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> Hi
>
> His--and mine and Sue Brown's who walked around with us--observations:
>
> (1) get some trees planted up the hill towards the NiMo substation--to
> hide it--the trees will require trimming every three years or so but NiMo
> is used to that
>
> (2--focus on the northwest quadrant--get the three or four trees removed
> from the area where the water comes in from Crossgates--get the area
> flooded--make that area the sitting and high use area
>
> (3)--fountains are likely not needed: aeration is probably not needed
> since the pond seems to be teeming with fish, frogs
>
> (4)--keep the path about where it is--at the edge of the brush
>
> (5)--remove some brush at selected spots so that vistas are made and
> **some path access is**
> available to the edge of the pond along the north side, especially
>
> (6)--reclaim the land that belongs to the Town, make it permeable, maybe,
> plant grass, trees etc
>
> (7)--change the stripping for parking on the south side--p[ut in a bench
> or two or three--so that a walking path is more obvious and separated from
> the parking lots--with vistas cut where useful
>
> (8)--clean out the purple loose strife, poison ivy and other noxious weeds
> around the walking path--get a more clear separation from Stuyvesant
> property--make the area behind the old pump station more attractive by
> covering over some of the gravel areas
>
> (9)--install a sump filter in the pipe coming through from Crossgates to
> catch the oil and other junk coming through
>
> (10)--see about having an automatic valve installed so that there is less
> likelihood of the pond overflowing
>
> (11)--clean up the trash that has accumulated along the Stuyvesant
>
> (12)--put into place some benches and plantings to offer more protection
> from Stuyvesant and other nearby uses
>
> (13)--make the path up the hill to the substation area more obvious and
> signed so that Schoolhouse road users know where it is
>
> Ivan could not stay long because of a looming tragedy in his family----he
> was headed out to Los Angeles immediately after our meeting but promised
> to make himself available to us for more work when he can.
>
> The beauty of all of this--to me--is its very low cost and its low impact
> (very small but numerous changes).
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> Buckingham Pond, on Colonial and Berkshire in Albany, was improved in many
> steps over many years--but it is much better every time I see it.