

## Salem Willows & Winter Island



### Historic Highlights

- Willows Park
- Juniper Point summer cottages
- Winter Island
- Coast Guard Hangar & Headquarters Building
- Fort Pickering
- Fort Lee
- Lighthouse
- Plummer Home

### Preservation Activities

- Willows National Register Historic District
- 62 Buildings and 5 areas documented
- Master Plan completed for Winter Island
- Restoration efforts to stabilize Fort Pickering

### Recommendations

- Continue efforts to restore historic forts
- Identify preservation opportunities for Winter Island resources

### **Preservation Opportunities & Concerns**

The Salem Willows and Winter Island represent Salem's longtime connection with its waterfront. These areas contain exceptional collections of historic public buildings, landscapes and Victorian-era summer cottages and commercial buildings set within the picturesque setting of Salem's coastline. The Willows Park, Winter Island, Fort Pickering and Fort Lee are all City-owned properties with great historic significance. Each has been the focus of efforts to stabilize and restore their historic landscape features and built assets. Both the Willows and Winter Island are listed in the National Register.

The City has identified the residential area of Juniper Point for potential designation as a local historic district or Neighborhood Preservation District but has not pursued either designation due to a lack of resident support. Over the past decade, the neighborhood has witnessed several demolitions of historic houses as properties in this waterfront location are often worth more than the historic summer cottages that sit upon them. Threats from climate change and rising sea levels are also a concern at Fort Pickering and Winter Island lighthouse. Identifying opportunities to preserve the Coast Guard Hangar and Headquarters building at Winter Island will also be important.