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ROCKAWAYS PAST: RECREATION



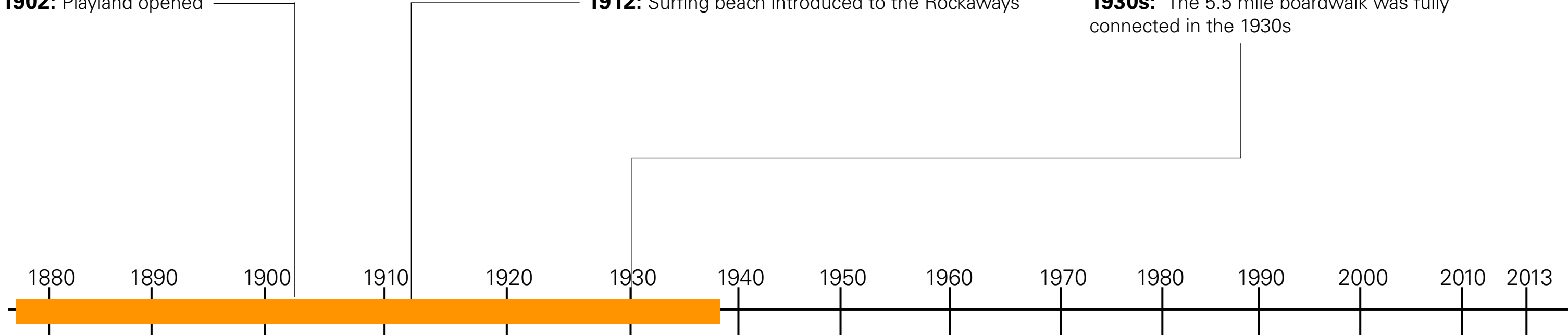
1902: Playland opened



1912: Surfing beach introduced to the Rockaways



1930s: The 5.5 mile boardwalk was fully connected in the 1930s



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Ft. Tilden



Breezy Point Tip



1936: Jacob Riis Park opened



1948 and 1955: Edgemere Park acquired

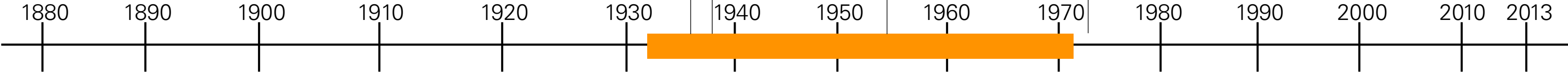


Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

1938: Control of City beaches transferred from the Borough President to DPR

1971: Edgemere Parks' name is changed to Rockaway Community Park

1972: Gateway National Recreation Area created, including Jacob Riis Park, Breezy Point Tip, Ft. Tilden, and Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge



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1985: Playland closed



1999: Multi-million dollar restoration project repaired damaged boardwalk and opens the full extent of the boardwalk to the public for the first time in 25 years



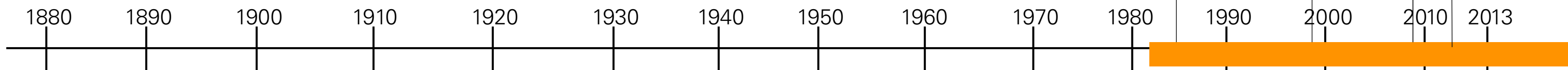
2009 - 2012: PlaNYC 2020 Park



2009: Rockaway Taco opened



2013: Sandy recovery - Construction of the "Islands"
2011: Beach visitorship rose to 7 million



ROCKAWAYS PAST: NATURAL RESOURCES + RESILIENCY

Existing Natural Resources



Dune Restoration



ULURP Arverne East - Great Preserve



Barrier Island Habitat



1991: Edgemere landfill capped



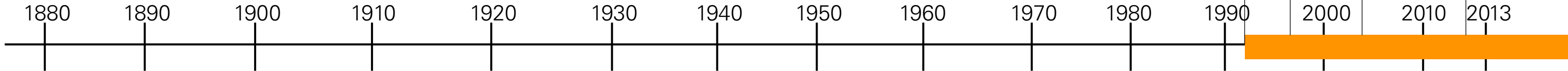
1996: The Arverne Piping Plover Nesting Area established between Beach 38th and 58th Street



2003: National Park Service began restoration on 2 acres of marshland



2012: Hurricane Sandy hit the Rockaways



ROCKAWAYS PAST: CONNECTIONS



1880-1956: Far Rockaway LIRR operated



1956: NYC Subway extended to the Rockaways



1950: Jamaica Bay Bridge Fire



2012: Ferries begin to operate between 34th St and Pier 11



2011: Rockabus from Williamsburg



2009: Jamaica Bay Greenway underway. (19-mile loop along waterfront in Brooklyn and Queens)



2006: Shore Front Parkway Bike Lane and Beach Channel Drive Bike Lane opened

1939: Shorefront Parkway opened under the direction of Robert Moses

1927-1937: First and only municipal ferry operated in Jamaica Bay

1905: Canarsie Ferry Line closed

1880 1890 1900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 2013