



**PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 1st, 2022
Passaic County Public Safety Academy
300 Oldham Road, Wayne, NJ 07470**

Chair Kahwaty opened the meeting at 6:32 PM and read the roll call. She then stated that the notice that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met and stated that members of the public can participate in the meeting during the public portion by giving their full name and address and will have a maximum of three minutes to make their statement.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Kahwaty, Chair; Maria-Elena Grant, Vice Chair; Cindy Frank, Commissioner; Isabel Agudelo, Commissioner; Sandy Lawson, Commissioner; Bernard Vroom, Commissioner; Bhupendra Gadhavi, Commissioner; Alice Szepietowski, Commissioner; Robin Canetti, Commissioner; Nordan Murphy, Engineering Department; Greg Moore, Parks Department; Kelly Ruffel, Director of Cultural and Historic Affairs

STAFF PRESENT: Marc Seemon, Deputy County Administrator; Jessie Summers, Open Space Coordinator; John Pogorelec, County Counsel; Andras Holzmann, Acting Planning Director

MINUTES: A motion to adopt the amended minutes of the May 19th, 2022 meeting was made by Commissioner Grant and seconded by Commissioner Canetti. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation from the Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum (FOLA) on their 2022 Open Space Grant application for the Deer Fence Project

Stuart Reiser, Board Attorney for FOLA, began the presentation along with Linda Ransom, President of FOLA. Mr. Reiser introduced the grant application project for a perimeter deer fence at Laurelwood Arboretum. Mr. Reiser gave a brief introduction to the Arboretum, a 30-acre private garden that was donated to the Township of Wayne by Dorothy and John Knippenberg and the property subsequently became part of the Wayne Parks System. He also explained that the Arboretum is operated by a non-profit corporation, Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum (hereafter "FOLA") with funding provided by Wayne Township and funds that are raised by the organization through its members and other efforts.

Mr. Reiser stated that the Town Council of Wayne endorsed FOLA's application for the deer fence. He explained that the perimeter deer fence will be located on average 50 feet from the roadway with six (6) handicap accessible gates. He also noted that the engineer engaged to complete the plan calculated that 82% of the Arboretum will be enclosed, and 18% will remain out of the fence for the setback areas as well as parking. The fence will be made of high tensile steel wire supported by two vertical poles that will stand at approximately 8'-0" in height. Mr.

Reiser showed pictures of a sample installation of the fence at the Arboretum, noting that the sample is only 25'-0" offset from the road but FOLA will aim to set the fence back even further to alleviate concerns at an average of 50'-0".

Mr. Reiser went on to explain the damage that the deer have done to the Arboretum and illustrated this with a before and after image comparison of the Azalea Walk from 2009 to 2021. He then explained the damage that the deer have caused not only to the ornamental plantings but the overall forest understory. It was noted that the Open Space Committee members that attended the site visits on May 12th were shown the sample installation and deer damage in person on this tour.

Mr. Reiser explained that there are two permits required from NJDEP and that FOLA is currently engaged with engineers who are almost ready to submit the applications; one for wetlands and one in relation to the streams on the property. Mr. Reiser dispelled the rumor that a fence variance is required by clarifying that as a township owned property, zoning regulations do not apply to the fence and a variance is not required. A presentation of the application will be given to the Planning Board for an advisory recommendation as required, but Mr. Reiser did emphasize that this was an advisory recommendation only.

Mr. Reiser handed the presentation over to FOLA President Linda Ransom. Ms. Ransom thanked the nearly two dozen volunteers who were in attendance for the Open Space meeting in support of FOLA's application. She stated that research for the deer fence was completed over a two and a half year period in which FOLA visited many other gardens, communicated with academic experts, contacted various deer fence suppliers and had these suppliers come to the Arboretum to confirm that no large trees would have to be cut down to install the deer fence. She explained that the fence type specified can do subtle turns to avoid substantial trees. Ms. Ransom detailed the fence type and stated that it was selected because of its security and effectiveness against intrusions by deer. She clarified that the high tensile steel wire of the fence is too stiff for deer to get entangled or for mothers to get separated from their fawns—a concern noted by many of the project's opposers. She also clarified that there are no spikes and deer cannot be impaled on the posts. Ms. Ransom said that the same fence is used by reputable gardens such as Duke Farms in Hillsborough, NJ and the Hutcherson Memorial Forest of Rutgers University. She also made mention of a deer fence installation in Garret Mountain Reservation, a Passaic County Park.

