

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

LOCAL & NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**Jake's Law Playground Funding Application Form**

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**PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Project Title:** COJ Complete Inclusive Playground

**Project Sponsor:** Township of Byram

**Project Description:**

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1. Description of the property, including:
  - a. Physical site characteristics and features
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  - c. Pre-existing and planned rights-of-way, easements, reversionary interests, or other legal rights and restrictions impacting the property
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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:**

<b>Street Address or Nearest Intersection</b>	117 Roseville Rd.
<b>Municipality(ies)</b>	Byram Township
<b>County</b>	Sussex

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

Block	Lot	Owned by:	Total Lot Acreage	Acreage to be Developed
351	1	Township of Byram	55.6	0.19
<b>Total Acreage to be Developed:</b>				0.19

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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 No

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?

11 miles

State Legislative District of Project Site: 24

Congressional District of Project Site: 7

### FUNDING REQUEST

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

Construction (including contingency)	580,825.83
Engineering & Construction Supervision/Inspection (Limited to 13% of eligible and completed construction costs) x 0.13=	\$25,000.00
Preliminary Assessment Report (& Site Investigation Report, if necessary)	\$ (N/A)
Permit Fees	\$1,000.00
Incidental Costs (Limited to 2% of eligible and completed construction costs) x 0.02=	\$12,000.00
<b>Total Project Cost*</b>	<b>\$618,825.83</b>

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

#### Green Acres Funding Request:

Total Project Cost (from above)	\$618,825.83
x Eligible Grant 75%	x 0.75
= Eligible Green Acres Grant	\$464,119.37
<b>Grant Request</b>	<b>\$464,119.37</b>
<b>Loan Request</b>	<b>\$</b>

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

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list year, project # (if known), and funding recipient (if not applicant): CO Johnson Park 1904-03-032A (2003), CO Johnson Park Expansion 1904-03-032 (2003), Multi-Park Development 1904-96-055 (1996)

**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.

Being a small municipality, the residents of the Township are always able to directly interface with the Mayor and Council, as well as Township employees. These interactions happen in many forms; sometimes casually in passing at a local supermarket, an online interaction on social media, sometimes by way of a telephone call, or even at scheduled council meetings.

Many times, over the last few years, residents have expressed that the CO Johnson Playground is in disrepair and needs replacement and improvement to be more accessible and inclusive. This facility is estimated to be about twenty years old and predated the known advantages of more recent Jake's Law compliant playgrounds. Additionally, we have had to make several field repairs to the playground, which in some cases have involved the removal or closure of a playground feature.

The replacement of this playground has been in the Township Capital Improvement Program planning documents for several years, at least as far back as 2020. Over that time, we have discussed the project in public at various times, including budget hearings, which allow for the public to express their opinion and provide feedback. Over this time, several design iterations have taken place. This process has become more serious over the last few months, as the existing playground equipment is starting to fail. We have discovered the beginnings of some structural issues.

Late last year, when we became aware of the Green Acres grant opportunities, it was decided to move forward with a grant application for a CIP, because we believe inclusivity and access should be a key element of this new playground. We have discovered that there are currently no CIPs in our county. As we engaged the public, we learned that there is a substantial demand, desire, and support for this type of playground in Byram Township.

Regarding public engagement, we have employed the following methods and approaches:

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- Discussion of the replacement of the playground, and the benefits of a CIP to our residents, at various council, recreation, and open-space committee meetings.
- Both the Township Administration and politically elected officials have circulated and supported social media posts and discussions educating the public on CIPs and their benefit to the community.
- The Township created a project information website at <https://tiny.cc/byram-cip> which has been a continually updated source of information about the project and the progress we have made during the process.
- The Township has circulated flyers (one is attached) to various interest groups to inform and solicit support and feedback. As an example, this flyer has been provided to the PTA and to a local daycare center in town that interacts with many, many parents who reside in the Township. This has resulted in a substantial amount of feedback and support, which is included elsewhere in this application.
- The Township has engaged the Byram Township Board of Education and presented to the board about this project. This has resulted in a letter of support from the Board, also included elsewhere in this packet.
- The Township ran an advertisement in a weekly newspaper (The Township Journal) that caters to and is freely distributed by US Mail to all residents of the town. This advertisement provided a link to our informational website and advertised a public meeting to which the residents could come to learn and provide feedback about the playground.

In summary, we feel strongly that we have done everything reasonable in our power and ability to ‘get the word out’ to all residents and provide for them a forum to give us feedback.

Moreover, we have been and will continue to review the input and feedback that is received from the community and will apply it accordingly in the development of the playground as appropriate within the development and construction guidelines.

Byram Township strongly encourages community input and feedback in all aspects of our government operations, and we support this through various committees, public outreach, community surveys and meetings. We pride ourselves on putting the community’s voice and needs first thus allowing us to respond accordingly to meet those needs.

We welcome the opportunity to partner with the NJDEP through this grant opportunity to meet the requests and needs of the community through the development of the complete inclusive playground at C.O. Johnson Park which is the main recreation facility located in Byram Township and easily accessible to the surrounding communities.

Included also as appendices are:

Direct Feedback

Over the last month, we have received several letters of support. Sources include our Board of Education, the 24<sup>th</sup> District Legislative Office, our Senior Citizen Club, and so forth. They are enclosed herein as Appendix A.

Resident Survey

The Township created an online form and survey for residents to express support and provide comments. From January 14<sup>th</sup> to February 4<sup>th</sup>, we received 213 responses. Well more than half of the

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respondents provided some form of comment or relevant opinion. They are included herein as Appendix B.

- **POST-DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION**

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

Please see attached memo outlining anticipated operation and maintenance costs prepared by the Byram Township Superintendent of Public Works.

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

Yes, the estimated increase for maintenance of Completely Inclusive Playground = \$12,233.52

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

Byram Township Operating Budget and/or Byram Township Open Space Trust Fund

### SPONSOR INFORMATION

**Project Sponsor:**

Name of Local Government	Township of Byram
Street Address	10 Mansfield Dr.
City, State, Zip	Stanhope, NJ 07874
Webpage Address	www.byramtwp.org
Tax ID Number	22-6001696

**Chief Executive Officer:**

Name	Joseph Sabatini	Telephone	(973) 347-2500 Ext. 129
Title	Township Manager	Email	jsabatini@byramtwp.org

**Current Community Profile:**

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

Population	8,018	Year	2022
Area (square miles)		Population/Square Mile	
Population with Disability*	610	Population Age Under 18 with Disability*	17

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

**Contact for Application Questions:**

Name	Philip Crosson
Title	Deputy Township Manager
Street Address	10 Mansfield Dr.
City, State, Zip	Stanhope, NJ 07874
Telephone	(973) 347-2500 Ext. 161
Cell Phone	
Email Address	pcrosson@byramtwp.org

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

Name	Michael Orgera
Title	Superintendent of Public Works
Street Address	10 Mansfield Dr.
City, State, Zip	Stanhope, NJ 07874
Telephone	(973) 347-2500 Ext. 137
Cell Phone	
Email Address	morgera@byramtwp.org

**SIGNATURES (2)**

I, Joseph Sabatini (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.

