



# **Land & Water Conservation Fund**

## **Grant Application**

Grants & Community Recreation Program  
124 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Parks and Recreation Department - Presentation to Town Council  
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Review and Approval of Grant Application  
Submission Deadline: Friday, November 18, 2016



## Community Park Grant Proposal

### Key Components of the LWCF Grant Application

*Explain, in reasonably concise terms, the scope of the work and/or what you intend to accomplish through this project.*

While the current park is only home to the skatepark and the Community Garden, the future park will be home to much more that will not be funded through the grant that is currently being applied for. The current grant will cover a portion of the design and engineering costs, new construction of a concrete skatepark (with elements that have been rebuilt within the past 6 months being incorporated into that park) as well as the sitework needed for additional elements of the park.

*Is this LWCF project scope part of a larger effort not included in this request for grant funding? If so, briefly describe the larger effort.*

The proposed project is the development of a community park at the current site of the town's skatepark and community gardens. The park will be designed to offer something for all ages, and will be open free-of-charge to people living in Windham and the surrounding communities. The proposal is for a park with multiple recreational elements to be phased in, including a newly constructed skatepark, a playground, walking paths, basketball courts and beach volleyball, an ice skating pond, a splash pad, and Disc Golf. We will be working in partnership with the Community Garden Board of Directors, Windham Youth Basketball and Windham Volleyball, as well as other local civic organizations who have a vested interest in seeing this recreational resource be expanded to meet the needs of many.

*How does this project relate to America's Great Outdoor Initiative?*

As stated in the Great Outdoor Initiative - "All children, regardless of where they live, have access to clean, safe outdoor places within a short walk of their homes or schools, where they can play, dream, discover, and recreate." Our park project would directly support this vision of the Great Outdoor Initiative. We are seeking to enhance recreational access and re-connect our youth with the outdoors at a park location that is within a short walk of the school complex, and will offer a variety of recreational pursuits for people of all ages.

*As a result of this project, describe **new** types of outdoor recreation and capacities, and short and long-term public benefits.*

### New Types of Outdoor Recreation Opportunities and Capacities:

The previously existing skatepark was built with older users in mind, as they were ramp-style elements that were geared toward skateboarders and not bikers. The height of the elements was discouraging to younger children not wanting to take risks, so the users were a select group. The new park will be designed for both boarders and bikers and will provide a mix of terrain- styles, thus providing a space for a broader range of ages and ability levels.

The long-term concept of the park will be to provide additional recreational opportunities at a site that offered something for skateboarders only. The goal will be to offer something for everyone at this neighborhood park – outdoor basketball courts (with possibility for pickleball as well), beach volleyball, a playground, a splash pad, walking trails, ice skating on the retention pond, disc golf – and all while supporting the efforts of the Community Garden which has flourished at this site in the 6 years that it has been in existence.

#### Short and Long-term Public Benefits:

When the skatepark was first built in this community, it was met with a fair amount of resistance from neighbors not wanting it near their property, and community leaders and members worried about what might take place at a facility catering to teenagers. The management plan for the park included paid supervision, which was in place for a number of years until it was eliminated for budgetary reasons. Once the supervision was gone, upkeep and maintenance of the park was more difficult to stay on top of. As long as the skatepark exists alone at this location, supervision seems necessary to avoid recurring issues. However, once the park becomes a destination for a variety of recreational pursuits, the hope is that multiple users will aid in monitoring the park and the need for supervision will be eliminated. The town has seen the stewardship benefits gained by more users at another park facility in town which was developed over the past few years.

Additionally, the skatepark is currently at one end of the facility, and the Community Garden is at the other end. By pulling the entire property together with the proposed recreational spaces, the two separate entities become part of a bigger picture – the community park. The space lends itself to so much, including a potential site for a future Farmer's Market, which the Community Garden Board of Directors is very interested in pursuing. Walking trails will meander throughout the park, as well as places for sitting, and both passive and active forms of recreation will truly offer something for people of all ages.

#### Anticipated Letters of Support for Community Park Proposal

Windham Community Gardens

Windham Little League

Windham Youth Basketball

Windham Volleyball

Windham PTA

Windham Library

Members of skateboard community

Officer Matt Cyr on behalf of DARE

## Be the Influence Coalition



## Report to Council – November 15, 2016 Windham Community Park – Phase I

### Factors to consider for LWCF Grant Application

- ❖ Grant requires a 50% match from Town
- ❖ Match can be cash or in-kind, which can include the use of town resources, volunteer support and local donations
- ❖ It is recommended that Design/Engineering costs not exceed 10% of the grant amount (so we will not be adjust the figure referenced above)
- ❖ Other grants that we will apply to for our 50% match:
  - Narragansett Number One Foundation (application deadline is April 1, 2017)
  - Tony Hawke Foundation (application deadline is January 18, 2017 or June 14, 2017)
  - GameTime matching funds Playground Grant
- ❖ If funded, town will be notified by end of March 2017
- ❖ Project construction would begin in the 2017 construction season
- ❖ Any part of the construction that is included in the grant application needs to be completed by December 2018
- ❖ Current balance of Recreational Impact Fee Account -
 