Ms. Ransom explained that the objective of the deer fence is not just to protect historically significant ornamental plants but to restore the forest ecosystem and encourage other species. She referred to the forest health survey that was conducted as part of the project research and noted that the conclusion of the study was that the woodlands are extremely unhealthy, a problem not uncommon to the rest of the state. Ms. Ransom said that FOLA had received funding in 2017 for the Propagation Greenhouse which recently opened in May of this year, but stated that the propagation done in the greenhouse are immediately eaten by deer once put into the Arboretum and therefore this is reducing the value of a previously funded County Open Space project. She said that the Arboretum is the only accredited arboretum in Passaic County, given by the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and the Morton Arboretum and that the Laurelwood Arboretum risks losing its accreditation by losing its woodland.

Ms. Ransom also restated that the Town Council supported the application and mentioned that the Mayor sent a letter of support. Ms. Ransom moved on to detail how FOLA has responded to opposition from nearby residents. She referenced a petition signed by 700 signatures and stated that the petition contains misinformation which she previously clarified: there will be no spikes for deer to be impaled on, no deer will have to be euthanized because of the fence, and the fence is not pliable enough for mothers to be separated from their fawns. She contested resident opposition by stating that over 600 members of FOLA support the application and FOLA maintains 200 active volunteers while only employing four (4) seasonal employees. Ms. Ransom attested that the accusation that FOLA did no public outreach is not true; FOLA complied with all requirements on the township and county level. She stated that certified mailing was sent to all neighbors as required, FOLA invited opposing residents to meet with the Arboretum after the Wayne Council meeting, that all meeting materials were given to the public, and FOLA also directed opposers to an informational webinar on deer fencing. She said that residents told the Open Space Advisory Committee that they had come up with a potential compromising plan to fence only the northern area of the Arboretum, but Ms. Ransom said that not only has FOLA not received such a plan, but that a plan fencing the northern section of the arboretum would ignore the primary objective to protect the Arboretum's woodlands, located in the southern section of the Arboretum directly across from where the opposing residents are located. The presentation concluded.

A question and answer period between the Open Space Advisory Committee and FOLA followed.

- Commissioner Grant referenced a plan given to the Committee by opposing residents that included a layout of the fence. Open Space Coordinator Summers stated that these plans were supplied by residents, and it was not the plan that FOLA had submitted with their application. FOLA previously stated that no large trees would be cut down, but asked if any other trees will be cut down to install the fence. Ms. Ransom stated that most of the fence will go through the perimeter woodlands, and although big trees can be saved there is likely to be smaller trees and saplings that may need to be taken down. Mr. Reiser also noted that the fence will be setback on an average of 50 feet, meaning there may be areas where the fence is closer to the road to avoid certain site constraints.
- County Counsel Pogorelec wanted to confirm for the record that a variance is not needed. Mr. Reiser confirmed that a variance is not needed as per N.J.S.A. 40:55d-31 as the Arboretum is a municipal property, but again said that a advisory recommendation will be given by the Planning Board.
- Commissioner Szepietowski recalled that during the presentation it was noted that other locations use this type of fence and no deer had been euthanized and none had been separated. She asked if there were any instances of deer getting caught in this type of fence either. Ms. Ransom answered that deer cannot get caught because the wire is too stiff and therefore the fencing doesn't entangle. Commissioner Szepietowski also asked if the other locations are using an 8 foot height as well. Ms. Ransom answered that most of the researched locations are also using an 8 foot height fence as deer will generally not jump over this fence height. She also clarified that the fence is black because deer cannot see the black color; if the fence was with wood posts deer would be able to see the posts as yellow and therefore attempt to jump the fence.

