

Complete Streets Agenda Item requests 1/22/2021 and the Eatontown Greenway- from Janice Grasso

Hello Complete Streets Committee Members,

Improving community parks and outdoor spaces are a primary focus in Eatontown Recreation.

In 2017 here in the recreation department, we earmarked a potential future property located behind the gates of Fort Monmouth. Due to the central downtown location of this property and realizing how adding to our inventory would improve access to our downtown area and existing community parks and trails we began the process to try and acquire the property. 2018 saw the approval of capitol budget funds by Mayor and Council for this project.

Thanks to the inception and development of our Complete Streets Committee, the current vision to create and improve the "Eatontown Greenway" became a documented reality and is moving forward. To this end the recreation department has applied for several grants and requested capital funding each annual budget cycle to advance the cause.

Additionally, our recreation department, at the request of our Mayor, has been working with Monmouth County on creating an upgraded Eatontown parks and trails guide to distribute. The document when complete will highlight each community park, trail maps, amenities, location, photos and the ultimate goal, mapped route access to a park within a ten minute walk from home to each and every Eatontown resident, while highlighting historical Eatontown landmarks and buildings. As of this week, the final trail documents were submitted to the county and we await first draft of the trail maps. Once obtained recreation's work on the publication will continue in house.

Recreation submitted a grant application in December to Safe Parks through the National Recreation and Parks Assn. on behalf of the Eatontown Friends of the Library. The submission requests lending library boxes be built and placed at each community park with a seating area. The grant request includes marked trails from the library throughout town including historical sites and landmarks noted, to Wampum Park, Wolcott Park, F. Bliss Price Arboretum and the addition of lending library boxes at each park location. (Once acquired the new Nicodemus Park property would be included with a lending library box as well as a walking trail map). Lending libraries would also be placed at Husky Brook and 80 Acres Parks. Pedestrian maps connecting Husky Brook and 80 Acres to our downtown parks, as this committee knows are a challenge due to routes 35 and 36. Complete Community connectivity is on the radar screen of the Complete Streets committee I believe, as well as here in the recreation department.

The "Eatontown Greenway" will provide increased safe pedestrian and bicycle access in and through all four quadrants of our community. It is a very exciting multi-year project and recreation is doing its best to assist and advance the vision of the Complete Streets Committee to a reality. I hope the Complete Streets Committee agrees and views recreation as a partner. Individual members of the committee through tireless volunteer hours have done remarkable work. Thank you and I wanted to add this narrative to the committee agenda to discuss if possible. Lastly, the Eatontown Greenway path from the library to the northeast quadrant parks project will be complete with or without support of the grant.

Recreation is excited to have located the funds to complete if needed. So, that being said the Eatontown Greenway needs a logo for signs, brochures, etc. In addition to this narrative I attach an idea for a logo, please note the colors are white, green and blue (not purple) when scanned it comes through a different color. It's a starting point for discussion, is it possible to add this as an agenda item as well?

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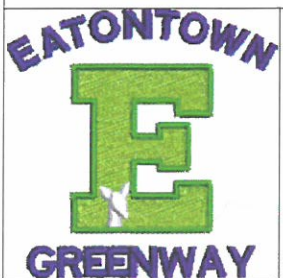
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FYI it is Navy Blue
Not purple



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