not included in FQI
	Ranunculus bulbosus	Bulbous Buttercup	5/28/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	Not included in FQI
	Ulva	Sea Lettuces	4/7/2024	Plantae	iNaturalist	Not included in FQI

APPENDIX 3: ANIMAL OBSERVATIONS

Birds

	Scientific Name	Common Name	Last Observed	Taxa	Citizen Science Platform
1	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Great Egret	6/25/2024; 7/11/2024	Aves	eBird; iNaturalist
2	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Canada Goose	6/18/2024; 4/30/2024	Aves	eBird; iNaturalist
3	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Mallard	6/18/2024; 2/8/2024	Aves	eBird; iNaturalist
4	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	Ring-billed Gull	5/11/2024; 4/7/2024	Aves	eBird; iNaturalist
5	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Red-winged Blackbird	6/28/2024	Aves	eBird
6	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	Song Sparrow	6/27/2024	Aves	eBird
7	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	Northern Mockingbird	6/26/2024	Aves	eBird
8	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Baltimore Oriole	6/18/2024	Aves	eBird
9	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	Chimney Swift	6/18/2024	Aves	eBird
10	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	Common Grackle	6/18/2024	Aves	eBird
11	<i>Nannopterum auritum</i>	Double-crested Cormorant	6/18/2024	Aves	eBird
12	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	European Starling	6/18/2024	Aves	eBird
13	<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>	Fish Crow	6/18/2024	Aves	eBird
14	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Great Black-backed Gull	6/18/2024	Aves	eBird
15	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Herring Gull	6/18/2024	Aves	eBird
16	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	House Sparrow	6/18/2024	Aves	eBird
17	<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>	Mourning Dove	6/18/2024	Aves	eBird
18	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	Northern Cardinal	6/18/2024	Aves	eBird
19	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	6/18/2024	Aves	eBird
20	<i>Columba livia</i>	Rock Pigeon	6/18/2024	Aves	eBird
21	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	Warbling Vireo	6/18/2024	Aves	eBird
22	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	American Robin	6/2/2024	Aves	eBird
23	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	American Crow	5/19/2024	Aves	eBird
24	<i>Setophaga striata</i>	Blackpoll Warbler	5/19/2024	Aves	eBird
25	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	Carolina Wren	5/19/2024	Aves	eBird
26	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	Cedar Waxwing	5/19/2024	Aves	eBird

27	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	Gray Catbird	5/19/2024	Aves	eBird
28	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	Orchard Oriole	5/19/2024	Aves	eBird
29	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	White-throated Sparrow	5/19/2024	Aves	eBird
30	<i>Spinus tristis</i>	American Goldfinch	5/15/2024	Aves	eBird
31	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel	5/15/2024	Aves	eBird
32	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Barn Swallow	5/15/2024	Aves	eBird
33	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	Belted Kingfisher	5/15/2024	Aves	eBird
34	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	Blue Jay	5/15/2024	Aves	eBird
35	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	Eastern Kingbird	5/15/2024	Aves	eBird
36	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	House Finch	5/15/2024	Aves	eBird
37	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	Marsh Wren	5/15/2024	Aves	eBird
38	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	Swainson's Thrush	5/15/2024	Aves	eBird
39	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	Swamp Sparrow	5/15/2024	Aves	eBird
40	<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	Downy Woodpecker	5/11/2024	Aves	eBird
41	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	Northern Waterthrush	5/11/2024	Aves	eBird
42	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	Red-tailed Hawk	5/11/2024	Aves	eBird
43	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Common Yellowthroat	5/10/2024	Aves	eBird
44	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	Yellow-rumped Warbler	5/6/2024	Aves	eBird
45	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	Chipping Sparrow	5/1/2024	Aves	eBird
46	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Northern Flicker	5/1/2024	Aves	eBird
47	<i>Setophaga americana</i>	Northern Parula	5/1/2024	Aves	eBird
48	<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>	Palm Warbler	5/1/2024	Aves	eBird
49	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Savannah Sparrow	5/1/2024	Aves	eBird
50	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	Field Sparrow	4/7/2024	Aves	eBird
51	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Turkey Vulture	4/7/2024	Aves	eBird
52	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	Bufflehead	1/23/2024	Aves	eBird
53	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Cooper's Hawk	1/13/2024	Aves	eBird
54	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	Dark-eyed Junco	12/26/2023	Aves	eBird
55	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	Red-breasted Merganser	12/8/2023	Aves	eBird
56	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle	11/11/2023	Aves	eBird
57	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	Eastern Phoebe	11/5/2023	Aves	eBird
58	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Osprey	10/15/2023	Aves	eBird