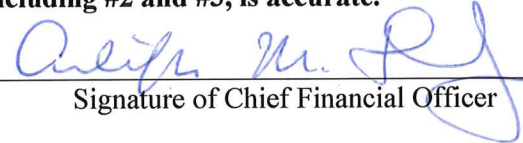
2/7/2024  
Date

  
Signature of official authorized to submit application\*

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

I, Ashleigh Frueholz (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.

02/07/2024  
Date

  
Signature of Chief Financial Officer



## Byram Township

### NJ DEP Green Acres Jake's Law Project Description

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  - b. Please explain why it is needed

1. C.O. Johnson Park is Byram Township's flagship park. C.O. Johnson is home to many of the town's sports' fields including Football, Baseball, Lacrosse and Soccer. The park also has Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, and our increasingly popular Pickleball Courts painted on the tennis courts.
  - a. This park spans 55.6 acres. The site characteristic of this property is mainly open space that has been developed into a park property, including playground equipment, fields for sports and activities, walking paths, courts for tennis and basketball as well as parking.
  - b. As mentioned, the existing land use of this property is open space for recreation. This includes an open play area with playground equipment and sports fields. Additionally, the park offers walking paths, hiking trails, a skateboard park and bocce ball courts.
  - c. There are no pre-existing or other planned rights-of-way, easements, reversionary interests or other legal rights and restrictions impacting the property. The property is owned by the Township and is currently utilized as a park facility. The playground portion of the park needed updating and the Township wants to make the new facility fully inclusive, creating a Jake's Law playground in the Township.
2. Please indicate if this proposal will create a new public park:
  - a. This proposal will not create a new public park, but instead replace an existing playground with a fully inclusive playground that meets the requirements of Jake's Law.
3. The Township, in seeking sites that would best fit the needs of the community, has decided to construct a Jake's Law inclusive playground. As the playground equipment at C.O.

Johnson Park needed updating, the Township decided this was the best spot to implement the first Jake's Law inclusive playground in Byram Township and Sussex County. In order to meet this end, the Township will complete the following project components:

- Purchase of new inclusive playground equipment, removal of the existing playground equipment, and installation the new playground equipment, playground surface, and fence.
  - a. With NJ DEP Green Acres Jake's Law funding, the Township will purchase fully inclusive playground equipment and replace the existing equipment at C.O. Johnson Park. This new equipment will replace an existing facility.

The new playground equipment to be purchased will include several playsets along with some shaded sections. Features of the playsets include ramped structures, spinners, rockers, swings, serenity spot, shade, benches chain link fencing and Durafloor rubber surfacing. All these features have been designed with inclusivity in mind and can be accessed and utilized by all persons of differing abilities. This new playground equipment will have features that serve children through 12 years old.

In addition to the playset equipment, the Township will also install a serenity spot. Children with autism and other sensory processing differences can be especially overwhelmed by noise movement or simply need space to express themselves freely. The designers of the play equipment, keeping this in mind, created the serenity space which offers a fort-like environment which includes a variety of activities.

These combined efforts create a fully inclusive playground that offers recreational amenities for those of all abilities. As part of this work, the Township will purchase this inclusive equipment, and then begin the process of removing the existing playground equipment and prepare the site for the new equipment to be installed. The new playground equipment will then be installed along with the new playground surface and fencing to ensure the safety of those utilizing the upgraded facility.

Concept plans and cost estimates for both the purchase of this equipment and the work that needs to be done at this site, including removal and installation are attached to this application.

- b. According to Jake's Law, a "completely inclusive playground" means a playground designated for public use for children two to five years of age or five to twelve years of age, with an accessible playground surface.

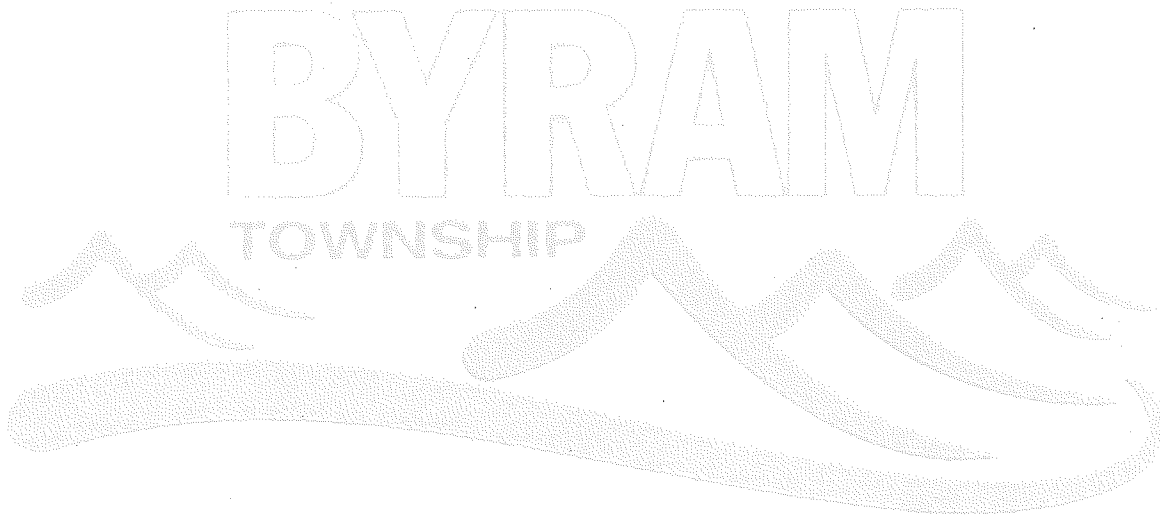
This type of recreation facility does not currently exist in Sussex County or Byram Township but is greatly needed. According to US Census data, out of the 143,318 residents in Sussex County, 10.95% have a disability. This is equivalent to 15,697 residents. Of this number, 6.7% are under the age of 18. Out of these numbers,

Byram Township has a total population of 8,018 of which 7.6% have a disability and, of that number, 2.8% are under the age of 18.

For this reason, fully accessible playground equipment located in Byram Township is of utmost importance as it lends itself to be accessible not only to Township residents but more so Sussex County residents as C.O. Johnson Park is positioned prominently between Hopatcong Borough, Sparta Township, Andover Borough, Andover Township and is in close proximity to Green Township and Stanhope Borough.

At this time, the nearest fully inclusive playground is located in Mt. Olive Township, eleven miles away from Byram Township. And, in most cases, even further away from other Sussex County towns. Thus, the development of a fully inclusive playground in Byram Township would provide an opportunity for fully inclusive activities for both Byram Township families as well as the many children and families from other Sussex County communities who are unable to travel outside of the county.

# **Environmental Impact Assessment**



**Township of Byram**  
**C.O. Johnson Park**  
**Inclusive Playground Project**

## 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

The proposed all-inclusive playground project will take place at C.O. Johnson Park located at 117 Roseville Rd. in Byram Township. C.O. Johnson Park is a 55.6-acre parcel located in the Township of Byram near the Forest Lakes section of the township. With this funding the full scope of work for the proposed project will include removal of the old, damaged playground equipment, minimal playground surface grading and installation, installation of Jake's Law compliant fully inclusive playground equipment and play surface, and general maintenance of access points to provide access for visitors of all abilities. The project will be completed at one time and phasing will not be required.

