
Green Gateway Park

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OVERVIEW

Formally Known as the Lower Crown Mill in the Village of Marcellus, the Green Gateway Park Project sits on 3.1 acres of Village property. The project is a collaboration between the Marcellus School District and the Village of Marcellus. Students conceptualize and research site improvements and the village and professional community bring the ideas to life. It is the hope that both the School and Village continue to re-envision the site so that the entire community can enjoy the newly created park while honoring the history of the formal Lower Crown Mill.

GOALS

1. Complete Outdoor Classroom space for the School District to use for inquiry based learning (Summer 2021)
2. Complete walking path which will eventually tie in to the existing creekwalk originating at Marcellus Park (Summer 2021)
3. Construct a lookout platform which sits at the southern end of the property looking underneath North Street Bridge (21-22 School Year)
4. Continue to remove diseased or invasive species of plants/trees and replace with native more aesthetic arboretum (ongoing, sustainable willows Summer 2021)
5. Place Creek Vanes to help protect/prevent erosion of the bank due to dam removal (August 2021)
6. Grade and resurface entrance, parking area and bus turnaround (21-22 school year)
7. Design and Construct ADA compliant public fishing access platform (21-22 school year)
8. Design and propose bridge to span from school property to Village site (21-22 School Year)
9. Reinforce/Repair existing field stone retaining wall (waiting for positive response from State) see photos in provided portfolio.
10. Researching and developing a plan for a sustainable orchard for open space adjacent to parking area (21-22 School year)

SPECIFICATIONS

Much of the work that has already been accomplished has been due to community volunteering and Village/Town financing. Several of the upcoming projects are much more cost prohibitive and require more significant investment. Due to the approval of submitted SAM Grants (Senator John Mannion) as well as local grants (Hanson Aggregates), work can continue on the site.

MILESTONES

Outdoor Classroom Construction

Using the plans from student projects the village and the town constructed the site and Hanson donated several tons of stone in order to complete the project during the 20-21 school year. Marcellus Schools have also offered stones from previous projects to use at the site

Site preparation and creekwalk extension

With the help of student and community volunteers the land was prepped/cleared for the creation of the creekwalk extension that follows the creek along the bank. The Village of Marcellus and Town of Marcellus worked together to begin resurfacing and grading the walking path.

Recognition

Mayor John Curtin - Village of Marcellus

Greg Crysler, Mallory Reedy, Jim LaRose, John Holmes - Village of Marcellus

Don MacLachlan, Michael Ossit - Town of Marcellus

Michelle Branter - Superintendent of Schools

John Durkee - High School Principal

Ryan Riefler - Marcellus Schools Director of Facilities

Senator John Mannion

Tim Manahan, Jack Murphy - Village Board Trustees

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Joseph Durand TDK Engineering

Dan Bishop - DEC

Carl Schwartz - FWS

Hanson Aggregates

Ryan McMahan - Onondaga County Exec.

Dan Kwasnowski - County Planner

Karen Pollard - Town Supervisor

Marcellus Students and Community Members