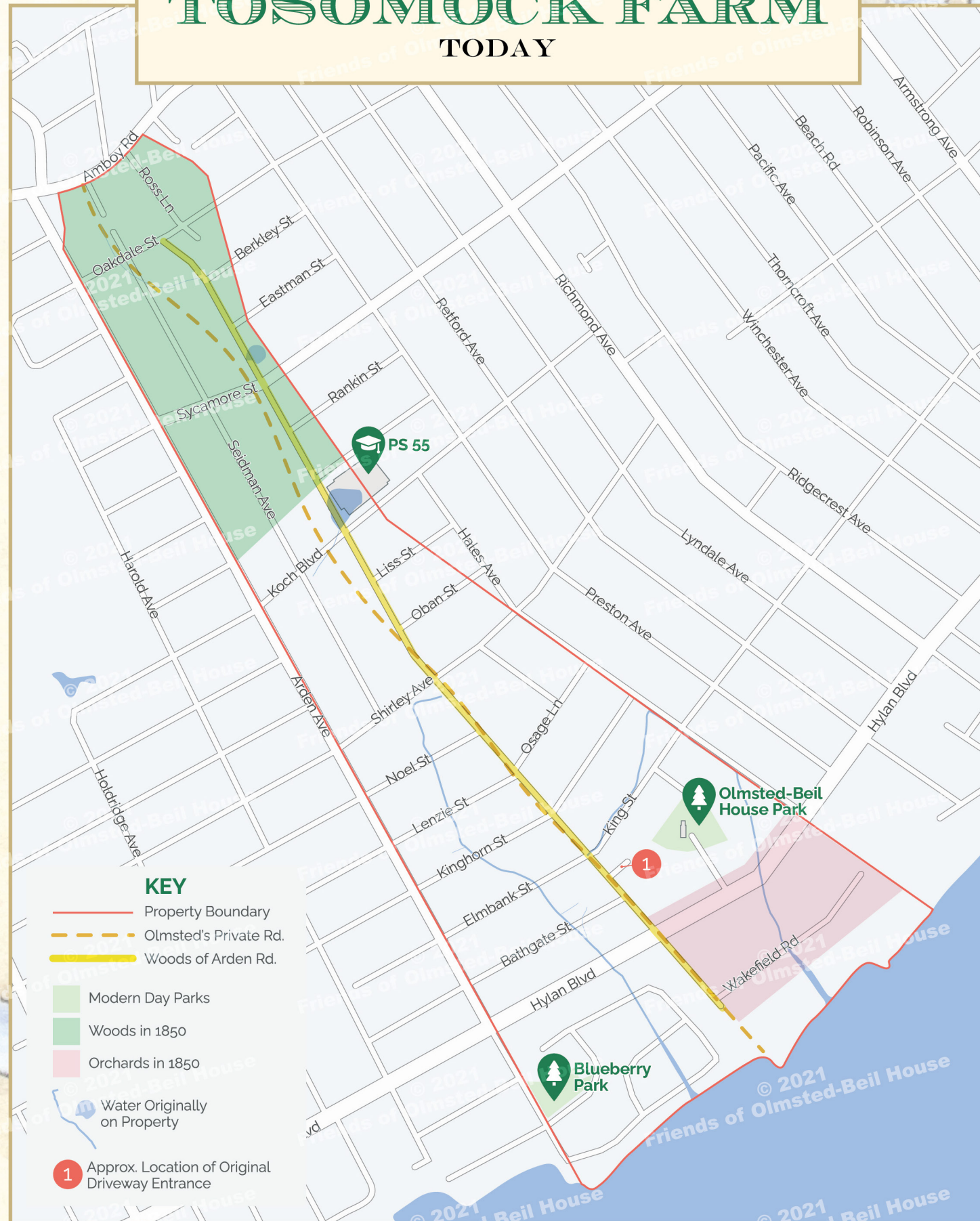


MAP OF TOSOMOCK FARM TODAY

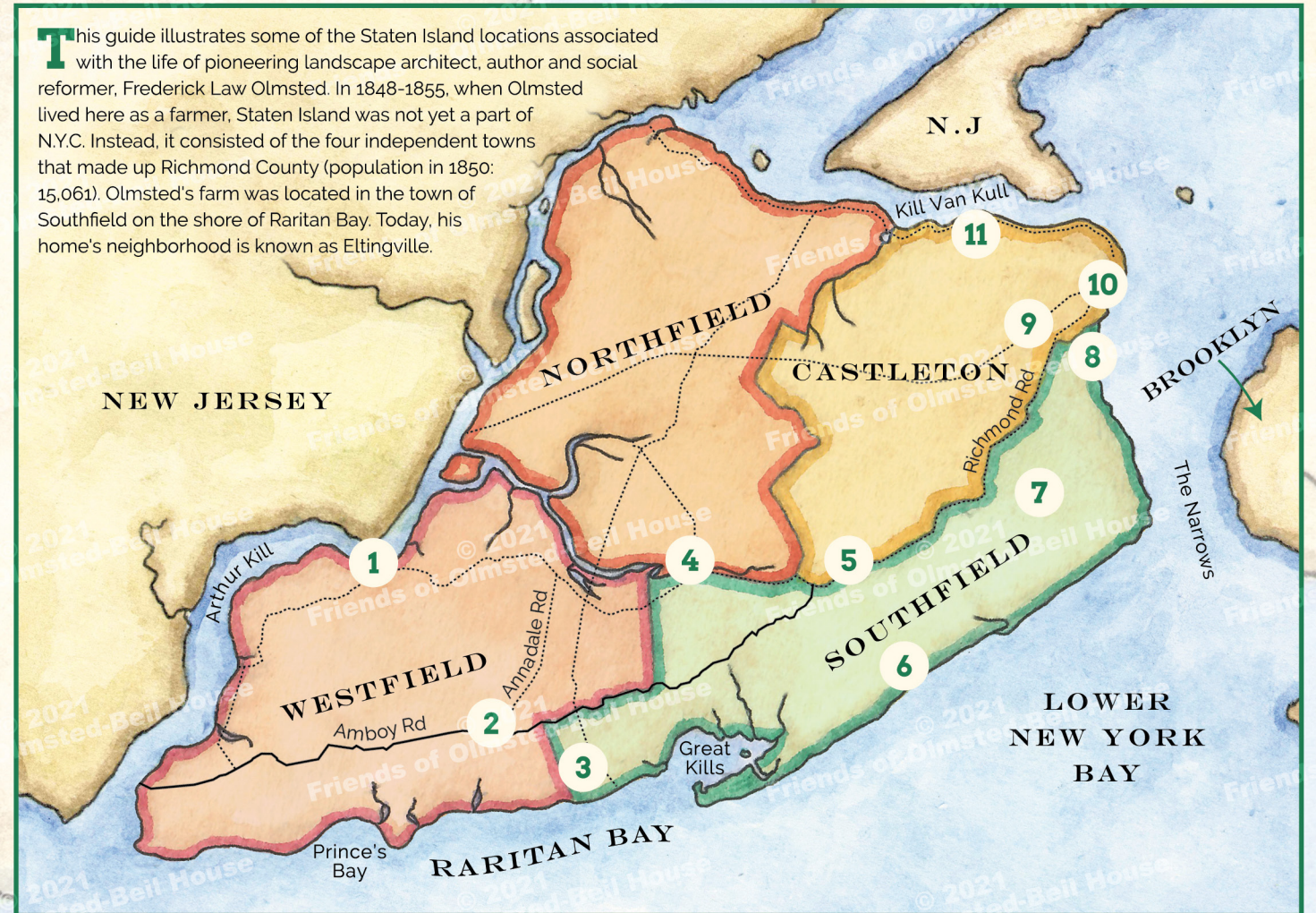


KEY

- Property Boundary
- - - Olmsted's Private Rd.
- Woods of Arden Rd.
- Modern Day Parks
- Woods in 1850
- Orchards in 1850
- Water Originally on Property
- 1 Approx. Location of Original Driveway Entrance

FREDERICK LAW OL MSTED ON STATEN ISLAND DISCOVERY MAP

This guide illustrates some of the Staten Island locations associated with the life of pioneering landscape architect, author and social reformer, Frederick Law Olmsted. In 1848-1855, when Olmsted lived here as a farmer, Staten Island was not yet a part of N.Y.C. Instead, it consisted of the four independent towns that made up Richmond County (population in 1850: 15,061). Olmsted's farm was located in the town of Southfield on the shore of Raritan Bay. Today, his home's neighborhood is known as Eltingville.



