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June 12, 2024

Honorable Tracy Kallert
Mayor, Woodland Park Borough
5 Brophy Lane, 2nd Floor, Room 205
Woodland Park, NJ 07424

RE: 1616-24-058
Diane Grimes Memorial Park Inclusivity Upgrade
Woodland Park Borough, Passaic County

Dear Mayor Kallert:

I am pleased to inform you that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) have approved Woodland Park Borough's application for a Green Acres matching grant of \$750,000. This funding is contingent upon the passage of a legislative appropriation.

Preserving land, improving local parks, and stewarding our natural resources are critical components of our efforts to ensure high quality, close-to-home recreation opportunities and open space for all residents. We are particularly excited about our Completely Inclusive Playground grant awards this funding round and appreciate Woodland Park Borough's commitment to increasing inclusive recreation opportunities. This project represents a significant step toward our shared goal of providing protecting and enhancing New Jersey's quality of life, and I congratulate you.

Green Acres staff will contact you directly and provide further information to guide you through this project. We look forward to working with Woodland Park Borough toward the successful completion of this important undertaking.

Sincerely,

Shawn M. LaTourette
Commissioner

LOCAL & NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Jake's Law Playground Funding Application Form

Complete and submit application with all required attachments by February 7, 2024, through the Green Acres website. Instructions for submitting your application can be found at www.NJGreenAcres.org.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Diane Grimes Memorial Park Inclusivity Upgrade Project

Project Sponsor: Borough of Woodland Park

Project Description:

All projects must comply with the regulations established by the Department of Community Affairs at (N.J.A.C. 5:23-7.19, 7.31, 11.2, and 11.4). On a separate page, please briefly address each of the following in order. This information will be used to determine project eligibility.

1. Description of the property, including:
 - a. Physical site characteristics and features
 - b. Existing land use, including any indoor recreation facilities and/or non-recreation uses
 - c. Pre-existing and planned rights-of-way, easements, reversionary interests, or other legal rights and restrictions impacting the property
2. Please indicate if this proposal will create a new public park
3. Project scope - Please provide a bulleted list of proposed improvements, including specific facilities and general site improvements.* For each listed improvement:
 - a. Please note whether each proposed improvement is an addition to the park, a rehabilitation of an existing facility, or if the improvement will replace an existing facility
 - b. Please explain why it is needed

**If part of a larger project, please only include proposed improvements that are included in the cost estimate for this phase.*

SITE INFORMATION

Property Address:

Street Address or Nearest Intersection	167 Mount Pleasant Avenue
Municipality(ies)	Borough of Woodland Park
County	Passaic County

Property Lot(s) and Acreage(s) (attach additional pages, if necessary):

Block	Lot	Owned by:	Total Lot Acreage	Acreage to be Developed
56.02	33	Borough of Woodland Park	5.33	0.60
Total Acreage to be Developed:				0.60

Is the property identified as historic on the NJDEP Historic Preservation Office LUCY Online Map Viewer? (See instructions in [Tools / References](#) for how to identify if a property is a historic site.)
Yes _____ No X

Are there any structures located on the project site? Yes _____ No X

If yes, please describe the intended use of the structure(s) (must be in support of outdoor recreation) or if they will be demolished _____

Is the project site a current or former landfill site, known or suspected hazardous waste site, or adjacent to (or affected by) such sites? Yes _____ No X
If yes, please explain:

How far away from the project site is the nearest inclusive playground? 13 miles

State Legislative District of Project Site: 40 Congressional District of Project Site: 11

FUNDING REQUEST

Total Estimated Cost of Project (see attached [Allowable Costs Green Acres rules excerpt](#)):

Construction (including contingency)	\$790,000.00
Engineering & Construction Supervision/Inspection (Limited to 13% of eligible and completed construction costs) x 0.13=	\$
Preliminary Assessment Report (& Site Investigation Report, if necessary)	\$
Permit Fees	\$
Incidental Costs (Limited to 2% of eligible and completed construction costs) x 0.02=	\$
Total Project Cost*	\$790,000.00

* Please round total cost up to next \$1,000.