	\$ 207,090.00
○ Reserved for Donnabeth Lippman Park Projects in FY17	(50,000.00)
○ <u>Reserved for skatepark design/improvement in FY 17</u>	<u>(25,000.00)</u>
○ Balance available as of 11/9/2016	\$ 132,090.00
○ <u>Proposed for use as matching funds</u>	<u>(101,250.00)</u>
○ Balance remaining after LWCF	\$ 30,840.00

### **Project Cost Estimates – Proposed Phase I**

Design/Engineering –	\$ 37,500.00
• Sebago Technics rough estimate for planning purposes	
○ Includes site surveying, facility planning and conceptual design, site design/ permitting – local/MDEP stormwater and grading and drainage design	
Site Preparation (includes labor costs):	
• Gravel Base for Skatepark -	18,372.00
• Gravel and concrete for Basketball courts -	47,056.00
• Beach sand for volleyball courts -	21,177.00
• Site preparation (sand and wood chips) for playground-	7,265.00
• Parking lots -	73,278.00
Design/Build of a concrete skatepark	100,000.00
• Would include the 5 wooden elements completed in Fall 2016	
• See attached concept plan for a \$100,000 project	
<u>Contingency</u>	<u>45,352.00</u>
Total Cost Estimate – Phase I	\$ 350,000.00

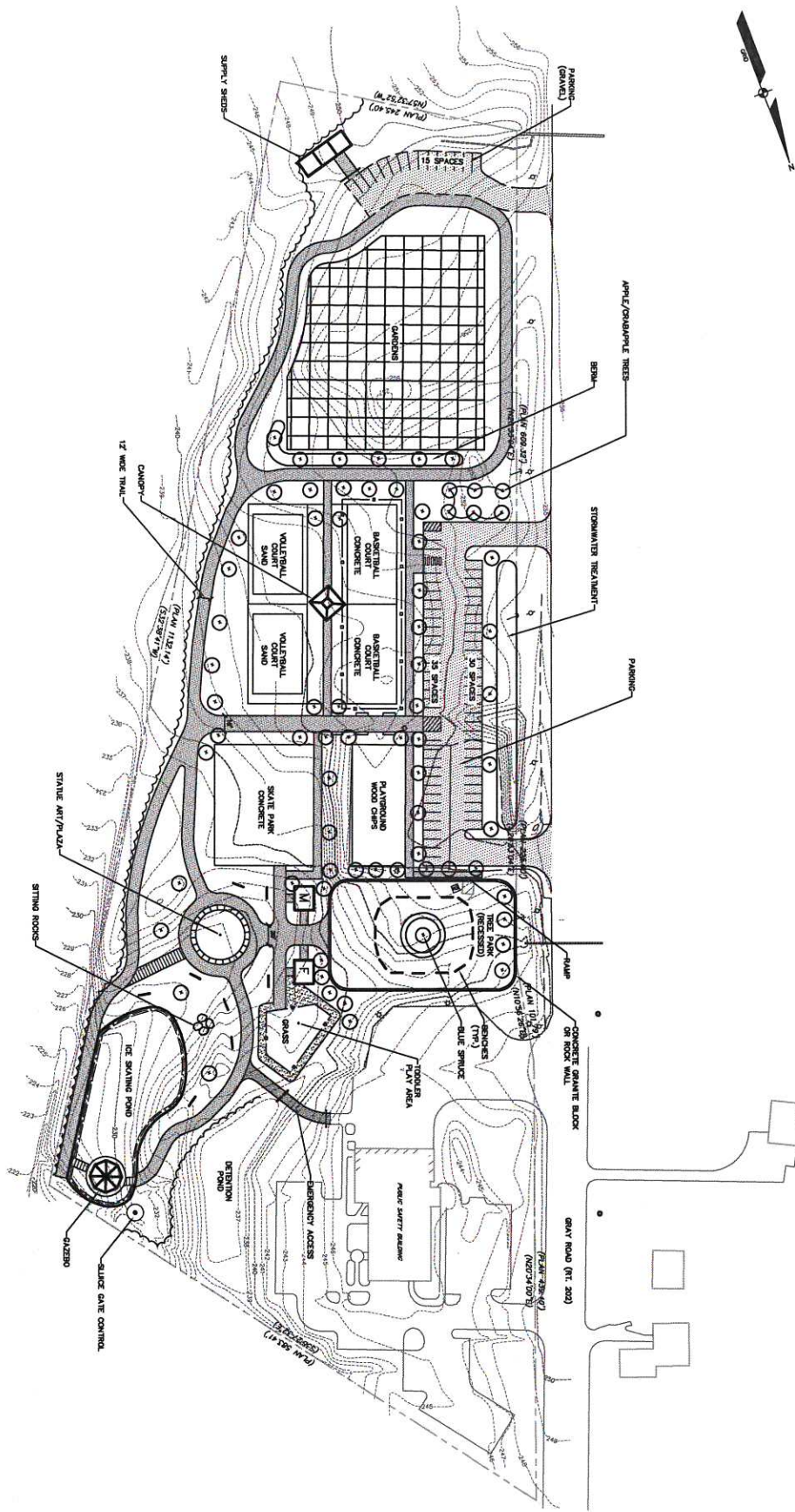
### Funding Sources

Town Funds	
Impact fees (from FY17)	\$ 25,000.00
Other use of impact fees	76,250.00
Proceeds from sale of Gambo property *	80,000.00
Total Town Funds	\$ 181,250.00
	<i>for FY18</i>
LWCF Federal Funds	\$ 168,750.00
Total Funds	\$ 350,000.00

