

The Restoration of Freshkills from Landfill to Park: Setting a Research Agenda



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At 2,200 acres, Freshkills Park will be the largest park developed in New York City in over 100 years, and the largest conversion of a former landfill to a public park in the country. Along with this massive scale comes a unique opportunity to shape New York City's landscape by reconsidering what a 21st century park can be. Building from the Master Plan of the site and the first phases of the park's capital program, the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation is searching for colleagues and partners to help focus a research and development agenda that will take advantage of the site's potential as a long-term research and educational resource.

In addition to the ongoing maintenance of the complex landfill infrastructure systems, Freshkills faces many of the same issues as other brownfield and landfill sites around the country: contamination, poor drainage, historic fill, invasive species. And like those sites, it could benefit from advances in understanding phytoremediation, reforestation, habitat restoration and clean soil production. In the interest of refining and targeting such investigations toward funding opportunities, the Freshkills Park team would like to brainstorm a research and development agenda for Freshkills Park. It is an extraordinary site, and the potential it holds is quite remarkable.

Please plan to join an informational webcast which showcases the restoration of Freshkills Landfill to Park. Sponsored by the US Forest Service Northern Research Station, the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, and the Urban Natural Resources Institute, this webcast will provide an overview of the past, and future for this important landscape. There is no cost to attend this informative session, which will last about one-hour.

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