

Tomales Bay State Park Matrix #1: DRAFT Area Management Goals

	HEART'S DESIRE AREA	INVERNESS AREA	MILLERTON AREA	MARCONI COVE	CYPRESS GROVE AREA
MANAGEMENT GOALS <i>NATURAL AREAS*</i>	<p>The Heart's Desire Area will continue to be managed predominately for its natural and non-mechanized recreation values. The area's natural vistas, native wildlife and plants, marine life, silence, and dark night skies are invaluable qualities to be protected. Natural estuarine processes will be maintained and reestablished where possible. Archeological sites and rare plants and animals will be given special protection. Natural fire and vegetation succession processes will be reestablished as much as possible while protecting park visitors, staff, facilities, and neighbors from wildfire.</p> <p>Heart's Desire Beach will continue to be the only developed beach with beach-level parking. Indian, Pebble, and Shell Beaches will be managed as undeveloped "walk-in" beaches with natural estuarine processes and ecosystems. Archeological sites are best preserved and interpreted within the context of the natural environment they developed in.</p>	<p>Except for the Dream Farm property, the Park's three discontinuous Inverness Area parcels will be managed for their natural values of watershed, wildlife habitat, viewshed, and low-impact day-use recreation.</p>	<p>Except for the existing parking and day-use area and a potential parking and day-use trail heads in the Millerton Uplands and at Tomasini Point, this area will be managed for the natural values of watershed, wildlife habitat, viewshed, and low-impact day-use recreation.</p>	<p>Marconi cove is a completely disturbed site with a rip-rapped shoreline. The site has little existing natural values apart from its spectacular bay views and good water access.</p>	<p>The Cypress Grove parcel is a relatively small and isolated undeveloped area of the park. This area should be largely, if not entirely, kept in its natural state and managed for its natural values of watershed, wildlife habitat, and viewshed.</p> <p>This parcel may have some potential for accommodating a small wayside pullout and toilet as it is the first state park property a motorist will encounter coming from the north on Highway 1. A trail loop may or may not be appropriate. The Audubon Society has a scientific research station adjoining this parcel's south boundary.</p>
MANAGEMENT GOALS <i>DEVELOPED SITES**</i>	<p>Native plants will be used in landscaping developed sites. Where possible the natural vegetation blends into and through the developed areas, softening the contrast between developed and natural values. Pervious surface materials should be emphasized. Sustainable, energy and water-efficient design will be used where feasible for new construction or for renovation of existing buildings and site elements.</p> <p>Parking, access trails, picnic areas, camping, restrooms, buildings, interpretive facilities and programs will be ADA accessible. Picnic and camp facilities will be available for individuals, families, and organized groups, including appropriate special events. Entrance and fee collection area will operate smoothly for visitors and staff. Campground access, registration, maintenance, and enforcement will be efficient. Public and park maintenance and staff housing areas will be segregated. Signage is clear and circulation is efficient.</p> <p>The mouth and alder forest of the destroyed Heart's Desire Estuary is restored to provide a more natural beach and transition between the parking lot and beach.</p>	<p>The Dream Farm property will be cleaned up by removal of derelict buildings. The site might be developed as a park maintenance facility, for staff housing, and as a day-use picnic and nature-trail facility.</p>	<p>Native plants will be used in landscaping developed sites. Where possible the natural vegetation blends into and through developed areas, softening the contrast between developed and natural values. Pervious surface materials should be emphasized. Sustainable, energy and water-efficient design will be used where feasible for new construction or renovation of existing buildings and site elements.</p> <p>Parking, access trails, picnic areas, camping, restrooms, buildings, interpretive facilities and programs will be ADA accessible. Signage will be clear and circulation efficient.</p> <p>Adequate parking and toilet facilities will be needed to support any day-uses developed at Millerton Uplands and Tomasini Point.</p>	<p>Native plants will be used in landscaping developed sites. Where possible the natural vegetation blends into and through the developed areas, softening the contrast between developed and natural values. Pervious surface materials should be emphasized. Sustainable, energy and water-efficient design will be used where feasible for new construction or renovation of existing buildings and site elements.</p> <p>Parking, access trails, picnic areas, camping, restrooms, buildings, interpretive facilities and programs will be ADA accessible. Picnic and camp facilities will be available for individuals, families, and possibly for groups.</p>	<p>This area is currently undeveloped and may stay undeveloped.</p>

* Natural or Undeveloped Areas include sites with sensitive natural and cultural resources and natural areas with minimal development of trails, signing, and pit toilets

** Developed Areas may include roads, parking areas, utilities, restrooms, and facilities for recreation, education, and park maintenance and administration