Green Acres Funding Request:

Total Project Cost (from above)	\$790,000.00
x Eligible Grant 75%	x 0.75
= Eligible Green Acres Grant	\$592,000.00
Grant Request	\$592,000.00
Loan Request	\$

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Has this property received previous Green Acres funding (acquisition, development, or stewardship)?

Yes _____ No X

If yes, please list year, project # (if known), and funding recipient (if not applicant): _____

Has the applicant or partners received any funding awards from other sources for this project, or are any applications pending? Yes _____ No X

If yes, please list source, amount, and deadline to use funds: _____

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Please describe the public engagement process that led to the development of this proposal and how the public was involved. Please submit documentation of public engagement efforts and discuss how the results were incorporated into the project design. Public engagement must include outreach during the project planning stage. Please do not discuss the required public hearing in this section, as the hearing does not satisfy the application public outreach requirement.

Please see attached Application Form Narrative.

POST-DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

Please give a detailed breakdown of anticipated operation and maintenance costs:

Anticipated operation and maintenance costs will be approximately \$1,500/per month.

Are these costs greater than current site costs? If so, by what amount?

Post construction operation and maintenance costs are anticipated to remain the same.

What will be the source of funds for the operation and maintenance costs?

Operation & maintenance costs will be covered by the Borough of Woodland Park's budget.

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Project Sponsor:

Name of Local Government	Borough of Woodland Park
Street Address	5 Brophy Lane
City, State, Zip	Woodland Park, NJ 07424
Webpage Address	https://wpnj.us/
Tax ID Number	22-6002401

Chief Executive Officer:

Name	Tracy Kallert	Telephone	973 - 345 - 8100
Title	Mayor	Email	tkallert@wpnj.us

Current Community Profile:

(County applications should provide information based on the anticipated service area of the project.)

Population	13,291	Year	2022
Area (square miles)	3.08	Population/Square Mile	4,315
Population with Disability*	1,081	Population Age Under 18 with Disability*	73

* Figures available from Rutgers' [Disability Snapshot website](#).

Contact for Application Questions:

Name	Sam Yodice
Title	Borough Administrator
Street Address	5 Brophy Lane
City, State, Zip	Woodland Park, NJ 07424
Telephone	973-345-8100 x215
Cell Phone	
Email Address	syodice@wpnj.us

Contact for Project Management if Project is Funded (if different than Application Contact):

Name	
Title	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Telephone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	

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SIGNATURES (2)

I, Tracy Kallert (name of official authorized by the governing body resolution), hereby certify that the information provided within this Green Acres Program Application Form is complete and true.

2/5/24
Date

Tracy Kallert
Signature of official authorized to submit application*

*** Must be individual authorized by attached Enabling Resolution or application will be disqualified**

I, Heather Barkenbush (name of Chief Financial Officer), have reviewed the likely funding award for this project (see Funding Round Cap) and hereby certify that the financial information in the attached Governing Body Enabling Resolution, including #2 and #3, is accurate.

2/7/24
Date

Heather Barkenbush
Signature of Chief Financial Officer

**Borough of Woodland Park
Diane Grimes Memorial Park Inclusivity Upgrade Project
Application Form Narrative Questions**

1. Description of the property, including:

a. Physical site characteristics and features

Diane Grimes Memorial Park, encompassing approximately 5.33 acres, is located off Mount Pleasant Avenue in the Borough of Woodland Park. The park is a harmonious blend of natural elements, with its entire expanse covered in lush natural grass and shaded by a canopy of mature trees. This combination of greenery and shade contributes to the park's inviting atmosphere, providing a tranquil escape within the urban landscape. The park's layout caters to a diverse range of visitors, featuring two distinct play areas designed for both children and teens. Positioned at the heart of the park is a gazebo, providing a central focal point for gatherings and relaxation. Adjacent to this, to the right, is a well-maintained basketball court, offering recreational opportunities for sports enthusiasts. Conveniently facilitating accessibility, the park possesses a small parking lot and restroom facilities, enhancing the overall visitor experience. The play areas are equipped with a variety of engaging elements, including slides, monkey bars, swings, a merry-go-round, and much more, ensuring a delightful experience for park-goers of all ages. Additionally, as an added convenience, ADA-compliant sidewalks run along both sides of Mount Pleasant Avenue, promoting safe and accessible pedestrian routes to the park.

