



# Town of Orleans Conservation Commission

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## MEMO

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To: Orleans Conservation Commission

From: Timothy Payson & Richard Hilmer, Conservation Commissioners, Kents Point  
Liaisons; John Jannell, Conservation Administrator

Date: Thursday February 27, 2025

Re: Proposed work at Kents Point Conservation Area

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Based on the Kents Point Environmental Assessment by LEC, the attached is a list of action items to be completed at the Kents Point Conservation Area. At your regularly scheduled meeting on March 4, 2025, we will review and discuss potential action items. Ideally, we hope the approved action items can be undertaken and largely completed before Summer 2025.

# Kents Point: Outline of Action Items from Environmental Assessment

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## 1) Trails

- A. Close unauthorized trails to protect habitat areas and sensitive areas from visitor use
  - Install split-rail fencing to frame trail network, where needed
  - Reintroduce forest litter/duff on compacted unauthorized trails
    - Creation of small diameter brush and leaf litter piles
  - Signage
    - Install directional signage (e.g. "To Beach")
    - Install informational signage (e.g. "Fragile Bank Please Keep Off")

## 2) Parking Lots/Trail Head

- A. Repairs
  - Replace timber edging of parking stalls, where necessary
  - Top dress parking surfaces with ¾" pressed blue stone
    - Main Lot
    - Handicap Lot
- B. Kiosks
  - Fill small kiosk with RAC bulletin
  - Add information about property and proposed work
    - App links for plat ID and helpful information
    - Educational info about action items

## 3) Vegetation & Wildlife Habitat

- A. Hazard tree removal, as necessary, along trails and where fall risks exist
- B. Deadwood removal for fuel reduction
- C. Poison Ivy control along trails
- D. View maintenance pruning at approved view windows
- E. Consider wildlife habitat improvements
  - Creation of habitat piles in areas off trail (small diameter brush piles)
  - Installation of bird boxes for more nesting opportunities

## 4) Stairs

- A. Remove and replace concrete stairs at the head of the point, when necessary
  - Replace with dug in or elevated stair to beach
- B. Replace compacted soil treads on dug in stairs with sand and gravel
  - North side dug in stairs
  - South beach small dug in stairs (less of a concern)

## 5) Ongoing

- A. Bench replacement/ new bench installation
- B. Fence maintenance
- C. Parking lot maintenance
- D. View pruning maintenance
- E. Monitoring