- It was asked if specifications for the fence and manufacturer can be supplied. Ms. Ransom answered that it is within the formal grant application.
- Commissioner Frank asked if there was any official study done on how the fence will affect the deer traffic after installation, which was a concern noted by opposing residents. Ms. Ransom answered that experts have told FOLA that deer will go where the food source is and there isn't any food left in the perimeter of the Arboretum so they will not be congregating around the perimeter and crossing the street back and forth. She did note that deer will remain in the area for a period of time, but also referenced an engineering study completed by residents that stated that deer will be in the residential areas only for the short term. Mr. Reiser added that he spoke with the Flat Rock Brook Nature Center in Englewood, NJ which is a preserve surrounded by homes comparable to those in Pines Lake and said that Flat Rock Brook said they have not had any significant incidents with residents' yards being eaten and have not seen an increase in vehicle accidents. He said that Flat Rock Brook will be posting their five (5) year study of the improvement of the understory from their deer fence installation which can serve as a reference.
- Chair Kahwaty asked if there will be an effort to relocate any of the smaller trees that need to be cut down to install the fence. Ms. Ransom answered that as an arboretum, FOLA's goal is to preserve and if it is possible to relocate any trees, they will, in addition to replacing any removed trees elsewhere in the Arboretum.
- Commissioner Vroom asked if there were any policies in place to dissuade people of the public from feeding the deer. Ms. Ransom answered that there are written rules and regulations that ask visitors not to feed any wildlife including deer. She also stated that a large problem with the deer is that they are used to people in the arboretum, and the deer fence will be a good policy for public health to eliminate these close interactions and reduce risk for deer tick transmission. Commissioner Vroom stated that deer in Bloomingdale do not damage his property. Mr. Reiser answered that damage varies based on different areas and what is planted.
- Commissioner Frank asked what stage the permit process is in. Mr. Reiser answered that the applications are being filed within the general permit rules for freshwater wetlands and flood hazard areas, and the review time is subject to the NJDEP.
- Commissioner Agudelo asked how many people that had signed the opposing petition lived in the area. Ms. Ransom answered that 700 people signed petition, and said that there are approximately 55 households surrounding the Arboretum. She stated that at the public hearing, 10 households objected and were located directly across from the Arboretum. Mr. Reiser stated that there are guard rails and other timber rails along the Arboretum and stated that this deer fence will be nearly invisible.
- Commissioner Vroom stated that the High Mountain Preserve, located on a ridgeline in Wayne, does not have a deer problem and it is double the size of the Arboretum. Ms. Ransom answered that within the webinar mentioned earlier, the person who did the studies did complete studies in the High Mountain Preserve. She stated that thermal studies were conducted and picked up heat from a substantial number of deer. Commissioner Vroom stated that FOLA should consult Wildlife Management experts, Ms. Ransom contested that wildlife management experts would likely recommend a culling process and reiterated that at the town council meeting the Mayor stated that there will be no hunting in Wayne.

- Commissioner Gadhavi asked FOLA how they would mitigate opposition moving forward and encourage residents to join their process. Ms. Ransom answered that FOLA has already invited opposing residents on a site visit to the Arboretum and was willing to work out a compromise, gave out all of their materials, and have not received any additional plans. Mr. Reiser said that he encouraged residents to send him the location of their homes so he could see if it was possible to move the fence even further back in those locations or plant some additional trees in front of the fencing to camouflage the fence to deal with aesthetic concerns on an individualized basis and received nothing. The question and answer period from the Committee then concluded.