Byram Township spans an area of 22 square miles and the communities contained within the Township are vastly spread out into pocket communities. Currently, there are no playgrounds or similar amenities nearby to serve visitors of all abilities throughout our community. Therefore, C.O. Johnson Park would be the ideal location for an all-inclusive playground as this is the Township's most active recreational facility. C.O. Johnson Park is the center of the Township's recreation programs and accommodates our primary sports fields, tennis/pickleball courts, basketball courts, walking paths, bocce ball courts, skate park and a children's playground.

### *Project Objectives*

- To create additional recreational facilities to meet the needs of Byram Township and surrounding communities. Provide physical benefits through active play and engagement with other children.
- Provide a new, completely inclusive playground that will accommodate residents of all abilities in alignment with the grant program objectives.
- Provide a playground that can meet the needs of small children as well as older children.
- Promote sensory friendly spaces that have previously not been available in a playground setting in the Township.
- Facilitate group interaction which assist in social skills as well as communication skills.
- Update play equipment to meet the current standards in play.
- Accommodate people with disabilities to the greatest extent possible.
- Enhance the overall recreation facilities at C.O. Johnson Park.

## 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Byram Township is located in the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Water Protection & Planning Act of 2004 (Highlands Act). Nearly the entire Township is within the Act's designated "Preservation Area". The provisions of the Highlands Act require Highlands municipalities to conform their zoning ordinances and planning guidance documents with the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP) for all areas of the municipality located within the Preservation Area. Byram Township has also opted to conform with the RMP for all areas of the municipality located within the "Planning Area" of the Highlands as well.

### ***Vegetation***

There are no tree removals, plantings or major landscape changes associated with this project. As such, the environment surrounding the project footprint will continue to promote the stewardship of our natural resources.

### ***Wildlife***

Wildlife consists of animals typically found within wooded areas surrounded by existing residential and commercial development. There are no species of State Threatened or Endangered ranking found on-site. Additionally, no species listed on the Department's Critically Dependent on Regulated Waters for Survival list are present on the site.

### ***Geology, Topography and Soils***

The site is already developed with an existing playground and has minimal slope from south to north across the play area. Per the USDA Web Soil Survey, the playground is located entirely within the HkrgBb – Hinckley loamy coarse sand, 0 to 8 percent slopes, very stony soil type. The soil has a restrictive layer greater than 80 inches and rock should not interfere with the installation of the playground equipment or safety surface.

### ***Water Resources/Hydrology***

There are no water resources identified within the project area immediately surrounding C.O. Johnson Park.

### ***Historical/Archeological Resources***

Per the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office LUCY 2.0 mapping, there are no known areas of historical or archeological resources within the proposed project site. The project site is not a historic property, located within any archaeological grid, or within a historic district.

### ***Transportation/Access to Site***

There is parking on the property with paved walking paths that lead from the parking areas to the fields and playground. The system of paved walking paths that traverse the park linking the fields, parking areas and playground help facilitate access to park goers with ambulatory disabilities. Currently public transportation is not available to C.O. Johnson Park however, a rail station is currently being constructed in Andover Township within one mile of the park.

### ***Adjacent Land Uses/Description of the Surrounding Neighborhood***

The surrounding area is primarily wooded to the north, east south and southwest. Single-family residential development is located to the northwest.

## **3. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED ACTION**

### ***Affected resources and the significance of each impact***

The development of the all-inclusive playground will encompass the current footprint of the existing playground. Therefore, there will be no impact to the existing facilities and landscape, nor will it affect any environmental resources.

### ***Short-term and long-term project impacts***

As previously mentioned, short-term impacts will include minimal soil disturbance and surface grading to install the playground surface. The project does not pose any long-term threats to cultural or natural resources.

### ***Anticipated increase in recreation and overall use of site over time***

C.O. Johnson currently hosts hundreds of visitors a year. The project will increase interest and visitation through its facility improvement efforts and public outreach. This site is well known for its recreational and outdoor opportunities, specifically for sports teams, seniors, families with children and outdoor passive recreation enthusiasts of all ages. Adding an all-inclusive playground and maintaining accessible walking paths will enhance visitor experience by creating more active spaces for families, residents, and visitors to enjoy. They will be able to engage in outdoor public programs and participate in passive recreational activities.

***Adjacent environmental features that may be affected by the proposal***

No adjacent environment features will be affected by the project.

***Permits needed***

The project will require the following permits, to be obtained during the design of the project:

- Upper Delaware Soil Conservation District
- Local Construction Permits

The Township is familiar with the process to obtain these and will begin this process when necessary.

**4. ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION**

Due to the fact that there is an existing playground at the location of the proposed playground and the footprint will not be expanded, an alternative location was not considered. Any alternative location will require disturbance of vegetation and soil. After a review of the needs of the community, the playground was designed to provide as many new, inclusive play elements as possible in the current space. After a thorough review of all options for the playground location there are no alternative locations which would create less of an environmental impact.

**5. MITIGATING MEASURES**

The proposed improvements are to be completed within an existing developed park and will have limited impact on existing resources; therefore, mitigation will not be required for this project.

**6. AUTHOR(S) AND QUALIFICATIONS**

Cory L. Stoner, P.E., C.M.E., P.P., Byram Township Municipal Engineer

**BYRAM TOWNSHIP  
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 038-2024**

**Enabling Resolution for Green Acres Application**

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 Byram Township desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$464,119.37, in the form of a 75% matching grant and, if available, a \$0 loan, from the State to fund the following project(s): CO Johnson Complete Inclusive Playground at a cost of \$618,825.83 (total project cost);

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. Joseph Sabatini or the successor to the office of Township Manager 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;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$157,706.46;
3. 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. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BYRAM TOWNSHIP**

	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Proctor	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	✓				
2nd			✓		
Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

Certification: I, Cynthia Church, RMC, Byram Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by Byram Township Council at a meeting held on the 6th day of February 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and the official seal of this body this 6th day of February 2024.

  
 Cynthia Church, RMC  
 Byram Township Clerk



<b>Assumptions:</b>			
- Notice of Grant Award by June 30			
- Procurement of Equipment, Surface, Fencing and Installation/Disposal - The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey			
<b>Task:</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	
<b>Capital Ordinance/Acceptance of Grant</b>	<b>07/02/24</b>	<b>07/16/24</b>	
- Introduction of Capital Ordinance	07/02/24	07/02/24	
- Adoption/Public Hearing Capital Ordinance	07/16/24	07/16/24	
<b>Council Resolutions Authorizing Procurement/Delivery</b>	<b>08/13/24</b>	<b>12/06/24</b>	
- Issue Purchase Order for Playground Equipment/Fencing	08/14/24	08/14/24	Est. 10 weeks for delivery
- Issue Purchase Order for Playground Surface Materials	08/14/24	08/14/24	Est. 16 weeks for delivery
- Delivery Playground Equipment/Fencing	10/25/24	10/25/24	
- Delivery Playground Surface Materials	12/06/24	12/06/24	
<b>Installation of New Playground - Spring 2025</b>	<b>03/31/25</b>	<b>05/30/25</b>	
- Removal/Disposal of Existing Playground Equipment	03/31/25	04/18/25	
- Clearing/Site Preparation	03/31/25	04/18/25	
- Installation of New Playground Equipment	04/21/25	05/30/25	
- Installation of Concrete Curb	04/21/25	05/30/25	
- Installation of stone base and rubber surfacing	04/21/25	05/30/25	
- Installation of Asphalt Path	04/21/25	05/30/25	
<b>Finalize Project:</b>	<b>06/02/25</b>	<b>12/31/25</b>	
- Project Acceptance	06/02/25	06/30/25	
- Park Grandopening	06/21/25	06/21/25	
- Grant Management - Submit for Payment	06/02/25	12/31/25	



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NJ - P.E., NJ - P.P.

