

HISTORIC AND NATURAL DISTRICTS
INVENTORY FORM

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip/SPLIA DATE: April 1990
Town Hall, 655 Main St.
 YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE 516.224.5450
 ORGANIZATION (if any): Dept. of Planning, Housing, and Development

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- 1. NAME OF DISTRICT: Sans Souci Lakes Cranberry Bogs
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- 3. DESCRIPTION:

Refer to 1979 Inventory Form

- 4. SIGNIFICANCE:

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- 5. MAP:

Refer to 1979 Inventory Form Attachments

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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: November 15, 1979

Town Hall
YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main Street, Islip TELEPHONE: 516 224-5450

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1. NAME OF DISTRICT: Sans Souci Lakes Cranberry Bogs

2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: _____

3. DESCRIPTION: Listed as X 40 on Town of Islip Historic Landmarks List, the cranberry bogs are still in evidence at the southern end of the Sans Souci Lakes, just north of the Montauk Highway and east of Old Broadway Avenue on the line between Sayville and Bayport. A series of dikes can still be seen from the highway, which were used in controlling the flooding of the bogs to save the cranberries from freezing.

4. SIGNIFICANCE: These marshes are now owned by Suffolk County and are protected from encroachment as much as possible from nearby land developments. Dickerson mentions them in his History of the Sayville Community. Robert Roosevelt, uncle of President Theodore Roosevelt bought land in 1873 extending for a mile along Browns River which flows out of the Sans Souci Lakes, and from Middle Road north to the Montauk Highway. He built a house on Lotus Lake which is just south of the highway. The Seaman family owned the property to the east of the cranberry bogs north of the Montauk Highway. That house is now gone, but Suffolk County owns much of what was the property along the river including the John Roosevelt house further south. (See SA 52).

5. MAP: See attached. Bowe, Albertson Sewer Maps, Bayport Q-16.

Dickerson, Charles, A History of the Sayville Community, Sayville, 1975, pp. 59, 63.
 Stevenson, Charles, But As Yesterday, Sayville, 1967, p. 80.
Suffolk County News, February 5, 1976, Ancient History - 60 Years Ago. (see attached.)
 Town of Islip Historic Landmarks List, X 40, Town of Islip Historical Landmark Committee.
 Belcher-Hyde, E., Atlas of Suffolk County, Brooklyn: 1915, pl. 8.

7. THREATS TO AREA:

- BY ZONING
- BY ROADS
- BY DEVELOPERS
- BY DETERIORATION
- OTHER Unknown

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

This area is owned by Suffolk County, but is surrounded by development, and is crossed by a major highway.

8. LOCAL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE AREA:

Listed on Landmarks List of Town of Islip.

9. PHOTOS: KLW IV, # OA, from S, looking across Montauk Highway.

