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### **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contributes to the greening of Great Kills Park in Staten Island**

**New York** — In keeping with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Operating Principles, the Corps' New York District is providing funds to the National Park Service to purchase plants, fencing and signage to be planted at Great Kills Park, part of the Gateway National Recreational Area.

On Wednesday, June 25, starting at 9:30 a.m., employees from the U.S. Army Corps' New York District, along with the National Park Service and New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation will be planting thousands of plants in selected areas of Great Kills Park.

The Corps just completed the dredging of the Great Kills Harbor Channel in Staten Island, NY and as a result of the dredging, some coastal grassland growing in the channel was lost.

“The Corps is committed to showing in deed and in action that we are in fact good environmental stewards. We are more than happy to support the efforts of the National Park Service to restore native maritime grasslands at Great Kills Harbor Park,” said Col. John B. O’Dowd, the Corps’ New York District Engineer.

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