January 12, 2024

Updated: January 22, 2024

Via Email (jsabatini@byramtwp.org)

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Mr. Joseph Sabatini, Byram Township Manager

**FROM:** Cory L. Stoner, P.E., C.M.E., Byram Township Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Inclusive Playground  
Located at Carl O. Johnson Park  
Roseville Road  
Byram Township, Sussex County

Dear Joe:

As requested, I have prepared a cost estimate for the construction of proposed playground improvements at Carl O. Johnson Park. The improvements that are being considered will replace the existing playground with a new playground that will be a completely inclusive playground that will be eligible for NJDEP Green Acres Jake's Law Playground Funding. This new playground will include the removal of existing playground equipment and material, installation of new inclusive playground equipment, placement of a poured-in-place rubber play surface, installation of new fencing, and the construction of a new ADA compliant sidewalk. A summary of the estimated costs for these improvements is as follows:

Construction Costs .....	\$580,825.83
Playground Equipment & Installation .....	\$ 293,555.28
Playground Surface & Installation .....	\$ 130,090.20
Site Clearing, Preparation & Demolition .....	\$ 35,640.00
Playground Curbing & Base Material .....	\$ 18,738.00
Chainlink Fence and Installation .....	\$ 30,000.00
Asphalt Path (ADA Compliant) .....	\$ 20,000.00
Subtotal .....	\$ 528,023.48
Construction Contingencies (10%).....	\$ 52,802.35
Permit Fees - Upper Delaware SCD .....	\$ 1,000.00
Engineering & Construction Supervision/Inspection .....	\$ 25,000.00
Incidental Costs (2%).....	\$ 12,000.00
<b>Total Estimated Costs .....</b>	<b>\$ 618,825.83</b>

Note that the above prices assume the playground equipment, rubber playground surface, and fencing will be acquired and installed by Ben Shaffer Recreation per the ESCNJ cooperative bids and quotes dated

**Mr. Joseph Sabatini, Byram Township Manager**  
**RE: Proposed Inclusive Playground at Carl O. Johnson Park**  
**January 12, 2024; Updated January 22, 2024**

**Page 2**

December 15, 2023 and January 10, 2024. The above price also assumes that the ADA complaint walking path will be competitively bid by the Township separate from the work to be completed by Ben Shaffer Recreation.

In addition to the estimate above, I am also providing herewith a concept plan for the proposed inclusive playground construction at Carl O. Johnson Park. This concept plan has been prepared in accordance with the NJDEP Green Acres Jake's Law Playground Funding application checklist. A copy of that checklist is attached. Please note that a number of the checklist elements are not applicable for the project proposed at Carl O. Johnson Park. These checklist elements include Checklist Elements #7, 10, 11 and 12.

I trust this information is sufficient for your use. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any of the proposed work activities in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Cory L. Stoner, P.E., P.P., C.M.E.  
**HAROLD E. PELLOW & ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
Byram Township Engineer

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Enclosures

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Ben Shaffer Recreation  
 P.O. Box 844  
 Lake Hopatcong NJ 07849 US

# Proposal

**TERMS** Net 30  
**REP** Scott Tumminello  
**DATE** 12/15/2023  
**Proposal #** 3589

**BILL TO**  
 Byram Township  
 Accts. Payable Dept.  
 10 Mansfield Drive  
 Stanhope NJ 07874 USA

**SHIP TO**  
 Byram Township DPW  
 Co Johnson Park  
 NJ USA

**CONTACT**  
 Mike Orgera



ITEM# / DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
SPDEMO Removal/Disposal of existing materials	33.00	\$1,080.00	\$35,640.00
SUBASE Stone sub-base by the ton	30.00	\$185.00	\$5,550.00
CUSTOM 6x6 concrete curb	314.00	\$42.00	\$13,188.00
DF64PIP3.5-ESCNJSB Durafloor 3.5" 60/40*	3,392.00	\$14.70	\$49,862.40
DF64PIP3.5-3499-ESCNJSB Install of Durafloor 3.5" 60/40* 1000 up to 3499 sq ft.	3,392.00	\$5.70	\$19,334.40
DF64PIP2.5-ESCNJSB Durafloor 2.5" 60/40*	2,808.00	\$13.15	\$36,925.20
DF64PIP2.5-3499-ESCNJSB Install of Durafloor 2.5" 60/40* 1000 up to 3499 sq ft	2,808.00	\$5.40	\$15,163.20
FREIGHT	1.00	\$8,805.00	\$8,805.00

**Co Johnson Rubber Surfacing** **\$184,468.20**

The above items are priced in accordance with Bid #: ESCNJ 20/21-02; Co-op #65MCESCCPS. Freight quotes are honored for 30 days & may need to be updated before order placement.

Approximate delivery time is 14-16 weeks after receipt of order. When placing your order, kindly advise whom the trucker should notify to schedule delivery. The trucker will make one contact and that person must inform any other parties to coordinate delivery.

Please make your Purchase Order payable to "Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc."

\*\*should additional excavation or stone be needed it will be billed accordingly



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Scott Tumminello  
Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc.  
Vice President, CPSI  
Scott@BenShaffer.com  
P: 973-294-5970

If you agree to the terms set forth in this proposal, please fill out name, signature, and date to confirm approval:

Estimate Approved By \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Conditions of Installation

RE: \_\_\_\_\_

Installations of equipment are subject to the following conditions and/or exclusions. Unless otherwise specifically included in the accompanying quote, Ben Shaffer Recreation and its contracted installers are not responsible for the following. If non-included services are needed, additional charges will apply and be billed at the contract cost:

- Unforeseen obstructions (such as in sub-surface) resulting in delayed installation or additional removal fees (rock, pipes, old building or site debris, hidden borders, oversized footings or other items that may be discovered during the excavation and removal process)
- Accepting delivery and/or checking materials
- Storage/security of materials at jobsite
- Relocation or transport of materials to jobsite
- Site preparation (grading, drainage, etc.)
- Finish work to site area (borders, protective surfacing)
- Removal/ Disposal of existing equipment
- Off-site disposal of shipping materials (cardboard, crating, etc.). Shipping materials will be neatly stacked on site, or placed in an on-site dumpster provided by site owner/manager.
- Equipment not included as part of original project number
- Any permits or clearance by utility companies and/or local building departments if applicable • Site security for rubber safety surface installation provided by others.
- If there are no on-site provisions for disposition of excavated footing materials (i.e. soil, blacktop, rocks, etc.)