59	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	Green Heron	9/23/2023	Aves	eBird
60	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	Great Blue Heron	9/17/2023	Aves	eBird
61	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon	9/10/2023	Aves	eBird
62	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Black-crowned Night Heron	8/17/2023	Aves	eBird
63	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	Red-bellied Woodpecker	8/13/2023	Aves	eBird
64	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	Least Sandpiper	8/11/2023	Aves	eBird
65	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	Ovenbird	8/11/2023	Aves	eBird
66	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	White-breasted Nuthatch	8/11/2023	Aves	eBird
67	<i>Egretta thula</i>	Snowy Egret	7/28/2023	Aves	eBird
68	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Common Raven	6/25/2023	Aves	eBird
69	<i>Megascops asio</i>	Eastern Screech-Owl	5/13/2023	Aves	eBird
70	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	House Wren	5/13/2023	Aves	eBird
71	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Red-eyed Vireo	5/13/2023	Aves	eBird
72	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	Solitary Sandpiper	5/13/2023	Aves	eBird
73	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	Wood Thrush	5/13/2023	Aves	eBird
74	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	Black-capped Chickadee	12/31/2022	Aves	eBird
75	<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	Tufted Titmouse	12/31/2022	Aves	eBird
76	<i>Dryobates villosus</i>	Hairy Woodpecker	12/4/2022	Aves	eBird
77	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Mertlin	11/25/2022	Aves	eBird
78	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Mute Swan	11/17/2022	Aves	eBird
79	<i>HawkButeo lineatus</i>	Red-shouldered	11/7/2022	Aves	eBird
80	<i>Corthylio calendula</i>	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	10/22/2022	Aves	eBird
81	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	10/22/2022	Aves	eBird
82	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	Broad-winged Hawk	10/12/2022	Aves	eBird
83	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	Northern Harrier	10/12/2022	Aves	eBird
84	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Green-winged Teal	9/18/2022	Aves	eBird
85	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	Semipalmated Plover	9/4/2022	Aves	eBird
86	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	Spotted Sandpiper	9/4/2022	Aves	eBird
87	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	Black Vulture	8/7/2022	Aves	eBird
88	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	Laughing Gull	8/5/2022	Aves	eBird
89	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	Lesser Yellowlegs	8/4/2022	Aves	eBird
90	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	Semipalmated Sandpiper	8/4/2022	Aves	eBird

91	Anas rubripes	American Black Duck	7/31/2022	Aves	eBird
92	Molothrus ater	Brown-headed Cowbird	7/2/2022	Aves	eBird
93	Tachycineta bicolor	Tree Swallow	6/12/2022	Aves	eBird
94	Pipilo erythrophthalmus	Eastern Towhee	5/14/2022	Aves	eBird
95	Setophaga petechia	Yellow Warbler	5/9/2022	Aves	eBird
96	Catharus guttatus	Hermit Thrush	5/3/2022	Aves	eBird
97	Tringa melanoleuca	Greater Yellowlegs	5/2/2022	Aves	eBird
98	Larus glaucoides	Iceland Gull	2/14/2022	Aves	eBird
99	Anser caerulescens	Snow Goose	2/14/2022	Aves	eBird
100	Podilymbus podiceps	Pied-billed Grebe	1/13/2022	Aves	eBird
101	Passerella iliaca	Fox Sparrow	12/11/2021	Aves	eBird
102	Accipiter striatus	Sharp-shinned Hawk	10/20/2021	Aves	eBird
103	Helmitheros vermivorum	Worm-eating Warbler	10/4/2021	Aves	eBird
104	Mniotilta varia	Black-and-white Warbler	9/4/2021	Aves	eBird
105	Egretta caerulea	Little Blue Heron	7/20/2021	Aves	eBird
106	Meleagris gallopavo	Wild Turkey	5/29/2021	Aves	eBird
107	Branta bernicla	Brant	5/20/2021	Aves	eBird
108	Melospiza lincolni	Lincoln's Sparrow	5/10/2021	Aves	eBird
109	Charadrius vociferus	Killdeer	5/2/2021	Aves	eBird
110	Setophaga virens	Black-throated Green Warbler	4/28/2021	Aves	eBird
111	Vireo solitarius	Blue-headed Vireo	4/28/2021	Aves	eBird
112	Aythya marila	Greater Scaup	2/4/2021	Aves	eBird
113	Spinus pinus	Pine Siskin	10/24/2020	Aves	eBird
114	Ammospiza nelsoni	Nelson's Sparrow	10/19/2020	Aves	eBird
115	Zonotrichia leucophrys	White-crowned Sparrow	10/14/2020	Aves	eBird
116	Chordeiles minor	Common Nighthawk	9/29/2020	Aves	eBird
117	Myiarchus crinitus	Great Crested Flycatcher	9/29/2020	Aves	eBird
118	Setophaga caerulescens	Black-throated Blue Warbler	9/23/2020	Aves	eBird
119	Troglodytes hiemalis	Winter Wren	9/23/2020	Aves	eBird
120	Leiostyris alpestris	Nashville Warbler	9/13/2020	Aves	eBird
121	Poliotila caerulea	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4/21/2020	Aves	eBird
122	Dryocopus pileatus	Pileated Woodpecker	4/17/2020	Aves	eBird

