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Arboretum at Fort Williams Park, Cape Elizabeth, Maine

The Fort Williams Park Foundation has recently completed three sites and is embarking on another for its Arboretum Project. The objectives of this long-term project include:

- Reverse damage done by invasive plant species.
- Restore native plant communities, biodiversity and wildlife habitat.
- Improve open space, amenities, and access for visitors.
- Foster educational resources, community participation and stewardship.

Photography: The completed landscapes of Cliffside, Lighthouse View, and the Children's Garden provide tremendous photo opportunities from July-October, while planned sites offer prime examples of how invasive plants can dominate desirable vegetation and degrade public space and wildlife habitat. Available visuals include photographs and colored plans for completed and planned landscapes.

Interviews: The Arboretum Director, James McCain, can speak about the completed and planned work of the Arboretum Project. Also available are volunteers who have worked on the projects, including those who have participated in the "Adopt-A-Plot" program to maintain the planted landscapes; children and their teachers who have participated in educational outings; Foundation supporters who have been involved in the planning; designers of the landscapes, including Terrance J DeWan of TJD & Associates, Regina S. Leonard Landscape Architect, and John Mitchell of Mitchell & Associates.

Contact: More information about the Arboretum Project and the Fort Williams Park Foundation can be found at fortwilliams.org. We welcome media inquiries about the Arboretum Project and would be happy to meet your needs for a feature story.

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