

Elements of the Conservancy's Park Plan

The following Major Design Elements Proposed for Jerome Park represents ideas for the creation of a park. It is a part of a work in progress.

1. Remove outer fence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a park boundary by the sidewalk with bushes and short rail fences.
2. Establish "formal" entrances around the reservoir.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be 6 major entrances and 4 minor ones that link to the adjoining community.
3. Replace inner fence with attractive wrought iron fence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remember that the reservoir is filled with drinking water; it needs to be kept clean.
4. Create two paths around the reservoir:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. a soft path that hugs the edge of the water - for running and walking2. an asphalt path that will meander between the sidewalk and the water - for "wheels" (bicycles, rollerblades, wheelchairs, baby carriages, etc.).
5. Plant ornamental trees and shrubs, ground covers and grass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide park furnishings, such as benches, lights, and garbage cans.
6. Establishes uses in different areas that "link" the park to the adjoining residential or educational community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. a tot lot across from Fort Four Park playground;2. a meadow between Fort Independence Park and the water3. an Outdoor Urban Ecology Lab across from DeWitt Clinton High School and the Bronx High School of Science.
7. Preserve the historic features of the reservoir, including:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the gatehouses2. the stone walls3. the scenic vistas4. the Old Croton Aqueduct, which runs along Goulden Avenue5. the water supply infrastructure.
8. Integrate the gatehouses into the park program:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gatehouse 6 becomes a park information center2. Gatehouse 3 becomes a viewing platform3. Gatehouse 7 becomes a New York City water supply museum4. Gatehouse 5 becomes an interdisciplinary aquatic science center.
9. Link the park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• to the Bronx Greenways and the Old Croton Aqueduct Path.