123	<i>Certhia americana</i>	Brown Creeper	3/21/2020	Aves	eBird
124	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	Golden-crowned Kinglet	3/21/2020	Aves	eBird
125	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Hooded Merganser	1/11/2020	Aves	eBird
126	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	American Redstart	9/14/2019	Aves	eBird
127	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	9/14/2019	Aves	eBird
128	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	Willow Flycatcher	8/13/2019	Aves	eBird
129	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	4/23/2019	Aves	eBird
130	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Red-throated Loon	5/11/2018	Aves	eBird
131	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	Canvasback	1/13/2018	Aves	eBird
132	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	Northern Shoveler	11/21/2017	Aves	eBird
133	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	Indigo Bunting	8/8/2017	Aves	eBird
134	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	Gadwall	7/31/2017	Aves	eBird
135	<i>Contopus virens</i>	Eastern Wood-Pewee	9/17/2016	Aves	eBird
136	<i>Spizelloides arborea</i>	American Tree Sparrow	11/8/2015	Aves	eBird
137	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	Blackburnian Warbler	10/1/2015	Aves	eBird
138	<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	Magnolia Warbler	10/1/2015	Aves	eBird
139	<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>	Purple Finch	10/1/2015	Aves	eBird
140	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	Red Phalarope	10/1/2015	Aves	eBird
141	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	White-rumped Sandpiper	10/4/2014	Aves	eBird
142	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	Pectoral Sandpiper	10/2/2014	Aves	eBird
143	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Whimbrel	8/29/2011	Aves	eBird

Insects

	Scientific Name	Common Name	Last Observed	Taxa	Citizen Science Platform
1	<i>Bombus griseocollis</i>	Brown-belted Bumble Bee	7/11/2024	Insecta	iNaturalist
2	<i>Lycorma delicatula</i>	Spotted Lanternfly	7/11/2024	Insecta	iNaturalist
3	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	Red Admiral	7/11/2024	Insecta	iNaturalist
4	<i>Xenox tigrinus</i>	Tiger Bee Fly	7/11/2024	Insecta	iNaturalist
5	<i>Halticus apterus</i>		6/6/2024	Insecta	iNaturalist

6	<i>Apis mellifera</i>	Western Honey Bee	6/4/2024	Insecta	iNaturalist
7	<i>Harmonia axyridis</i>	Asian Lady Beetle	6/4/2024	Insecta	iNaturalist
8	Sarcophagidae	Flesh Flies and Satellite Flies	6/4/2024	Insecta	iNaturalist
9	Coccinellini	Black-spotted Lady Beetles	5/29/2024	Insecta	iNaturalist
10	Ceratopogoninae		5/28/2024	Insecta	iNaturalist

Other

	Scientific Name	Common Name	Last Observed	Taxa	Citizen Science Platform
1	Brachycera	Brachyceran Flies	4/7/2024	Insecta	iNaturalist
2	<i>Marmota monax</i>	Groundhog	7/11/2024	Mammalia	iNaturalist
3	<i>Macoma petalum</i>	Atlantic Macoma	5/28/2024	Mollusca	iNaturalist

APPENDIX 4: SURVEY

LAF Case Study Investigation - Muscota Marsh User Survey

Q1 Landscape Performance Series Case Study Investigation: Muscota Marsh

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The following is key information to assist you in understanding why you might or might not want to participate in this survey.

