

Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area

The management plan for the national park won't be done until late next year, but most observers agree that six islands are the most likely candidates for significant development. Only Spectacle Island is ready for proposals, but interest groups are floating plenty of ideas.

Spectacle Island, Boston's former dump, will get a visitors' center and marina; would-be developers are also considering an amphitheater, food, and other concessions, as well as a marine mammal rescue center. Some have also suggested a water slide or other recreation attraction.

Pedocks Island, the harbor's third largest, soon will have a campground and could later hold bed and breakfasts, an inn, restaurants, and shops at old Fort Andrews. The New England Aquarium is considering several projects on the island; others would like to see a major recreation attraction.



Georges Island, the 28-acre park headquarters, is likely to see improved food and visitor services and possibly a sound and light show within the walls of Civil War-era Fort Warren.

Long Island, a Boston-owned island now closed to the public, could become a conference center complete with a hotel and restaurant complex.

Thompson Island, home to Outward Bound, could become the islands' education and research center, possibly with the participation of the Aquarium and area academic institutions.

Moon Island, owned by Boston and closed to the public, might house an aquaculture business using its granite settling tanks formerly used for sewage.