PUBLIC PORTION: Chair Kahwaty introduced the public portion of the meeting at 7:22 PM and reminded members of the public that there is a three minute time limit on comments and to state their full name and address for the record. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to open the meeting to the public which was seconded by Commissioner Canetti. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Christine Cantilli, 572 Pines Lake Drive West, Wayne, NJ**
 - Ms. Cantilli felt that there were many misrepresentations in the FOLA presentation to try to diminish the public opposition to the project. Petition incorporated language from a wayne police officer who had concerns about road safety and from an animal control officer about how the animals would react to the fence. The park is a woodland sanctuary and people enjoy seeing the deer in the park and the petition wants to seek to keep deer in some portion of the park. Meeting held with FOLA was initiated by a neighbor and FOLA asked that only 4 people went to the meeting. She mentioned that 85% of FOLA operating expenses 2000k budget 10k in employee bonuses and 9k in advertising and deer defense 1k, regardless of donation. Asked if the application noted any donations received from the sculpture trail advertised as a fundraiser for this project. She claimed that the forest health study was done in summer 2021 but fola started publicly discussing the deer fence in 2020 news releases. She mentioned a 50 ft drawing from a resident engineer that shows where the 50 foot line lies. She urged for more consideration on this project.
- **Kay Gardner, 16 Yates Ave, Boonton, NJ**
 - Employee of Laurelwood Arboretum, started as an intern. Worked at a different arboretum and they had a deer exclusion fence. They put theirs in 10 years prior to when she started working, regeneration in 10 years was so important was the first time they saw an endangered bird called the woodthrush. Finally comfortable enough to nest in low shrubbery 8-10 ft height. Deer browse didn't let them do it. Typically about 1 deer that can sustainably live on 30 acres. Has seen over 40 at one time in one day. Over 30 areas that are used with rubber netting and hours go into repairing these areas. A lot of current effort goes into protecting the current plants. High mountain preserve 1200 acres and a report from 2021 saying that the deer population was 4x too high.
- **Meghan Green, 517 Colfax Road, Wayne, NJ**

- Ms. Green urged the FOLA and the Committee to look at the bigger picture, and that deer overpopulation is not specific to the arboretum. She feels the Wayne Mayor has refused to acknowledge this as a town wide problem and continuing development will exacerbate the issue and wants to see it addressed on a town wide basis. She feels the deer fence is a band aid on a larger issue. She said she was only notified a week before the meeting and the letter did not give project specifics unless the meeting was attended. She has safety and health considerations, for ticks and for deer collisions, and noted a Wayne police officer who struck a deer on his motorcycle and lost his life. She has concerns that no traffic safety studies were done, and that deer will go into roadways and yards.
- **Alice Moskowitz, 27 Peak Road, Wayne, NJ**
 - Ms. Moskowitz introduced herself as a past president of FOLA and has been involved with the Arboretum since 2006. She spoke about the specialness of Laurelwood Arboretum, not just the problems. The historic plantings, sensory garden, and many other amenities are gardens for people not deer. Her family and Stanley Smith Trust gave money for the native plant garden which has since been totally devastated by deer. She noted that 15,000 visitors come annually to see the beautiful trees, walk the paths, enjoy the plantings, and come to the educational programs. She feels that the Knippenbergs did not give the garden to Wayne so they could feed the deer, but that they gave the gardens to Wayne so people could enjoy nature.
- **Luba Shagawat, 642 Pines Lake Drive West, Wayne, NJ**
 - Ms. Shagawat said that she concurs with everything Ms. Moskowitz said about the Arboretum being a special place. She said that FOLA has done such a good job that people are coming from all over, it is no longer viewed as part of the community and that has created divisiveness between FOLA and the residents. She is concerned about development, not just deer.
- **Peter Rosky 634 Pines Lake Drive West, Wayne, NJ**
 - Mr. Rosky said he has lived here for 22 years and is disappointed in the path that Laurelwood Arboretum has been taking, and that it is being overdeveloped. He feels the deer fence is a lot of money for something that 700 people do not want and said the County should use the funds elsewhere for a better use. He also feels that the 8 foot height is questionable on whether it will actually keep deer out. He believes this is a short term solution to a long-term problem.
- **Tracy Rosky 634 Pines Lake Drive West, Wayne, NJ**
 - Ms. Rosky said that the project is divisive, expensive, and not a solution. She reiterated that a large percent of the community is opposed and that 50 people went and 12 spoke at the first meeting. She said she feels that specialists recommend culling because deer fences ultimately don't work. She mentioned that she attended the prior May Open Space meeting and saw many other worthy projects. Her primary safety concern is not only ticks, but traffic incidents. She feels that Flat Rock Brook is far too different to the Pines Lake Community for comparison purposes. She brought up that the project still require NJDEP permits and also feels it will be an ongoing cost for taxpayers.
- **Mary Linn Lombardo, 55 Orchard Place, Wayne, NJ**

