

FreshkillsPark

Example comprehension questions for *Make Freshkills Park Your Park*

Make Freshkills Park Your Park is a promotional video. It gives an overview of the Park's history as a landfill, how engineers have addressed public safety, and what the design process encapsulates. Below are sample discussion questions to encourage students to think about what they would like to see at Freshkills Park.

After watching the video:

- What did the area look like when it was a landfill? How has the area changed since the landfill closed?
- How did the Fresh Kills Landfill affect Staten Islanders?
- What are some of the qualities that make Freshkills Park different from other parks in New York City? Why is Freshkills Park important?
- How has community feedback influenced the park's design? Why do you think it's important to involve the community?
- Who is involved in transforming a landfill into a park?
- Freshkills Park is not completely open yet. What's happening at the park right now?
- What types of things should go into a Park like this one? What would you like to see at Freshkills Park?

Activity:

In groups or individually, have students brainstorm what they would like to see at Freshkills Park with the following questions in mind and report back:

- How could people learn about the history of Fresh Kills Landfill when they visit?
- How could people be encouraged to appreciate the environment when they visit?

Optional: Ask each student to draw a map or picture of the future Freshkills Park that includes some of the activities, structures and places that they would like to see included.

Note: This video was made before the New Springville Greenway was open. For more information on open and closed park projects, please see our [design and construction updates](#).