Furthermore, Pearl Brook, a stream that flows throughout Passaic County, also flows along the southern section of Diane Grimes Memorial Park, contributing to its natural atmosphere. Importantly, based on FEMA Flood Maps, the floodplain created by Pearl Brook does not affect the proposed area of development, ensuring the safety and sustainability of the planned enhancements. The integration of inclusive recreational spaces, natural elements, and proximity to essential amenities positions the park as a valuable asset contributing significantly to the overall quality of life of Woodland Park.

b. Existing land use, including any indoor recreation facilities and/or non-recreation uses

The existing land use of Diane Grimes Memorial Park is dedicated to fostering community engagement, recreation, and inclusivity within the Borough of Woodland Park. The park features two designed mulched-surface play areas, each tailored with a variety of age-appropriate amenities, promoting physical activity, social interaction, and cognitive development. Adding to its appeal, the park includes a central gazebo, serving as a focal point for community events and gatherings. Complementing these features, a well-maintained basketball court provides a space for physical activity, catering to sports enthusiasts and encouraging an active lifestyle. The park's commitment to inclusivity is further demonstrated by ADA-compliant sidewalks along Mount Pleasant Avenue, ensuring accessibility for all. Additionally, the park's land use extends beyond recreational facilities, providing essential amenities for the entire community. This includes canopy-covered sections and areas designed for relaxation that establish a serene ambiance.

Importantly, Diane Grimes Memorial Park serves as an open space accessible to 12% of Woodland Park residents living in poverty in the area, totaling more than 1,500 people. This inclusive approach ensures that the park is not only a hub for recreational activities but also a valuable asset that contributes to the well-being and unity of the entire community.

c. Pre-existing and planned rights-of-way, easements, reversionary interests, or other legal rights and restrictions impacting the property

Diane Grimes Memorial Park is owned by the Borough of Woodland Park, and as such, it is under the direct jurisdiction of the municipal authority. The ownership of the park eliminates concerns related to pre-existing and planned rights-of-way, easements, reversionary interests, or other legal rights and restrictions from external entities impacting the property. The Borough has full control and authority over the park's use, development, and maintenance, allowing for flexibility in implementing planned enhancements and ensuring the community's continued enjoyment of the park's recreational facilities.

2. Please indicate if this proposal will create a new public park

The proposal does not entail the creation of a new public park but rather focuses on significant enhancements to the existing area. The project aims to replace the current playground equipment with ADA-compliant alternatives within the established embankment on the site. Additionally, the project involves substituting the existing wood fiber mulch surface with a poured-in-place rubber safety surface, prioritizing both safety for children and ADA inclusivity. Furthermore, the project includes the installation of a new, ADA-compliant concrete sidewalk along the south of the playground to improve accessibility to the field. Emphasizing accessibility throughout these enhancements aligns with the community's needs, as there are 4,817 households in Woodland Park, including 2,461 children under the age of 18, with 129 children facing various disabilities, such as hearing difficulty, cognitive challenges, and self-care difficulties.

3. Project scope -- Please provide a bulleted list of proposed improvements, including specific facilities and general site improvements. For each listed improvement:

- a. Please note whether each proposed improvement is an addition to the park, a rehabilitation of an existing facility, or if the improvement will replace an existing facility**
- b. Please explain why it is needed.**

Proposed Enhancements and Redesigns:

1. Replacement of Playground Equipment:

- *Type:* Rehabilitation of existing facility.
- *Explanation:* The existing playground equipment is outdated and no longer meets safety and accessibility standards. The replacement aims to provide a modern, ADA-compliant, and safe play environment for children and teens of all abilities.