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The owner shall hold Ben Shaffer Recreation harmless in the event of injury due to lack of, or insufficient, resilient surface.

Sharp objects (i.e., sports spikes, heeled shoes, etc.) will damage rubber surface and void surface warranties

Ben Shaffer Recreation and its sub-contractors are in no way responsible for any issues associated with product design, manufacturing defect, lack of resilient surfacing or maintenance thereof.

I have read, understood, and agree to the above conditions.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign/save and email to [sales@benshaffer.com](mailto:sales@benshaffer.com); or print and fax to 973-663-4615.



Ben Shaffer Recreation  
 P.O. Box 844  
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# Proposal

<b>TERMS</b>	<b>REP</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Proposal #</b>
Net 30	Scott Tumminello	1/10/2024	2140-3

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 USA

**CONTACT**  
 Mike Orgera



ITEM# / DESCRIPTION	VENDOR	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
PROJECT 130-122171-4 Custom 2-5 & 5-12 Playground including ramped structures, spinners, rockers, swings...Serenity Spot, Shade, benches	BCI Burke Company, LLC	1.00	\$205,656.00	\$205,656.00
DISCOUNT		1.00	(\$16,452.48)	(\$16,452.48)
FREIGHT		1.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
RECEIVE Receive/Unload/Transport Delivery. Cost per man-hour.	BSR	14.00	\$125.00	\$1,750.00
INSTALL Standard installation of above items to manufacturer's specification, construction debris removal	BSR	1.00	\$94,601.76	\$94,601.76
SITEPREP Site preparation. 4' high chainlink fence to enclose area, 2 gates, 1 double maintenance gate	BSR	240.00	\$125.00	\$30,000.00

**Co Johnson Playground** **\$323,555.28**

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# Proposal

**TERMS**

Net 30

**REP**

Scott  
Tumminello

**DATE**

1/10/2024

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2140-3

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The Township of Byram  
10 Mansfield Drive  
Stanhope, New Jersey 07874

973-347-2500

[www.byramtwp.org](http://www.byramtwp.org)

Date: 1/12/2024

RE: CIP

After contacting other communities in our area, and previous experience with playgrounds using the proposed surface and type of playground, below is a chart of anticipated operation and maintenance costs. Formula for hourly rate was derived by averaging the three pay scales of department employees that would maintain the playground. Operation and maintenance of this new area is estimated to cost 60% more than the current playground it is replacing.

**Daily:**

The playground would require a daily inspection to remove debris and check for hazards. It is estimated that this will take 1-1/2 hours @ \$28.20 per hour.  
The cost per week would be \$211.50. (Annually - \$10,998)

**Biweekly:**

It is recommended that the surface be cleaned and vacuumed/swept Biweekly. It is estimated that it will take 6 hours @ 28.20 per hour.  
The cost per year would be \$4,399.20.

**Monthly:**

Comprehensive inspection of all play equipment and surface to make sure they are within the manufactures specifications is estimated to be 2 hours a month @ 28.20 per hour.  
The cost per year would be \$676.80.

**Maintenance Costs:**

**One time:**

The township would need to purchase an industrial vacuum to clean the PIP surface. \$2000.00

**Yearly:**

General cleaning supplies for surface and playground equipment. \$500.00

Parts for repair and maintenance of equipment and PIP surface \$2000.00

Removal of shade per manufactures instruction, including equipment rental and labor for 3 employees, 6 hours each @ \$28.20 per hour 2x a year and \$400 per rental

The total cost per year would be \$1,815.20.

Estimated Increase for maintenance of Completely Inclusive Playground = \$12,233.52

Respectfully

Michael Orgera

Superintendent of Public Works

Block: 351 Land Desc: 55.6000 Owners Name: TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM  
Lot: 1 Bldg Desc: 1SF Add'l Lots: STANHOPE, NJ  
Qual: Card: M (#1 of 1) Acreage: 55.600 Class: 15C Property Loc: 130 ROSEVILLE RD  
Zone: OS

Street Address: 10 MANSFIELD DR  
City & State: STANHOPE, NJ  
Zip: 07874  
Bank: 428,000  
Imptr: 375,700  
Total: 803,700  
Exemption Code: 0  
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**SALES HISTORY**

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					2012	428000	375700	803700				

**ASSESSMENT HISTORY**

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**LAND CALCULATIONS**

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**RESIDENTIAL COST APPROACH**

Basement	Main Bldg	Heat/AC	Plumbing	Fireplace	Attic	Deck/Patio/Garage/Misc

**BUILDING PERMITS/REMARKS**

Detached Items:  
REC CENTER 2100 SF  
375,700

**ROOM COUNT**

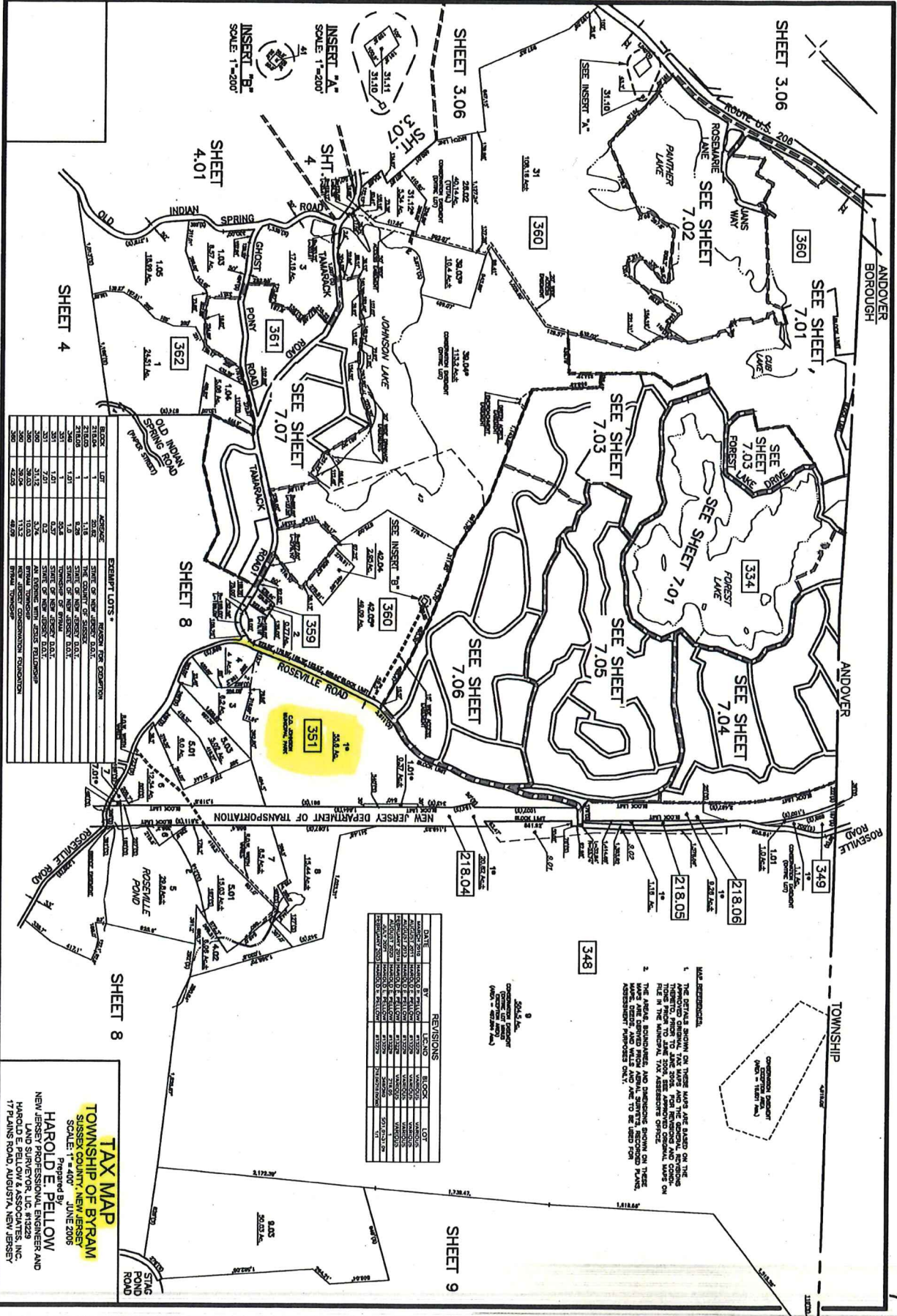
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Bed Room					
Fam Room					
Den/Other					

