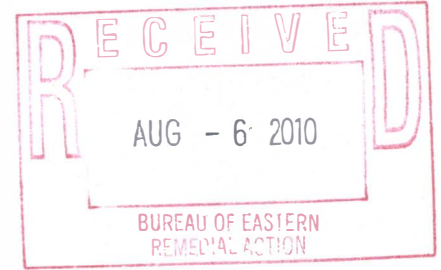




DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW YORK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
JACOB K. JAVITS FEDERAL BUILDING
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10278-0090
July 29, 2010



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Programs and Project Management Division

Montauk Downs State Park
c/o Mr. Tom Dess, Superintendent
50 Fairview Avenue
Old Montauk Highway and Access Road "D"
Montauk, New York 11954

RE: SITE VISIT / INSPECTION REPORT FOR CAMP HERO, FORMERLY USED
DEFENSE SITE (FUDS), PROPERTY No. C02NY0024

Dear Mr. Dess:

Enclosed, for your records, is a report of the site inspection conducted on May 26-27, 2010 by our Explosive Safety Manager at the former Camp Hero site, located on the property of Montauk State Park.

Our monitoring of the site is a follow up to our removal action conducted in 2003. We expect to continue to perform inspections of this site at regular intervals in the future. Further, if any ordnance items are found by your Park personnel, or the public, please notify this office.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is committed to the protection of human health and environment at all of our FUDS.

Please contact me at (917) 790-8235 should you have further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Goepfert
Project Manager

Encl.

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cc: State of New York, Department of Environmental Conservation (Mr. John Swartwout)
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, CENAB-EN-EESS (Mr. Tim Holland)

RESUME OF STAFF VISIT

STAFF OFFICIALS: Timothy Holland, CENAB-EN-Environmental & Explosives Safety Section (EESS), 410-320-9534

SITES VISITED: Camp Hero, NY

DATE VISITED: 26-27 May 2009

PRINCIPAL CONTACTS

Tom Dess	Superintendent of the Montauk State Park
John Rocker	Assistant Superintendent of the Montauk State Park
Tom Rutkowski	Head Grounds Keeper, Camp Hero

PURPOSE OF VISIT

Conduct a five year Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) review of the approximately 415 acres of the Former Camp Hero.

NARRATIVE OF VISIT

On 26th May an Explosive Safety Representative from USACE Baltimore District, Timothy Holland, arrived on site and contacted Mr. Tom Dess, Superintendent of the Montauk State Park to set up a meeting for the following day. Mr. Dess stated that he would not be available to meet but he would ensure that Mr. John Rocker, Assistant Superintendent of the Montauk State Park would be available. After talking with Mr. Dess I conducted a recon of the site in order to plan the following days work. I Noted a very large amount of wildlife on the property I also noted the condition of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) notification signage. All the signs I seemed in very good condition and in the proper location. (See photos)

On 27 May I talked with several employees to include Tom Rutkowski (head of grounds keeping for Camp Hero site) Brian and Justin (no last name given) also with the grounds keeping section at Camp Hero. I also talked with John Rocker, Assistant Superintendent of the Montauk State Park of which Camp Hero is a part of. All these employees stated that they knew of nothing in the way of MEC being discovered at the Camp Hero site since the completion of the removal action.

An instrument assisted visual inspection was conducted on approximately 2 miles of transects. This consisted of the entire beach (see photos) and the parts of the site I could access. I was the USACE Ordnance and Explosive Safety Specialist (OESS) on site for most of the original removal action and was able to access most of the areas were the removal action was conducted. A large portion of the site is extremely overgrown (see photos). During the course of this inspection, I found nothing but cultural debris along the beach, and no subsurface metallic anomalies with the exception of those related to active and abandoned utilities.

FINDINGS

1. No MEC or Munitions Debris (MD) was encountered nor is there any record of MEC/MD being reported since the completion of this removal action.
2. Signs are all still in place and in serviceable condition.
3. Large portions of the original remediation site have become extremely overgrown and difficult for public access. (see photo)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Maintain all current protective works, i.e. signs, pamphlets and continue to allow the site to revert to its original vegetated state. This will keep the public on the maintained trails and out of areas where they could potentially contact MEC.

