

FreshkillsPark

Example comprehension questions for the *What is Freshkills?* Poster Pamphlet

The *What is Freshkills?* Poster Pamphlet uses bright illustrations and typography to explain many topics surrounding the park, including landfill engineering, waste management, wildlife, native plants and grassland and wetland ecosystems. Below are sample comprehension questions to encourage students to discuss the many topics surrounding Freshkills Park.

After reading the pamphlet:

- What's a landfill? What role did Fresh Kills Landfill play in New York City's waste management? Where does New York City's trash go now?
- What are grasslands? Why should we protect them?
- What are wetlands? Why should we protect them?
- What are the two landfill byproducts? What happens to them? What is capping? Why is it important?
- What makes Freshkills Park an example of recycling?
- The Freshkills Park project inspires us to think of the impact our garbage has on the environment. What are some ways you can reduce your impact on the Earth, both at school and at home?

Activity:

In groups or individually, have students pretend they are leading a tour of Freshkills Park. Have them generate a short speech to present to the class or each other with the following questions in mind:

- What are the three most important facts for people to know about Freshkills Park?
- What do you think is the most interesting thing about Freshkills Park?
- Who is interested in Freshkills Park? What brought your visitors here today?

Note: Three park projects are currently open to the public: Owl Hollow Soccer Fields, Schmul Park, and the New Springville Greenway. For more information on open and closed park projects, please see our [design and construction updates](#).

