

# FreshkillsPark

## WORD SEARCH



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KEY WORDS	DEFINITION
Biodiversity	A collection of plants and animals living within a given ecosystem
Compost	Soil that is high in nutrients from the breakdown of organic items such as fruit and vegetable scraps
Decomposition	The breakdown of materials over time
Dutch	European settlers of Freshkills in the 1700s
Forest	An ecosystem type covered mainly by trees and shrubs
Freshkills	An area that is currently undergoing transformation from the world's largest landfill into an urban park
Grassland	An ecosystem type that is dominated by grasses
Invasive	A plant or animal species that is introduced into an area and competes with others for resources
Landfill	An area that accepts waste that we produce at home
Landfill Gas	A gas byproduct of waste decomposition comprising mainly of methane and carbon dioxide gases
Leachate	A liquid byproduct of waste decomposition. It is also commonly called "garbage juice"
Lenape	Native Americans who first lived at Freshkills in the 1500s
Methane	An example of greenhouse gas produced in agricultural settings, for example
Native	A plant or animal species that has naturally developed within a given area
Recycle	Return material to a previous state (One of the Three Rs) Examples of these items include paper, metal, and plastic bottles
Reduce	Lower our level of consumption (One of the Three Rs)
Reuse	Give items a secondary purpose (One of the Three Rs) An example is using scrap wood to make a compost bin
Robert Moses	Then New York City Commissioner who had the idea of converting Freshkills wetlands into a landfill
Wetlands	An environmentally productive area that is flooded with water