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Project Name: Let's Get Moving Youngstown – Phase 1

Requesting Municipality:

Village of Youngstown NY
240 Lockport St.
Youngstown NY 14174

Grant Writer:

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Opportunity

The Village of Youngstown has identified the community needs to improve physical, social-emotional, and cognitive benefits (mind/body/soul building activities) of our youth, provide a safe and engaging environment for families, and become inclusive (ADA compliant). A five-year plan has been developed based on youth and community feedback to address these key needs.

This grant request strictly focuses on Phase 1 of the plan to renovate the aged sporting areas of Veteran's Park in Youngstown NY. Today the park is not ADA compliant and not up to today's playground standards.

Target population:

There are 1,935 residents in the Village of Youngstown and the thousands of visitors to our historic village and Fort Niagara each year. We have seen a significant growth in young families moving to the village and an aging senior population.

Description of project:

This is Phase 1 of a multi-year plan renovating Veteran's Park into an inclusive location for families to enjoy sports and activities. The Phase 1 project includes the foundational sport activities ensuring the youth and families have a safe and enjoyable location to play and grow which is inclusive of children of all abilities.

Detailed Renovations:

1. Renovate 2 baseball fields including refurbish/replace score boards, artificial turf for infields and
2. Resurface basketball court, add shelter over seating area and add landscaping along the road to create a boarder for play area.
3. Replace mulch in free play area with playground industry matting.
4. Resurface tennis courts and add pickle ball layout.
5. Relocate dog park fencing.
6. Build out the frisbee golf to full course. Managed clearing of wooded areas to add challenge to the course.
7. Signage throughout the park.
8. The project will be designed to ensure ADA compliance, increasing the ability of the population to be more active.

Goals/Strategies

The goals of the overall 5-year Veteran's Park renovation is to:

- Improve physical, social-emotional, and cognitive benefits (mind/body/soul building activities) of our youth and engagement with families.
- Become a Village that is focused on ADA inclusion and compliance.
- Provide a safe and enjoyable family environment.
- Increase the utilization of Veteran's Park by the local residents, visitors and American's with Disabilities by engaging in outdoor activities throughout the year.

- The village will also utilize this project as an opportunity to engage the local community members in volunteer days to assist on construction of the project. The goal is to inspire a community spirit and ownership of the renovation.

- We have asked the kids what they want. Focused on having safe free play and sport sampling in the park by having (baseball, softball, tennis, pickleball, frisbee golf, free play, basketball, walking and biking). Revitalization of town leagues integrating with other local communities (Town of Porter and Lewiston).

Timeline

The following is a proposed timeline based on funding approval in Spring 2024:

Spring 2024:

- Begin scope of work documentation – request for quotes
- Select contractors

Summer/Fall 2024:

- Work begins

Spring 2025

- Work complete

Summer 2025

- Open for the public

Financials:

Phase 1 has an estimated budget of \$64,000. The grant being requested is \$50,000. The details are shown in the following table:

Expense	Estimated Budget	Local Donation
Ball fields	\$28,500	
Frisbee golf	\$8,500	
Resurface basketball courts	\$2,000	\$2,000
Resurface tennis courts and add pickle ball striping	\$3,000	\$3,000
Basketball court shelter over seating	\$4,000	
Landscaping	\$10,000	
Replace mulch in free play area	\$8,000	
Relocate dogpark	\$6,000	
FOY Fundraising Goal		\$15,000
Total project	\$70,000	\$20,000

Background Information

Let's Get Moving Youngstown: 5 -Year Plan Summary

5 Year "Let's Get Moving Youngstown" Plan

Village of Youngstown, NY
in partnership with
Friends of Youngstown



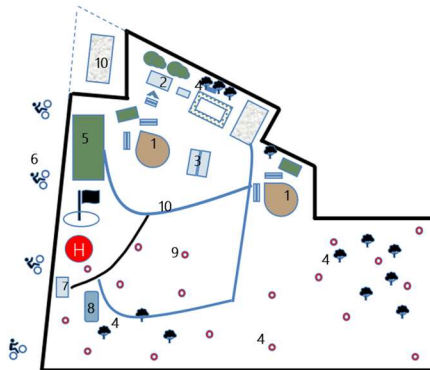
Proposal

Goals of "Let's Get Moving Youngstown"

The overall goal of the 5 year plan is to:

- Improve physical, social-emotional, and cognitive benefits (mind/body/soul) of our youth and engagement with families
- Become "inclusive" - all ages and abilities (ADA)
- Provide safe a community
- Increase utilization of Veteran's park by the residents and visitors throughout the year
- Inspire a community spirit

5 Year Plan "Let's Get Moving Youngstown"



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Phase 2

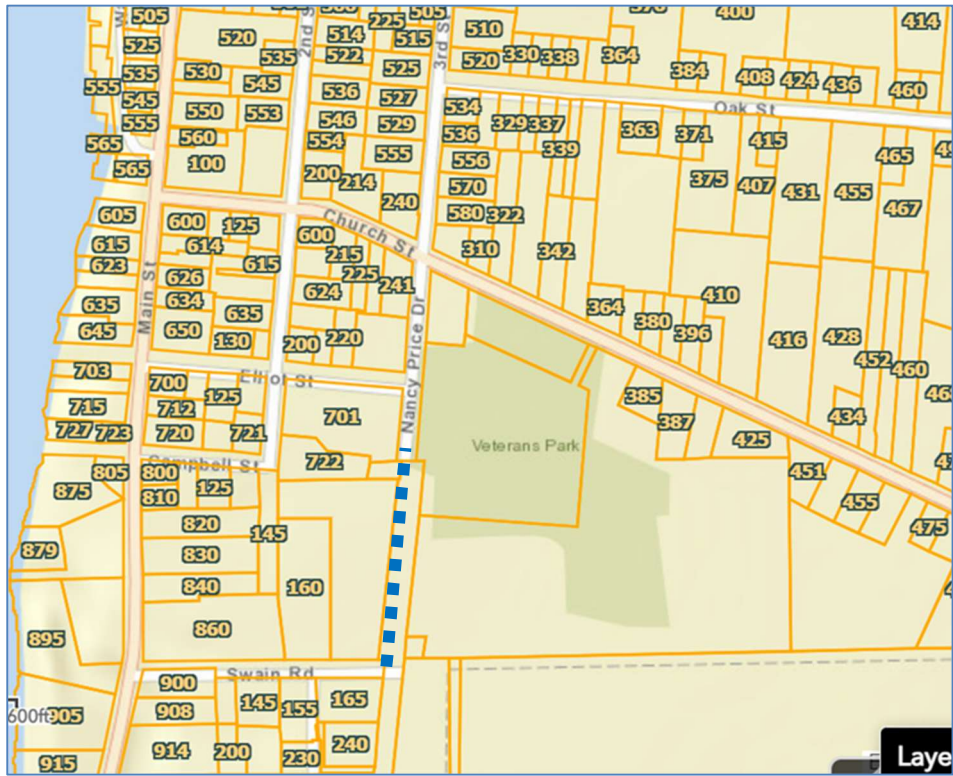
1. Add new bike/walking path
2. Convert old train station into a historical information center about Youngstown and Frontier Railway.
3. Add walking paths connecting areas of the park
4. Replace damaged sidewalk sections throughout Youngstown
5. Add benches for seating around the park.
6. Acquire corner lot to add parking, a large welcome to Veteran's Park sign and map of park and information center on events and how to reserve areas.

Phase 3

1. Build new community center including Teen Center. Convert existing building to a multi -purpose Recreation Community Center. Including an outdoor theater pavilion for music events, movie nights, plays. Update bathrooms. Remove existing pavilion and build new one as a part of the building update.

Note: All Phases to address ADA compliance

Bike Path



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FRIENDS OF YOUNGSTOWN (FOY), INC

A non-profit 501c3 organization



Support the Community of Youngstown in their efforts to revitalize, improve and ensure long term sustainability of the community in which we live.

Focus on Active Lifestyles, Historical Preservation & Environmental efforts.

FOY will:

- a) Act as the mechanism for the community for project fundraising and donations
- b) Stimulate community interest & involvement
- c) Ensure all funded projects are delivered according to key metrics
- d) Meet all state and federal requirements of a non-profit organization

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FOY COMMITTEE

Purpose of Committee:

1. Drive FOY success
2. Decision making forum
3. Facilitate fundraising activities
4. Track focused projects to ensure goals are met
5. Financial oversight



Committee Members:

OC Allen
Christine Rath
Heidi Riesman
Rick Stortecky
Youngstown Teen (TBD)

Roles

Chair: Christine - facilitate meetings, grant writer & member

FOY Members:

Volunteers
Decision making
Facilitate planning & fundraising events

Village Liaison: Rick – provides village input and provides village status of FOY