**BASE COSTS**

Base Cost: 0  
Phys Dept: 40.00 (Y)  
Loc Depr: 0  
CCF: 115  
CLA: 0  
Func Dept: 60.00  
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Net New: 60.00  
Net Depr: 0  
Bldg Value: 0

Land: 428,000  
Imptr: 375,700  
Total: 803,700

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**TAX MAP**

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM**

SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

SCALE: 1" = 400'

JUNE 2006

Prepared by

**HAROLD E. BELLOW**

NEW JERSEY LAND SURVEYOR, L.L.C. #12228

HAROLD E. BELLOW & ASSOCIATES, INC.

17 PLAINS ROAD, ALBUSTA, NEW JERSEY

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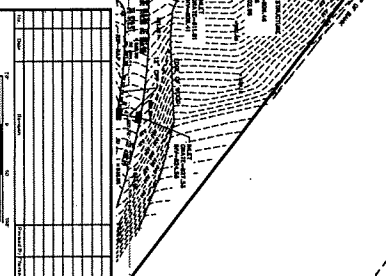
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**BOUNDARY & TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY**  
**LOT 1, BLOCK 351**  
 TOWNSHIP OF BIRAM  
 SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**VP&A CONSULTANTS, INC.**  
 400 MARKET STREET, SUITE 200  
 WYOMING DELAWARE 19381  
 (302) 339-1000  
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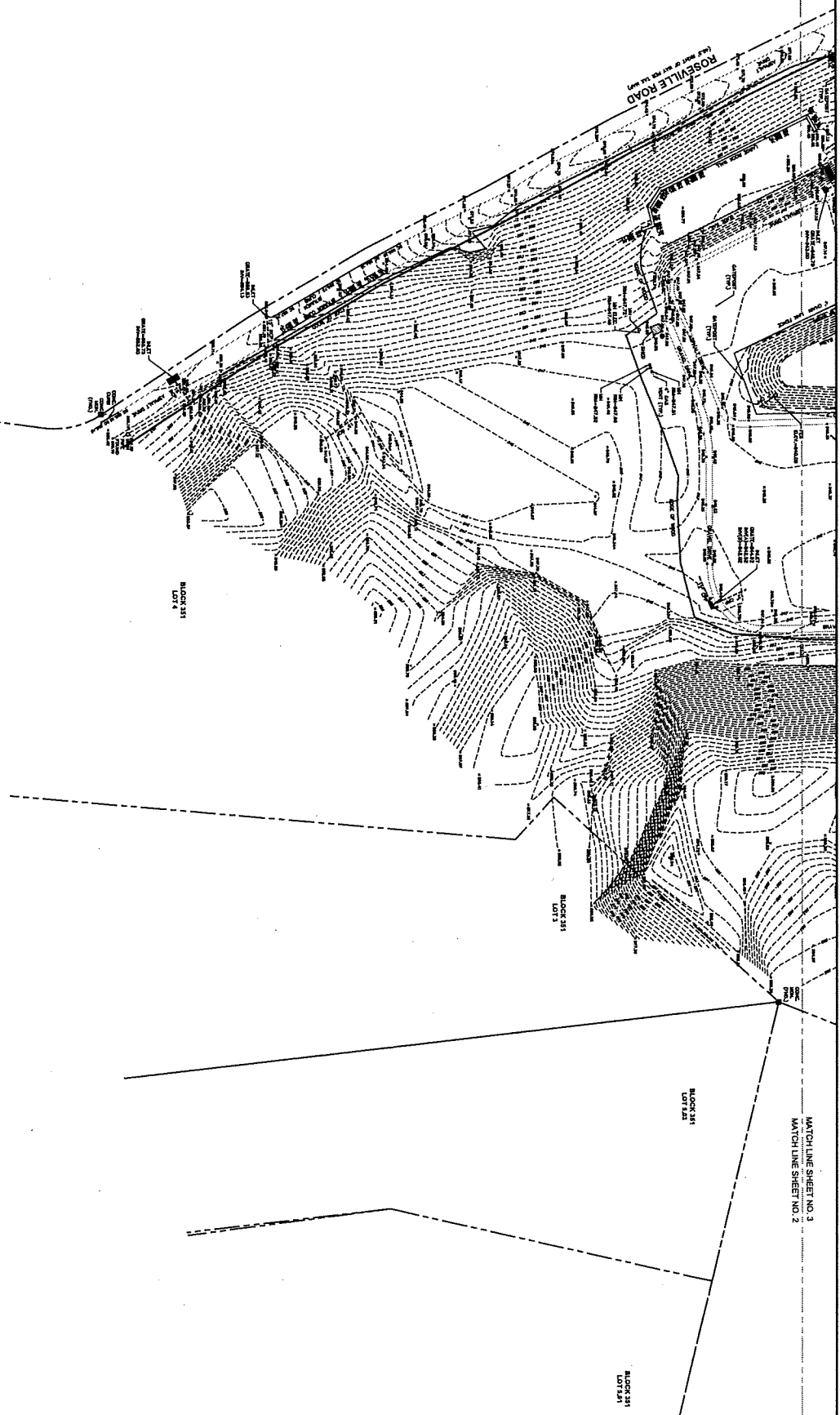
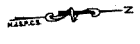
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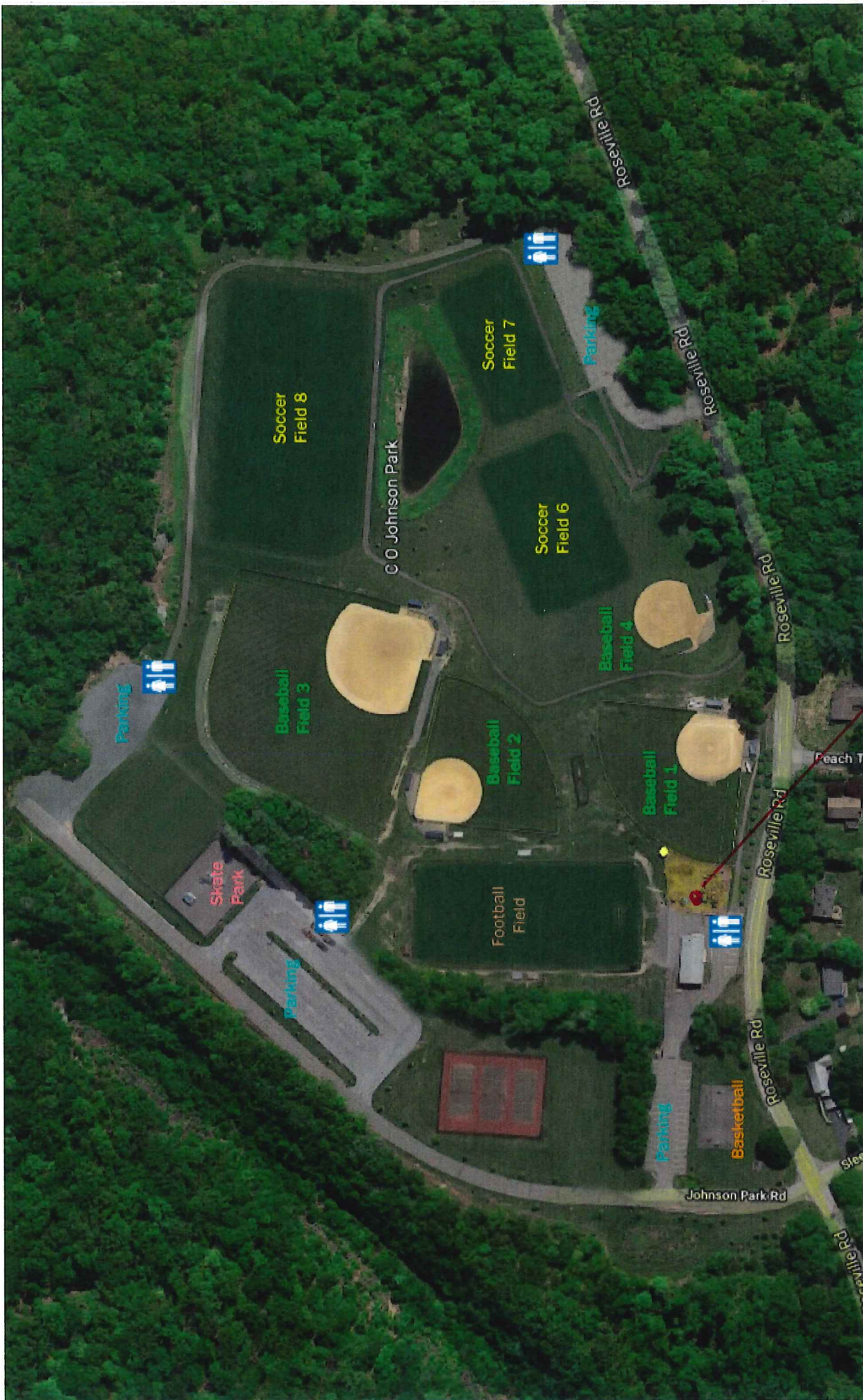
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 SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM, BLOCK 351, LOT 1, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. THIS SURVEY WAS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE SURVEYING ACT OF 1978, AS AMENDED, AND THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF SURVEYING AND MAPPING, NEW JERSEY. THE SURVEYOR HAS REVIEWED THE RECORDS OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND HAS FOUND NO RECORDS THAT WOULD AFFECT THIS SURVEY.



