Building a Bridge: A New Paradigm of Natural Beauty

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Floyd Bennett Field (FBF) is located in Brooklyn. It served as New York City's primary municipal airport from 1930-39.

FBF: Became part of Gateway National Recreation Area in 1971.

FBF: A flat, scrubby peninsula in Jamaica Bay crisscrossed by decommissioned runways and dotted with derelict buildings.

FBF: Man is present in all forms of pollution; Nature, as always adapts, accepts and accommodates.

FBF: Not your typical vacation destination.

FBF: A national park for the 21st Century.

FBF: A temenos reconciling the struggle between Man and Nature.

FBF: My job was to accept things as they are, not as I wished them to be.

FBF: Granted me the equanimity to embrace change and to discover beauty where there was none.