

# Parrhasian Heritage Park Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan will guide the evolution of the park, from initial steps of formation, through designation, to opening and beyond into the next century. Over the next three years the PHP planning team, made up of Greek and US planners, architects, landscape architects, and archaeologists, will survey, inventory, assess, and evaluate the park with the goal of creating proposals that will be submitted to the PHP coalition for review and approval. Throughout this process PHP folk will be talking to community within the park to ensure it is their vision, hopes, and wishes that are represented and acted upon.

## 1. Comprehensive Plan Summary

- Purpose of the comprehensive plan
- Overview of PHP Planning Team
- Description of the park area
- Public involvement

## 2. Comprehensive Planning Process

The process including the methodologies used to develop the comprehensive plan to be defined by steps 3 – 11 of this document.

## 3. Park Assessments (Inventory and Survey)

### A. Regional Character Area Assessment

- Land Use
- Infrastructure
- Densities
- Distances
- Proximity's
- Commerce
- Industry
- Identity
- Traditions
- Graphs and illustrations

### B. Recreation Assessment

- Location
- Park size
- Access
- Neighborhood
- Land use jurisdiction & zoning
- Existing recreation uses in the park
- Regional context
- Regional recreation trends & needs (including interpretive)
- Maps & illustrations:*
  - Vicinity map*
  - Study area map*
  - Existing park facilities map (with topo)*

### C. Natural Resources

Review changes in the area through time from available remote sensing information- old photos, aerial photos etc

Overview of landscape character

Landscape history, geomorphic processes & landscape interventions  
(Landscape sensitivity level-absorption capacity)

Topography

Soils

Climate

Plant communities

Historic vegetation, how it has changed and why

Existing plant associations & conditions and where they occur

Forest fire behavior

At-risk plants and where they occur and potentially occur

Invasive plants and where they occur

Water resources-quality and quantity

Wildlife

Habitat types and where they occur

Wildlife habitat connectivity & important connective features and gaps

At-risk species and where they occur and potentially occur

Invasive species and where they occur

Natural hazards and areas affected

Natural resource composite suitability

*Maps & illustrations:*

*Habitat types map (aggregated plant associations, surface water & riparian areas)*

*Natural resources composite suitability map (with wetland overlay & expanded legend)*

*Natural hazards map*

### D. Cultural Resources

Cultural landscape

Archaeological resources

Historic structures

Cultural resource suitability

*Maps & illustrations:*

*Cultural resources suitability map*

### E. Scenic Resources

Character settings

Scenic views, sites and corridors

*Maps & illustrations:*

*Scenic and settings (if useful)*

### F. Interpretive Assessment

Park natural, historic, cultural or recreational features for interpretation

Current interpretive program

Visitor marketing & audience identification

Physical interpretation limitations  
Themes  
Interpretive capture and sequencing

G. Study Area History and Contributions

Description of the events, people, places or other factors that result in the conclusion that the region is a locally, nationally and internationally distinctive landscape

4. Evaluation

Needs  
Gaps  
Patterns  
Assets  
Functions  
Borders  
Phasing  
Vision  
Scale  
Feasibility  
Funding  
Resources  
Settings

5. Park Opportunities & Constraints

Summary of key park recreational use, development, resource stewardship & management issues  
Opportunity areas identification and allocation to develop/resource enhancement (includes interpretive)  
Description of major character areas in park  
*Maps & illustrations:*  
*Opportunity areas diagram*

6. Park Mission Statement

A process will describe in a mission statement what the local communities value about the area and define the regional identity and how the park can benefit them.

7. Park Values, Benefits, and Strategies

A. Regional Character Area Values, Benefits, and Strategies

Recreation  
Agriculture  
Living Traditions  
Festivals  
Business/Commerce  
Promotion (legislation, brochures, events)  
Education/ Outreach

Visitor Values and Benefits  
Recreation  
Education/ Outreach

8. Management Guidelines, Programs and Projects

A. Overview of action plans for park programs and projects

B. Action plans for individual character areas

Natural Resource Management

Cultural Resource Management

Interpretive Program

Scenic Resource Management

Development project descriptions

Locations

Capacities

Design features,

Development prerequisites

9. Land Use Compatibility & Permitting

A. Statement of compatibility with local government comprehensive plans

B. General guidance for land use permitting of park projects

C. Coordination with concurrent studies and efforts including other national and regional or local initiatives within the study area

Appendices;

Comments from public workshops

List of Background Documents