- Ms. Lombardo said she is not within the proximity to the Arboretum that is required to be notified but wants to speak on behalf of the Lionshead Lake community who is also affected. She is displeased with the sculpture garden and waning natural aesthetic of the arboretum. She feels that the information provided is contradictory to experts she has spoken to. She sourced the Association of Fish and Wildlife information that deer fences are not for medium and high density areas and must be 3 meters in height (9.84 feet) to prevent deer from hopping over. She urged for deer counting and analysis.
- **Marian Valdata, 753 Pines Lake Drive West, Wayne, NJ**
 - Ms. Valdata lives at the intersection of Vale and Pines Lake Drive. She questioned about what happens to all of the wildlife that is being excluded from the park. She has only seen 5 or 6 deer at a time, and when they get scared they run into the road. She mentioned rabbits, chipmunks, foxes, and coyotes and wants to see information on what happens to those animals as a result of the fence.
- **James Buonocore, 753 Pines Lake Drive West, Wayne, NJ**
 - Mr. Buonocore said that Laurelwood has been a big part of his experience living in the area for many years and he was even taught by Mrs. Knippenberg how to propagate and hybridize. He feels that each wave of development has pushed more deer onto his property. He urged everyone to look at USDOT and other traffic studies that have had great success rerouting deer from highways to other areas via deer fence, noting that the deer fence will do the same to the surrounding properties and roadways. He also attested that when Mrs. Knippenberg owned the property, she had culling occur on the property to mitigate deer damage.
- **Joanne D'Aloia, 203 Indian Road, Wayne, NJ**
 - Ms. D'Aloia disputed the earlier claim that only 10 households opposing the deer fence project, and said that everyone who signed the petition knew what they were signing. She does not agree with blocking the open space of the arboretum.
- **Laurie Lindstrom, 78 Tower Road, Wayne, NJ**
 - Ms. Lindstrom said that although she doesn't live across the street, she was at the town meeting and is opposed, so there are more than just the people that live across the street that do not want the project to proceed. She said that she spoke to a State Certified Wildlife Search and Rescuer started a Broken Antler nonprofit organization due to a need to rescue deer from fences and other means to prevent deer from entering certain areas. He invited a call at any time for this project but did not receive one. His main points were that most deer will clear an 8 foot fence and then get hung on the fence waiting to be saved. He also said disrupting the natural deer path will create confusion and panic and lead them into the road in addition to being hazardous to foxes, owls, hawks, turtles. Ms. Lindstrom said that calls for dead deer will take vital services away from real emergencies. She thanks volunteers who put in the effort to maintaining the Arboretum, but is unhappy with the overdevelopment and prefers to see fencing around only sections if any.
- **Lourdes Osorio, 45 Weaseldrift Road, Woodland Park**
 - Ms. Osorio introduced herself as a Laurelwood volunteer and FOLA Board member. She stressed that all involved are passionate about preserving the

Arboretum and are not here to eliminate unnecessary trees and are just trying to preserve what exists. She agreed that the concerns about wildlife mentioned previously are valid by making specific mention of the native plants. She said that native plants are species used to solve many issues, but the Arboretum cannot sustain native plants in the Arboretum because the deer keep eating them. In response to the statement about employee bonuses, she reiterated that there are only 4 seasonal employees, and this statement is not true. She also mentioned a NJ Farm Bureau study measured that Passaic County has over 40 deer per square mile, which well over what the county can handle. She said that funding for the fence in Garret Mountain Reservation proves that the County realizes this is a potential solution.