- ▶ You are being asked to participate in a research study as a visitor to Muscota Marsh in New York City.
- ▶ Your participation is voluntary. You may refuse to participate or withdraw at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Your alternative is to not take part in the study.
- ▶ The purpose of the study is to evaluate the landscape performance of the Muscota Marsh restoration and assess whether the project objectives, including biodiversity and community impacts, have been met.
- ▶ The survey will take between 5-15 minutes to complete and allows you to submit your answers in multiple stages, so you may choose how much time to dedicate to answering questions.
- ▶ There are no foreseeable risks to participating in this study.
- ▶ There is no direct benefit to you from participating in this study. However, the information we learn from the study results may help landscape designers, city planners, and communities in decision-making for future restoration projects.

By continuing with this survey, you confirm that you are of legal age (18+), and you understand that your answers will be anonymous and used in a publicly published analysis of the site. The survey will take 5-10 minutes, and there is no direct benefit to you by participating in this study. All questions are optional and may be skipped at any time. You may use the back button to change your response but will not be able to return to complete the survey at a later time.

- I am under 18 years of age
- I am 18+ and I agree to continue with the survey
- I am 18+ and do not want to take the survey

Skip To: End of Survey If Q1 = I am under 18 years of age

Skip To: End of Survey If Q1 = I am 18+ and do not want to take the survey

End of Block: Informed Consent

Visitor Survey

Q2 Relation to place: How are you connected to this place? (Note: a community member may be a non-resident who actively participates in the community, for example, someone who owns a business, works, volunteers, or has family in the neighborhood).

- Columbia University Faculty/Student/Staff
- Inwood Resident or Community Member
- New York City Resident or community member
- New York State Resident
- Out-of-State (No connection)
- Other (Please describe) _____

BENEFIT: ACCESS & EQUITY

Q3 What is your ethnicity?

- Black
- Indigenous
- Asian
- Hispanic/Latinx
- White
- Mixed
- Other (Please describe) _____

Q4 What is your highest level of education?

- No High School
- High School
- Some College
- Associate
- Bachelor
- Master
- Doctorate

Q5 What is your annual household income?

- \$0-25K
- \$26k-50K
- 51K-75K
- 76K-100K
- 100K-150K
- 150K+

Q6 How old are you?

- 18-25
- 26-35
- 36-45
- 46-55
- 55-65
- 65-75
- 75+

BENEFIT: TRANSPORTATION

Q7 Do you ride your bike to Muscota Marsh and use the bicycle rack? (not the city bike program on the street)

- Yes
- No

BENEFIT: RECREATIONAL & SOCIAL VALUE / SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

Q8 Do you interact with strangers in the Marsh?

- Yes
- No

Q9 Is the Marsh a good place to meet new people?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Q10 Do you see people from different backgrounds at the Marsh?

- Yes
- No

Q11 Do you interact with people from different backgrounds from yourself at the Marsh?

- Yes
- No

Q12 Do you see people from different backgrounds interacting with one another at the Marsh?

- Yes
- No

Q13 Do you use the park Marsh as a gathering or meeting place for people you know?

- Yes
- No

Q14 Who do you visit the Marsh with?

- Alone
- With family
- With friends
- With colleagues
- Other (Please describe) _____

Q15 How often did you visit Muscota Marsh before its restoration in 2014?

- Daily
- Once a week
- 2-3 times a week
- 4-6 times a week
- Monthly
- Once
- Never

Q16 How often do you visit Muscota Marsh now, after the restoration?

- Daily
- Once a week
- 2-3 times a week
- 4-6 times a week
- Monthly
- first time, but plan to return
- first time, do not plan to return
- one-time "vacation" visitor

BENEFIT: SENSE OF COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

Q17 To what degree do you feel there is community ownership in the Marsh

- High
- Medium
- Low
- None
- I don't know

Q18 What sentence best describes your relationship with Muscota Marsh [select all that apply]

- Muscota Marsh is my nature spot in the city
- Muscota Marsh is my community garden
- Muscota Marsh is where my community gathers
- Muscota Marsh provides me and my community with access to waterfront we would not otherwise have
- Muscota Marsh is my picnic spot
- I feel welcome at the Marsh

- I feel like I belong at the Marsh
- I do not feel attached the Marsh at all
- Other _____

BENEFIT: WELL-BEING

Q19 Generally, how do you feel when you arrive at the Marsh?

- Great
- Good
- Okay/Neutral
- Not Good
- Bad

Q20 Generally, how do you feel when you leave the Marsh?