### Funding Uses

Town Funds	
Design/Engineering	\$ 25,000.00
Site Prep	83,574.00
Skatepark	50,000.00
Contingency	22,676.00
Total Town Funds	\$ 181,250.00
LWCF Federal Funds	
Design/Engineering	\$ 12,500.00
Site Prep	83,574.00
Skatepark	50,000.00
Contingency	22,676.00
Total LWCF Federal Funds	\$ 168,750.00
Total All Funds	\$ 350,000.00





**SKETCH PLAN  
OF  
COMMUNITY PARK**  
ROUTE 202  
WINDHAM, MAINE  
FOR:  
**WINDHAM PARKS AND RECREATION**  
8 SCHOOL ROAD  
WINDHAM, MAINE 04092

PROJECT NO. 00843  
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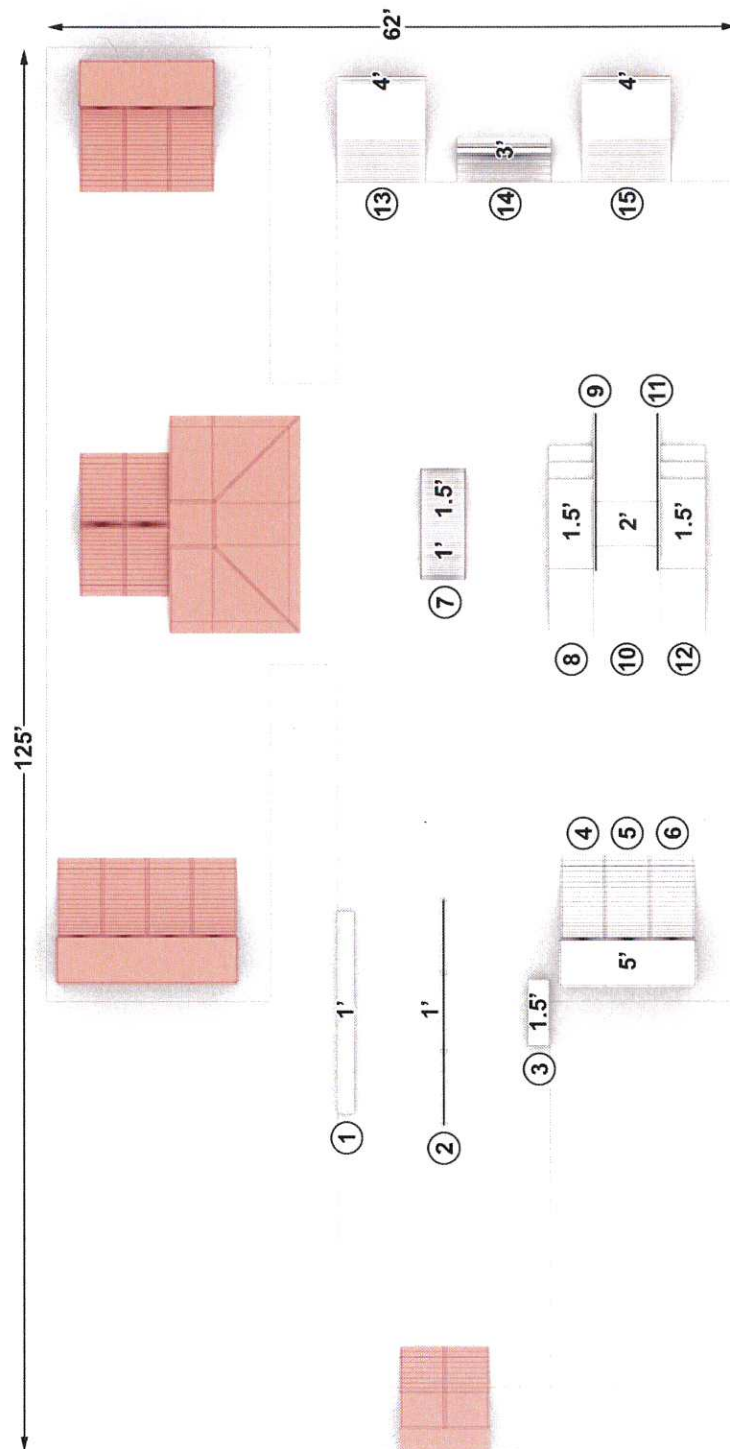
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Windham Skate Park	
DESIGN NO.	6314



\*Note – Existing equipment is highlighted in red.

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