- *Name and Address not given*
 - Stated that the deer damage started worsening about 10 years ago and the research about potential solutions began back then, and further explained that FOLA has asked a lot of the same questions being asked tonight to experts during the research process. Noted that additional solutions and educational materials for deer damage are included in FOLA's newsletter, specifically to inform the public. Reiterated what Ms. Moskowitz had said, that this unique place calls for protection.

Chair Kahwaty saw no other members of the public wishing to speak. A motion to close the public portion of the meeting was made by Commissioner Canetti and seconded by Commissioner Agudelo. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Final Recommendations

Open Space Coordinator Summers pointed out the changes since the last recommendations were that \$50,000.00 were moved from the Wayne Waks Memorial Park Pickle Ball Courts to Highlands Nature Friends New Weis Center project, a request made at the last meeting.

Chair Kahwaty asked about additional funding for the New Weis Center project being that the funding request was \$99,000.00 and the current recommendation is \$50,000.00. Commissioner Canetti and Vice Chair Grant also noted that the desire is to fully fund both the New Weis Center project and the Highlands Natural Pool. Deputy Administrator Seemon noted that the New Weis Center was previously not funded and \$50,000.00 had been reallocated to that project, and the amount for the Highlands Natural Pool (\$50,000.00 for a \$63,685.00 request) was similar to the other recommendations vs. requests. Commissioners Lawson and Vice Chair Grant again reiterated that the desire is to bring both the New Weis Center and Highlands Natural Pool projects as close to fully funded as possible.

County Counsel Pogorelec stated that a motion is required. Chair Kahwaty stated that the Committee is requesting full funding for the Community Association of the Highlands for the Upgrade/Rehab of the Highlands Natural Pool. Deputy County Administrator Seemon abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Grant asked if the Wanaque Dog Park project has gotten approval from NJDOT approval for use of the land. Open Space Coordinator Summers stated that Wanaque has submitted correspondence from NJDOT that their current lease is being revised and NJDOT will allow the use of the property for the dog park. Open Space Coordinator Summers also confirmed that the Wanaque public hearing will be complete before the grant is awarded.

Chair Kahwaty mentioned a letter submitted to the Committee from the City of Paterson stating how they will address safety concerns for the new tennis court project for the record.

Commissioner Canetti asked if the Highlands Nature Friends were seeking CDBG funding for the New Weis Center project, but Open Space Coordinator Summers confirmed that Jon Berry stated that this is not eligible. She asked where money can be pulled from to fully fund the New Weis Center project.

Commissioner Canetti raised concerns about the Wanaque Dog Park being on NJDOT property and if the lease allowing the park use will be in perpetuity, otherwise she is concerned that the Committee will potentially have put funding into a project that could be removed. Deputy Administrator Seemon confirmed that it is his understanding that Wanaque will adjusting their lease with NJDOT in a manner that allows the dog park to remain. Vice Chair Grant asked for confirmation that even though the dog park is in Wanaque it will be open to any Passaic County resident if it is funded through the Open Space Trust Fund and Deputy Administrator Seemon confirmed. Vice Chair Grant also stated that in the past, there has been issues with funding on state owned property.

