**INTERPRETING NATURAL HISTORY AND CULTURAL HISTORY IN CHARLESTON’S NEW COUNTY PARK**

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**APPROACH**

**CITY PARKS** - usually include ball fields and parking lots, can have heavy concentrations of people for sporting events and high noise levels.

**COUNTY PARKS** - more natural. Still family oriented and contains man-made structures and facilities.

**NATURE RESERVE** - most natural, least human intervention. Maximum access.

**NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

**FORESTED VS. OPEN SPACE**

**LOWLAND VS. HIGHLAND**

**VIEWSHED PROTECTION**

**WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

**PHOSPHATE MINING**

Scars from mining still exist. Mounds, tracks, old settlement houses, and depressions in the land are still visible today.

**RICE CULTIVATION**

Charleston’s rice economy changed the form of the landscape. The ditches used as part of the intricate irrigation systems are still evident today, as well as, the rectangular, even fields.

**ARCHAEOLOGY**

**NATURAL TRAILS**

**PHOSPHATE SETTLEMENTS**

**INTERPRETIVE CENTER**

**TRAIL SYSTEM & MANAGEMENT**

**GPS & WEBSITE**

**BIRD OBSERVATION**

**WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

**ARCHAEOLOGY**

**PHOSPHATE SETTLEMENTS**