GUIDE

- 1. Rossville** Olmsted took the "Brunswick Boat" ferry from here to Manhattan. He also landscaped the Rossville estate of Henry Mason.
- 2. Cole's Store & Post Office** This store served as Olmsted's post office beginning in 1849. It is also where he shopped. It was located on the corner of Amboy and Annadale Road.
- 3. Tosomock Farm** Olmsted lived on this 130-acre farm in Eltingville from 1848 to 1855. His father purchased it for him in 1848 for \$13,000.
- 4. Richmondtown** This was the county seat of Staten Island in Olmsted's day.
- 5. Vanderbilt Mausoleum** The Vanderbilt Family Mausoleum is located in Vanderbilt Cemetery, adjacent to Moravian Cemetery. Olmsted landscaped the grounds from 1884 to 1887.
- 6. Vanderbilt Farm** This was the home of William H. Vanderbilt, the oldest son of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt. Olmsted did some landscape work on this farm at William Vanderbilt's request.

- 7. Clifton Berley Estate** This was the 300 acre estate of Sir Roderick Cameron. Olmsted drew up plans for the estate grounds in the late 1880's. It was located on Fingerboard Road in Grasmere.
- 8. Norwood Ave** Frederick lived on Norwood Ave. (then called Amos St.), in Rosebank with his family from 1866 until about 1872.
- 9. Cazet Estate Wall** It is thought that Olmsted built the wall in 1855 that once surrounded the Cazet estate on Grymes Hill. Notre Dame Academy now stands on part of the property. Parts of the wall still exist along Victory Boulevard and Eddy Street.
- 10. Tompkinsville Landing** Frederick, his brother John, and others often walked here from Tosomock Farm in order to take a ferry to N.Y.C. The walk was a distance of about 10 miles.
- 11. Shaw Estate** in the late 1860's, Olmsted did some landscape work on this Bard Avenue estate. This was the home of Robert Gould Shaw, who became commander of the nation's first all-Black regiment during the Civil War.

MAP OF TOSOMOCK FARM

— CIRCA 1850 —

130 ACRES

Amboy Rd

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F.L.O & His Dog, Neptune (aka Nep)

The House

Carriage House

Osage Orange Hedge

GUIDE

1. Woods In 1848 the 25 acres of Olmsted's property that were closest to Amboy Road were covered in forest. It was described as a "pretty wood" of maple, sweet and sour gum, sassafras, holly and white oak.

2. Hay Field One year, 35 acres of hay were grown on the farm.

3. Cultivated Land According to multiple accounts, most of the crops were grown between the house and the beach. Some of them included cabbage, tomatoes, corn, wheat and barley.

4. Barn This was one of the many outbuildings on the property.

5. Horse Pond According to a friend of Olmsted's, he turned this "very shabby" watering pond into an ornamental water feature by turfing its borders and planting water plants along its edge.

6. Carriage House The illustration shows what the building looked like around 1850. It was copied from a sketch drawn by Frederick's younger brother, John.

7. F.L.O's Trees Olmsted planted thousands of trees during his time at Tosomock farm, a few of which still stand. They include cedar of Lebanon trees.

8. The House The illustration shows what the house looked like in 1848. It was copied from a sketch drawn by Frederick himself.

9. Curved Driveway Olmsted rerouted the driveway so it approached the house at a graceful curve. A circular driveway is shown on an 1874 map.

10. Orchards The orchards were located 165 ft. from the shore and covered 13 acres. There were pear, peach and quince trees. By 1857 there were over 2,000 pear trees alone in the orchards.

11. Osage Orange Hedge In 1855 an Osage orange hedge was planted along this property line, bordering the orchards.

12. Dock Olmsted shipped his produce from his dock to sell at markets in N.Y.C. Its exact location is unknown.

13. Bathing House This structure shown on an 1853 map could be the bathing house, which was located close to the shore.

14. Pear Tree According to an account by Frederick's wife, Mary Perkins Olmsted, there was an ancient pear tree located close to the shore. Its exact location is unknown.

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