Timothy Holland
Explosive Safety Manager
Baltimore District Corps of Engineers.
410-962-6641



View from the beach looking North East



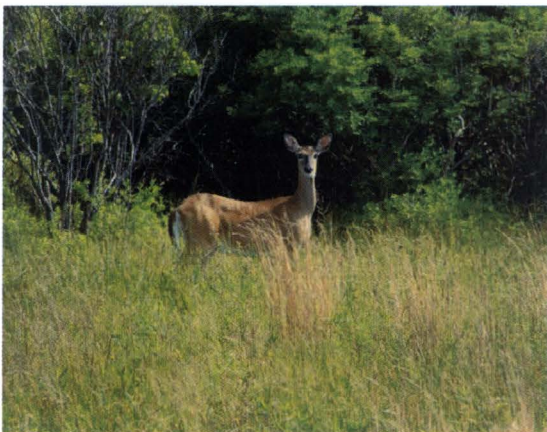
View from the beach looking South West



Typical view of vegetation on remediated areas



Typical view of vegetation on remediated areas

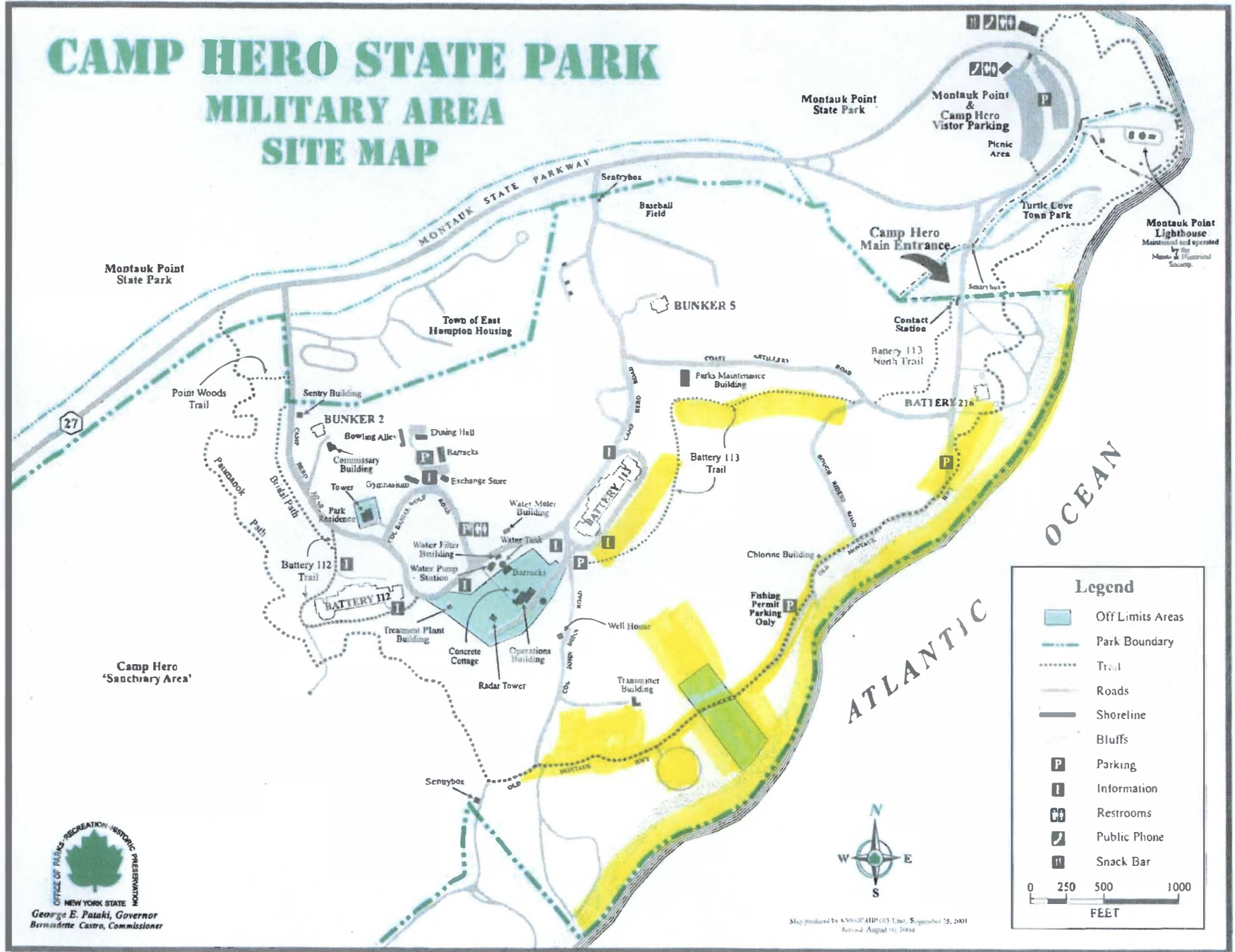


Local wildlife



Danger” sign on Old Montauk HWY at entrance from main parking lot.

CAMP HERO STATE PARK MILITARY AREA SITE MAP



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NEW YORK STATE
MOUNTAINEERING
George E. Pataki, Governor
Bernadette Castro, Commissioner

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Areas Visited, May 2010