2. Installation of ADA-Compliant Rubber Safety Surface:

- *Type:* Addition to the park.
- *Explanation:* Replacing the current wood fiber mulch surface with an ADA-compliant poured-in-place rubber safety surface is essential for enhancing safety and inclusivity. It minimizes injury risks and ensures a smooth, accessible play surface for all park-goers.

3. Installation of Concrete Sidewalk Along the South of the Playground:

- *Type:* Addition to the park.
- *Explanation:* The new concrete sidewalk enhances accessibility to the field, ensuring that individuals of all abilities can navigate the park seamlessly. It addresses the need for safe and convenient pathways within the park.

The proposed improvements collectively aim to revitalize and optimize Diane Grimes Memorial Park, ensuring it aligns with contemporary safety standards, ADA inclusivity, and the diverse needs of the Woodland Park community. In Woodland Park, youth with disabilities do not have as many opportunities as those without disabilities when it comes to physical activity and recreational options, even though research has shown that recreation is an important factor in the quality of life for people with disabilities. People who engage in recreational activities benefit by having improved cardiovascular function, better ability to sleep, improved self-esteem, increased stamina, and decreased stress levels, all of which have positive benefits for other avenues in life. As such, the Borough now seeks funds through Green Acres to reaffirm its commitment to inclusivity and further promote recreational activities.

Additionally, many families of children with disabilities incur additional costs, primarily associated with the child's medical needs. Ensuring all children with disabilities in the area can participate in inclusive play areas has been a difficult goal for the Department of Recreation to accomplish in its initial two years of operations. Unfortunately, 14.1% of families are making less than \$35,000 a year, with 6,923 individuals using cash public assistance, and 362 individuals utilizing Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months. These poverty conditions are the reason why Woodland Park is determined to create equal/inclusive opportunities for all children. Research has shown that children living in poverty are at greater risk for a disability or developmental delay, and caring for a child with a disability increases the odds of a family living in poverty. Childhood disability in the context of poverty means children and families must cope not only with the disability itself, but with the added burdens of poverty-related health disparities, social disadvantage, inadequate health-related services, and the extra direct costs (time, money, and resources) associated with a child's disability. With the proposed project, children suffering from disabilities and poverty will be able to participate in the recreational amenities offered at Diane Grimes Memorial Park without any additional costs. Moreover, the proposed project will increase the overall quality of life in the community by improving one of its most beloved park properties and promote the goals of the 2012 Woodland Park Master Plan.

Please describe the public engagement process that led to the development of this proposal and how the public was involved.

The development of the proposal for inclusive upgrades to Diane Grimes Memorial Park involved an extensive public engagement process, ensuring community input and alignment with the needs and preferences of Woodland Park residents. The Borough of Woodland Park initiated a Public Hearing on January 24, 2024, specifically dedicated to presenting and discussing the application for the 2024 funding round of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Jake's Law Playground Grant Program. This event provided an opportunity for community members to learn about the proposed upgrades, view a concept plan illustrating the changes, and review the environmental assessment and preliminary cost estimate.

To further gauge public sentiment and gather diverse perspectives, a ten-question survey was distributed during the engagement process. The survey aimed to capture community preferences, concerns, and overall feedback regarding the proposed enhancements to Diane Grimes Memorial Park. An impressive 95% of all survey responses indicated strong support for the proposed upgrades, demonstrating a high level of community endorsement.

Application Checklist – Jake’s Law Playground Projects

Application materials must be submitted electronically in pdf form through the Green Acres website by **5:00pm on February 7, 2024**. Instructions for submitting your application can be found at www.NJGreenAcres.org.

NOTE: This checklist should be returned with the completed application. If the starred item (*) is not applicable, please indicate 'N/A' next to that item. All other required items must be submitted. Specific instructions for each submission follow the checklist.