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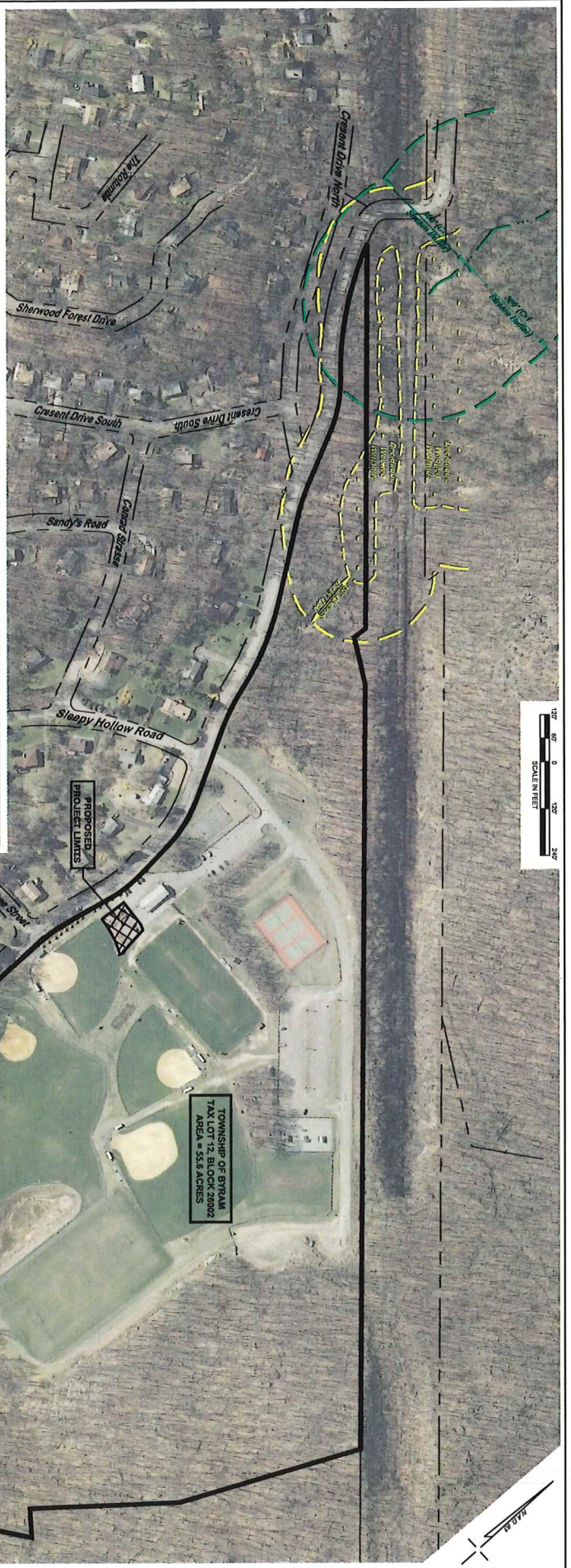
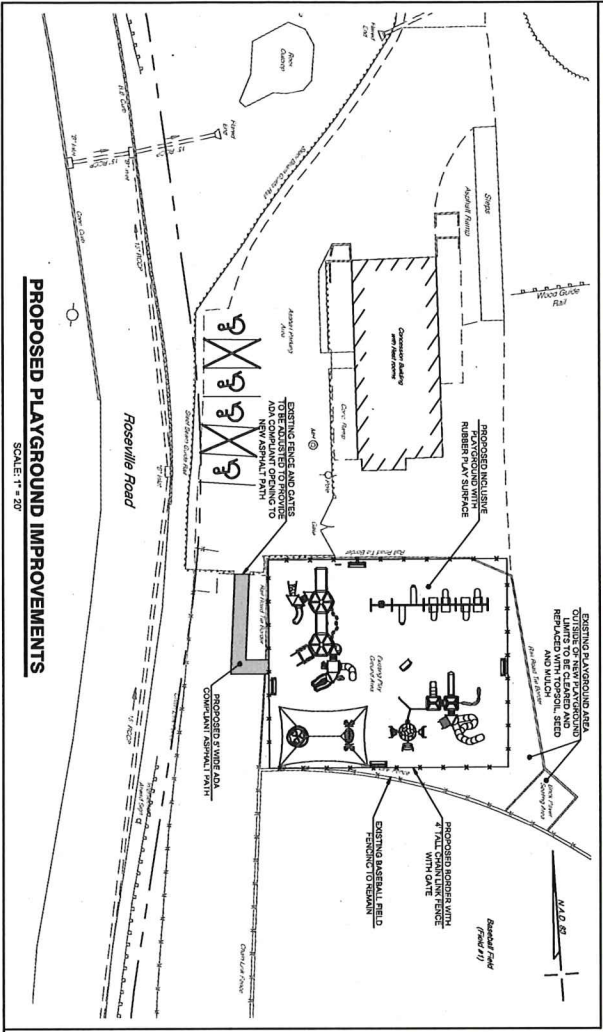
## Concept Plan Checklist