Commissioner Canetti stated that it is her understanding that the New Weis Center is being required to install additional bathrooms due to code, and the Committee agreed that this is a project they would like to aim to fully fund. Deputy Administrator Seemon asked that the Committee make a motion to document this request and he will bring it back to Administration and see where the funds can be moved from. Chair Kahwaty said that the motion is to fully fund the Highlands Nature Friends Upgrade/Rehab of the New Weis Center. The motion was made by Commissioner Canetti and seconded by Commissioner Grant. Deputy Administrator Seemon abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Space Coordinator Summers raised the concern that the two motions made to fully fund the Highlands Natural Pool and the New Weis Center need to be done in coordination with what other projects the money will be pulled from as there is no additional funding above what is already allocated. County Counsel Pogorelec agreed there is a funding deficit to make up in order to comply with the two requested increases. Chair Kahwaty stated that the motion is to for Administration to provide the recommendations on which projects to take the funding from to fully fund the Highlands Natural Pool and the New Weis Center. Commissioner Canetti made the motion and Commissioner Lawson seconded. Vice Chair Grant clarified if the decision by Administration will be made and it will return to the Committee or if the recommendations will proceed. It was agreed that in order to meet the original grant schedule, the recommendations will proceed to the County Commissioners after Administrative review. Chair Kahwaty asked for

a revised motion to accept the 2022 Recommendations, with the above amendments and provision for deference to Administration on how to fully fund the stated projects. Deputy Administrator Seemon abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Chair Kahwaty asked if the Committee would be okay with moving the July 21st, 2022 virtual meeting to July 28th, 2022. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM was made by Commissioner Lawson and seconded by Commissioner Grant. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessie Summers".

JESSIE SUMMERS

**Appendix A: Final Amended
Recommendations**



FINAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Park Development



Municipality/Non-profit	Project	Total Cost	OSTF Request	Recommendation
Bloomingtondale	Bogue Pond Park	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Clifton	Stefan Tatarenko Memorial Park Improvements	\$ 638,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Clifton	Nash Park Improvements	\$ 511,500.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -
Comm. Assoc. of the Highlands	Upgrade/Rehab of the Highlands Natural Pool	\$ 159,685.00	\$ 63,685.00	\$ 60,000.00
Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum	Deer Exclusion Fencing	\$ 252,700.00	\$ 99,000.00	\$ -
Friends of Paterson Parks	Pennington Park	\$ 142,518.23	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
Haledon	Tilt Street Park Improvements Phase III	\$ 478,130.00	\$ 229,130.00	\$ 150,000.00
Hawthorne	Franklin Field Lighting Project	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 99,000.00
Highlands Nature Friends	Ongoing Rehab/Upgrade New Weis Center	\$ 265,644.00	\$ 98,500.00	\$ 90,000.00
Little Falls	Wilmore Park Improvements Phase II	\$ 388,454.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Pompton Lakes	Hershfield Park Improvements Phase I	\$ 414,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Prospect Park	Hofstra Park Playground	\$ 1,007,500.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 99,000.00
Totowa	Riverview Park	\$ 209,250.00	\$ 209,250.00	\$ 99,000.00
Wanaque	Wanaque Dog Park	\$ 363,612.50	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Wayne	Waks Memorial Park Pickle Ball Courts	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 225,000.00
Wayne	Ralph Valt Memorial Park Playground Improvements	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 99,000.00	\$ -
Wayne Little League	D1 Infield Turf Project	\$ 238,023.55	\$ 99,999.00	\$ 99,000.00
West Milford	Bubbling Springs Park	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Woodland Park	Diane Grimes Memorial Park Improvements Phase II	\$ 518,402.50	\$ 218,402.50	\$ 200,000.00
		SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,446,966.50	\$ 2,051,000.00



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Historic Preservation



Municipality/Non-profit	Project	Total Cost	OSTF Request	Recommendation
American Labor Museum	Grape Arbor Restoration Project	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Clifton	Morris Canal Improvements	\$ 613,690.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
Paterson	Eastside Park Improvements (Phase 3) - Tennis Courts	\$ 347,224.80	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
Paterson	Eastside Park Improvements (Phase 2) - Steps Restoration	\$ 259,930.32	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -
Little Falls Historical Society	Repair & Replacement of Slate Roof and Yankee Gutter System	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Little Falls Historical Society	Handicap Accessible Bathrooms Installation	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
NJCDC	Courtyard Improvements	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
NJCDC	HVAC at Rogers Locomotive Boulevard	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
		SUBTOTAL	\$ 930,000.00	\$ 430,000.00