REQUIRED ITEMS – All applicants	
✓	Application Form
✓	Environmental Impact Assessment
✓	Governing Body Resolution
✓	Anticipated Project Schedule
✓	Units & Quantities Cost Estimate
✓	Tax Record for Each Tax Lot to be Developed
✓	Official Tax Map with Project Location Highlighted
✓	Aerial of Project Location with Streets Identified
✓	Concept Plan with Checklist
N/A	* Conceptual Floor Plan of Any Structure to be Developed
✓	Photographs of the Project Site
✓	List of Permits Anticipated to be Required for the Project
✓	Public Hearing Checklist
✓	Proof of Publication for Public Hearing Website Notice and Newspaper Advertisement
✓	Public Hearing Minutes
✓	Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) Form
N/A	Notification to Municipality(ies)
OPTIONAL ITEMS – All Applicants	
N/A	* Existing Property Survey (if available)
✓	* Letters of Support

Description of The Proposed Project

Description of the total development project

This project proposes to replace the existing playground equipment, amenities (slides, rock climbers, etc.) into the existing embankment on the site. Replacing the existing wood fiber mulch surface with a poured in place rubber safety surface, that not only provides more safety for the children but also promotes ADA inclusivity. The project also proposes to restore the natural grass within the site in order to maintain aesthetic appeal for the residents while also promoting a healthier ecosystem for the surrounding land. Additional improvements include a new concrete sidewalk along the South of the playground in order to aid in accessibility to the field, and a new retaining wall along the north face of the park to provide additional stability and safety for the playground.

State objectives of the project

- Incorporate proposed playground features and amenities (slides, rock climbers, etc.) into the existing embankment on the site
- Create a more cohesive playground area in lieu of the “satellite” playground units that currently exist
- Upgrade the amenities to promote inclusivity in accordance with ADA compliance standards
- Provide a park design that considers a future expansion of parking directly adjacent to Mt. Pleasant Avenue
- Install a resilient, ADA compliant poured in place rubber safety surface for the playground
- Avoid the removal of any existing trees, if feasible

Full description of multi-phase projects

Phase I:

- Replacing playground equipment and poured in place rubber safety surface.
- Restoring the natural grass within the project area.
- Installation of new concrete sidewalk and retaining wall.

Phase II:

- Safety surface improvements to the hillside section of the playground.

Description of the Environment

Describe existing environmental features:

a. vegetation

- Diane Grimes Park is entirely occupied by natural grass and shade trees.

b. wildlife, including State and federal threatened and endangered species and critical habitats

- N/A

c. geology, topography, and soils

The soil within Diane Grimes Park are:

- BonBa-Boonton Silt Loam, 3-8% slopes, Stony.
- USBONC – Urban Land – Boonton Complex, 8-15% slopes.

d. water resources/hydrology

- Pearl Brook flows along the Southern section of Diane Grimes Park. Based upon FEMA Flood Maps the flood plain created by Pearl Brook does not affect the proposed area of development.

e. historic/archeological resources

- N/A

f. transportation/access to site

- ADA Sidewalks exist along both sides of Mt. Pleasant Avenue, allowing for pedestrian access to the park.
- Diane Grimes Park has a Parking Lot constructed next to the playground allowing for vehicle access to the site.

g. adjacent land uses/description of the surrounding neighborhood

- The adjacent land has been utilized for residential purposes.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED ACTION

Impacts are defined as direct or indirect changes to the existing environment, whether beneficial or adverse, that are anticipated to result from the proposed action or related future actions and uses. Any off-site impacts, such as increased traffic on neighborhood roads or increased noise levels in surrounding areas, should be described. Whenever possible, environmental impacts should be quantified (i.e., number of trees to be removed, cubic yards of cut/fill, etc.).

a. Discuss all affected resources and the significance of each impact

- The proposed improvements intend to increase the usability of the playground and surrounding park facilities.
- The replacement of the natural grass around the proposed site area encourages a healthier and sustainable ecosystem.

b. Discuss short-term and long-term project impacts

The short-term impact:

- Increasing the utility of the park and playground as a result of the new equipment and ADA improvements.
- Increasing the aesthetics of the park and playground.
- Increasing the safety and accessibility of the playground.