- Great
- Good
- Okay/Neutral
- Not Good
- Bad

Q21 What aspect of the Marsh contributes the most to improving your mood?

- Scenery and views
- Weather
- Sounds
- Plants at the Marsh
- Wild animals at the Marsh
- Other people
- Other / Comment _____

BENEFIT: SCENIC VIEWS

Q22 Have you enjoyed scenic views at the Marsh?

- Yes
- No

Q23 Have you used the picnic tables and benches at the Marsh?

- Yes
- No

BENEFIT: EDUCATIONAL VALUE

Q24 Have you visited the Marsh for a school field trip?

- Yes
- No

Q25 Have you read the educational signage at the Marsh?

- Yes
- No

Q26 What is one thing you have learned about wetland habitats from your visits to the Marsh?

Q27 Did visiting the Marsh prompt you to further research marsh and wetland habitats or wildlife you encountered there?

BENEFIT: ECOLOGICAL VALUE

Q28 Have you encountered wildlife at the Marsh?

- Yes
- No

Q29 If you answered yes, what type of wildlife have you encountered?

- Insects (Bees, Butterflies, Dragon Flies, etc.)
- Birds
- Amphibians and Reptiles (Frogs, Salamanders, Snakes, etc.)
- Fish
- Small Mammals (Rabbits, Groundhogs, Mice, etc.)
- Large Mammals (Deer, Fox, etc.)

Q30 If you have encountered wildlife at Muscota Marsh, do you know if any were endangered or at-risk species? (Please List. FYI - You can participate in the iNaturalist Muscota Marsh project and upload pictures!)

Q31 Did you encounter wildlife at the Marsh prior to its restoration in 2014?

- Yes
- No
- I did not have access or did not visit the Marsh before its restoration in 2014.
- I do not recall.

Q32 If you answered yes, what type of wildlife have you encountered prior to the Marsh restoration in 2014?

- Insects (Bees, Butterflies, Dragon Flies, etc.)
- Birds
- Amphibians and Reptiles (Frogs, Salamanders, Snakes, etc.)

- Fish
- Small Mammals (Rabbits, Groundhogs, Mice, etc.)
- Large Mammals (Deer, Fox, etc.)

Q33 If you have encountered wildlife at Muscota Marsh before the 2014 restoration, do you know if any were endangered or at-risk species? (Please List. FYI - You can participate in the iNaturalist Muscota Marsh project and upload pictures!)

Q34 Did you participate in the iNaturalist biodiversity survey project?

- Yes
- No
- Not yet, but I plan to

BENEFIT: ECONOMIC

Q35. If you own a business within 1-mile of Muscota Marsh, would you be willing to answer a few additional questions?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable

CONDITIONAL (YES ON Q35)

Q36. Was your business established before or after the Marsh restoration in 2014?

- Before the 2014 Marsh Restoration
- After the 2014 Marsh Restoration
- Unsure, but around that time

Q37. If your business was established after 2014, did Muscota Marsh influence your decision to open it?

- Yes
- No

Q38. If your business was established before 2014, do you think the Marsh restoration had a positive, negative, or no impact on your business?

- Yes
- No

Q39. How do you think the proximity of your business to the Marsh has contributed to the number of customers you have?

- I've had an increase in customers due to the Marsh restoration.
- I've had an increase in customers, but I don't think it has to do with the Marsh restoration.

- I've had a decrease in customers due to the Marsh restoration.
- I've had a decrease increase in customers, but I don't think it has to do with the Marsh restoration.
- No Change / I do not know

Q40. How do you think the proximity of your business to the Marsh has contributed to your profits?

- I've had an increase in profit due to the Marsh restoration.
- I've had an increase in profit, but I don't think it has to do with the Marsh restoration.
- I've had a decrease in profit due to the Marsh restoration.
- I've had a decrease in profit, but I don't think it has to do with the Marsh restoration.
- No Change / I do not know

Q41. How do you think the proximity of your business to the Marsh has contributed to your property taxes or rent?

- I've had an increase in property tax due to the Marsh restoration.
- I've had an increase in rent due to the Marsh restoration.
- I've had an increase in property tax/rent, but I don't think it has to do with the Marsh restoration.
- I've had a decrease in property tax due to the Marsh restoration.
- I've had a decrease in rent due to the Marsh restoration.
- I've had a decrease in property tax/rent, but I don't think it has to do with the Marsh restoration.
- No Change / I do not know

Q42. Please share additional comments or clarification here if you wish. _____