The long-term impact:

- The restoration of the natural grass around the site will promote a healthier ecosystem while increasing the longevity for the soil and surrounding plantings.
- The promotion of more community bonding as a result of having an inclusive and aesthetically pleasing location for social gatherings and interactions.

c. Discuss anticipated increase in recreation and overall use of site over time

- The new equipment, ADA improvements and replanting of natural grass will increase the inclusivity, utility and overall aesthetics of the property. These improvements will result in the residents naturally being drawn towards the rehabilitated park for various forms of social gathering as a result of the park being safer and accommodating for all members of the community.

d. Identify adjacent environmental features that may be affected by the proposal.

- N/A

e. List any permits required for project and brief status (i.e ., waterfront development)

- SESC – HEP SCD – Awaiting Approval

f. For development that would impact an undisturbed portion of the project site, the local government must submit a Natural Heritage Data Request Form to the DEP's Office of Natural Lands Management (form available through website or by writing to Natural Heritage Program, PO Box 404, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0404). Please attach and discuss the results of the search.

- N/A

g. Discuss if/how the project may be impacted by sea level rise and any related design considerations.

- N/A

4. ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION

a. Identify alternate sites

- N/A – Existing Recreational Area.

b. Discuss alternate levels and types of development

- N/A – Upgrade is consistent with current type of facility.

c. Compare environmental impacts of each alternative

- N/A

5. MITIGATING MEASURES

Describe the measures that will be undertaken to mitigate adverse impacts.

- Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Measures will be implemented during the construction process in order to mitigate any adverse impacts to the surrounding area.

6. AUTHOR AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Joseph A. Pomante P.E., Borough Engineer Representative

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R24-041**

MOTIONED BY: Councilman Sica
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Tiseo

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodland Park desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, in the form of a \$750,000.00 matching grant, if available, a \$0 loan, following project(s): Diane Grimes Memorial Park Inclusivity Upgrade Project at a cost of \$1,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that:

1. The Mayor and Council resolves that Tracy Kallert or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:
 - (a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
 - (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant; and
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required;
3. That, in the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Record of Mayor and Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Arnau	✓				Sica	✓			
Chaabane	✓				Tiseo	✓			
DeCesare	✓		✓ Item G		Mayor Kallert	✓			
Gatti	✓								

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 24th day of January, 2024. Signed and sealed before me.


Sandra Olivola, Municipal Clerk

January 24, 2024
Dated

Anticipated Project Schedule
JAKE'S LAW PLAYGROUND FUNDING

The project period will be **two years** from the date of the executed project agreement. In estimating a project schedule, please assume a hypothetical July 1, 2024, agreement date. If approved, this project schedule will be adjusted to the actual agreement date. Regular reporting will be required to ensure continuous progress.

	<u>Approximate Date</u>
1. Obtain and submit Preliminary Assessment Report <i>(Resolution of any Areas of Concern should occur concurrent with subsequent steps.)</i>	<u>July 1, 2024</u>
2. Complete project design, pending permit approvals	<u>September 30, 2024</u>
3. Obtain permit approvals from appropriate agencies	<u>November 25, 2024</u>
4. Finalize bid package/submit to GA for pre-bid approval	<u>January 27, 2025</u>
5. Advertise for bids	<u>February 24, 2025</u>
6. Award construction contract	<u>April 28, 2025</u>
7. Begin construction	<u>June 2, 2025</u>
8. Complete construction	<u>October 6, 2025</u>
9. Submit for final payment	<u>November 3, 2025</u>

Comments: _____

Borough of Woodland Park
ROSI Form – Draft

For the Borough of Woodland Park's Jake's Law Playground application, we would like to inform you that, at this stage, only a draft of the ROSI (Recreational Opportunities and Site Information) Form is being submitted. As this marks Woodland Park's first year participating in the program, the municipality is diligently working on completing the ROSI, ensuring that all relevant details are accurately captured.

The Borough will submit the final ROSI as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 201-916-8568.

CERTIFICATION:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Recreation and Open Space Inventory, comprising _____ total pages, is a complete and accurate listing of all lands held by the Local Government Unit, as of this _____ day of _____, 20____, for recreation and conservation purposes at the time of receipt of Green Acres funding.

This ROSI is being submitted to Green Acres as part of project number: _____ and entitled: _____

Tracy Kallert

Chief Executive Officer of Local Government Unit

Planning Board Chairperson (or equivalent)

Date: 2/5/2024

Date: _____

This Certification is to be signed only on this page, Page 7, of the Recreation and Open Space Inventory.

If required by local ordinance, number and date of governing body resolution authorizing Mayor to sign the ROSI:

Resolution Number

Date of Resolution

(Resoultion attached)

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

Local Unit: _____

County: _____

All lands held for recreation and conservation purposes (1) must be described by their block and lot identification numbers as shown on the current, official tax map and (2) keyed to a current, legible, official map of the local government unit. The official map used for this ROSI is named _____ and is dated _____, 20____. Please refer to page 1 of this document for more detailed instructions.

Lands Held in Fee Simple for Recreation and Conservation Purposes

(Use Page 4A ~Fee Simple cont'd as necessary for additional lands)

Map Key	Municipal Location per Tax Records	Name of Park / Facility	Block No.	Lot No.	Total Lot Acres	Partial Lot? (Y / N) Note 1	GA Encumbered Acres Note 2	Co-Owners? (Y / N) Note 3	Green Acres Funded? (F / U) Note 4	EIFP Funded? (Y / N) Note 5	Notes
1	Mt Pleasant Avenue	Diane Grimes Park	56.02	33	5.33	N		N	F	N	Currently Requesting
2		Overmount Ave Playground	129.01	1							
3		Mt Pleasant	17	38							
4		Mt Pleasant	17	39							
5		Mt Pleasant	17	40							
6		Dowling Brook	56	13							
7	Rifle Camp Road	Frank D. Zaccaria Park	56	6							
8		Rose Place Park	56.1	24							
9		Bicentennial	57	1.02							
10		Bergen Playground	57	79							
11		Bergen Playground	57	80							
12		Bergen Playground	57	81							
13		Bergen Playground	57	82							
14		Bergen Playground	57	83							
15		Bergen Playground	57	84							
16		Whippany Bergen	78	16							
17		Whippany Bergen	78	17							
18											

Total of all fee simple Green Acres-encumbered acres on this page only:	0
Total of all fee simple Green Acres-encumbered acres from all pages of this ROSI:	0
Total of all Green Acres-encumbered acres from all pages of this ROSI:	0

Note 1: For properties partially held for recreation/conservation (e.g. municipal complex), please supply a survey or tax map with the park boundaries to scale, showing the recreation/conservation area.

Note 2: For entire properties, please supply acreage of entire property. For partial lots, please provide the recreation/conservation acreage only.

Note 3: Does any other entity have an undivided interest in this property? List co-owner in Notes column.

Note 4: F = Funded by Green Acres; U = Unfunded (i.e., no Green Acres funding utilized)

Note 5: Were Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program funds used to acquire all or part of this property?

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

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Local Unit: 0

County: _____ 0 _____

All lands held for recreation and conservation purposes (1) must be described by their block and lot identification numbers as shown on the current, official tax map and (2) keyed to a current, legible, official map of the local government unit. The official map used for this ROSI is named _____ and is dated _____, 20____. Please refer to page 1 of this document for more detailed instructions.

Lands Held in Fee Simple for Recreation and Conservation Purposes

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Total of all fee simple Green Acres-encumbered acres on this page only: 41

Photos of Project Site

Borough of Woodland Park – Green Acres Application







Borough of Woodland Park – Green Aces Application

List of Permits

There are no permits associated with the proposed project.

Public Hearing Checklist

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

1. * Public hearing notice published on applicant's website at least 15 days prior to hearing (e.g., if the hearing is on January 30th, the notice must be posted on the website on/before January 15th).
Date of posting 1/8/2024 Date of hearing 1/24/2024
2. * Public hearing notice published in the official newspaper of the municipality in which the proposed project is located, preferably at least 15 days prior, but at a minimum 48 hours before the hearing.
Date of publication 1/12/2024 Date of hearing 1/24/2024
3. N/A Public hearing notice also published in a newspaper of general interest and circulation, preferably at least 15 days prior, but at a minimum 48 hours before the hearing.
Date of publication _____ Date of hearing _____
4. * The hearing notice published in the newspaper(s) as a display ad (encouraged) or a public notice.
5. * The hearing notice specifically mentioned the Green Acres application.
6. * The hearing notice on the website included a link to information about the application – the full application package or, at a minimum, the concept plan, cost estimate, and Environmental Impact Assessment.
7. * The hearing notice published in the newspaper(s) also included the link address for accessing the application information and instructions for how to access a hard copy of the application package.
8. * The hearing notice mentioned the park by name and provided the street location/nearest intersection.
9. N/A If public meeting was held remotely, meeting access information was included in the public notice.

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS

1. * The public hearing was held in the evening, 6:00pm or later. (Meeting may start earlier as long as the Green Acres hearing is held at or after 6:00pm and the different times are noted in the public notice.)
2. * The public hearing was attended by a quorum of the elected governing body of the local government.
3. * Concept plan that conforms to the Concept Plan Checklist was presented at the public hearing.
4. * Applicant presented at the hearing the findings in the Impact Analysis and Mitigation Measures sections of the Environmental Impact Assessment.
5. * Each public comment at the hearing was addressed.
6. * If the governing body voted on the Enabling Resolution at the same public meeting, the vote on the resolution took place *after* the public hearing was held.

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MEETING MINUTES REQUIREMENTS

1. * Public hearing minutes are being submitted with this application. (Draft minutes can be submitted prior to final approval by the governing body. Transcripts are also acceptable.)
2. * Minutes are in written form (no video or audio submissions).
3. * Complete meeting minutes are being submitted (not just a portion).
4. * The minutes include every public comment and the response for each.

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**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SUBMISSION OF A 2024 NEW JERSEY DEPART-
MENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES JAKE'S LAW
PLAYGROUND GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Application of the Borough of Woodland Park for the NJ DEP Green Acres Grant Program for Jake's Law Playground grant funding for 2024.

TAKE NOTICE that the Borough of Woodland Park will hold a Public Hearing on submitting an application to the 2024 funding round of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Jake's Law Playground Grant Program for constructing inclusive upgrades to Diane Grimes Memorial Park located at Mount Pleasant Ave, Woodland Park, NJ 07424. A concept plan showing the proposed changes, environmental assessment, and preliminary cost estimate can be found at: News - Woodland Park, NJ (wpnj.us).

Additionally, for more information regarding the Green Acres application, please visit: <https://dep.nj.gov/greenacres/forms-and-regulations/#green-acres-application-forms>

Date of Public Hearing: January 24, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 1st Fl. 5 Brophy Lane, Woodland Park, NJ 07424

Formal action may be taken. In accordance with the regulation governing the submission of the NJ DEP Green Acres Grant Program for Jake's Law Playground funding, the Borough of Woodland Park will conduct a public hearing to obtain citizen input concerning the grant application. Written comments on the proposed application may be directed to the Borough Administrator Samuel Yodice Jr..

Sandra Olivola, RMC

Municipal Clerk

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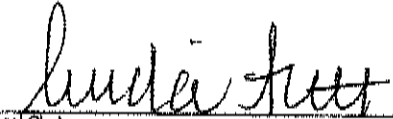
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