The Concept Plan is the basis for Green Acres project evaluation. The size of this map should be 11" x 17" or larger and the map must include the information listed below. The Concept Plan must be prepared by a licensed professional, who should also complete this checklist. The plan should be generated using AutoCAD or Geographic Information System (GIS) technology; the layers required by the Green Acres Program are available from the DEP's GIS GeoWeb.

This checklist should be returned with the completed application. If any items are not applicable, please indicate with "N/A" next to that item. The following are required elements of the concept plan:

1. X Project name and location
2. X Block and lot numbers and municipality(ies) in which the project is located
3. X North arrow and scale of map
4. X Adjacent streets, labeled; if there are no adjacent streets, the nearest street or landmark must be included as a reference point
5. X Existing improvements and facilities shown in approximate location on parcel and labeled
6. X Proposed improvements and facilities shown in approximate location on parcel and labeled, with approximate area delineated; a detail of the specific proposed playground equipment can be provided separately
7. N/A Any areas of proposed tree clearing noted (e.g., with "X" on top of the tree)
8. X Location of all known existing easements, road rights-of-way, and encroachments
9. X Location of all streams, rivers, waterbodies, and associated buffers
10. N/A Location of tidelands, available from the [Department's Bureau of GIS](#), as determined from New Jersey Tidelands claims maps, conveyance overlays, and atlas sheets
11. N/A Location of floodplain, as shown on the New Jersey State Flood Hazard Area maps prepared under the Flood Hazard Area Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:16A50 et seq. and available from the [DEP Office of Engineering and Construction, Bureau of Dam Safety and Flood Control](#) or as determined from other State or Federal mapping or from a site delineation
12. N/A Location of coastal wetlands, as shown on maps prepared by the Department under the Wetlands Act of 1970, N.J.S.A. 13:9A1 et seq. and available from the [Department's Bureau of GIS](#)
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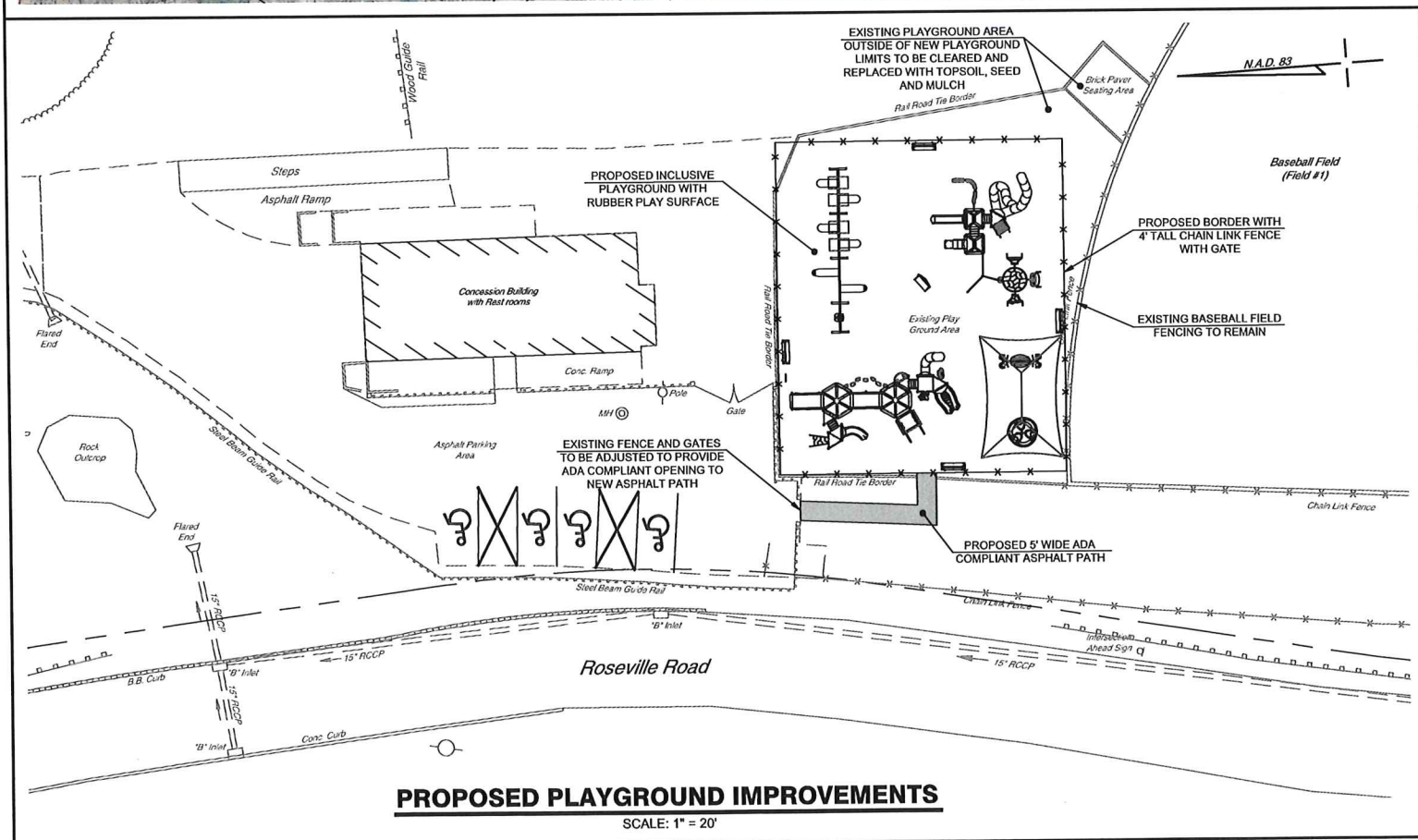
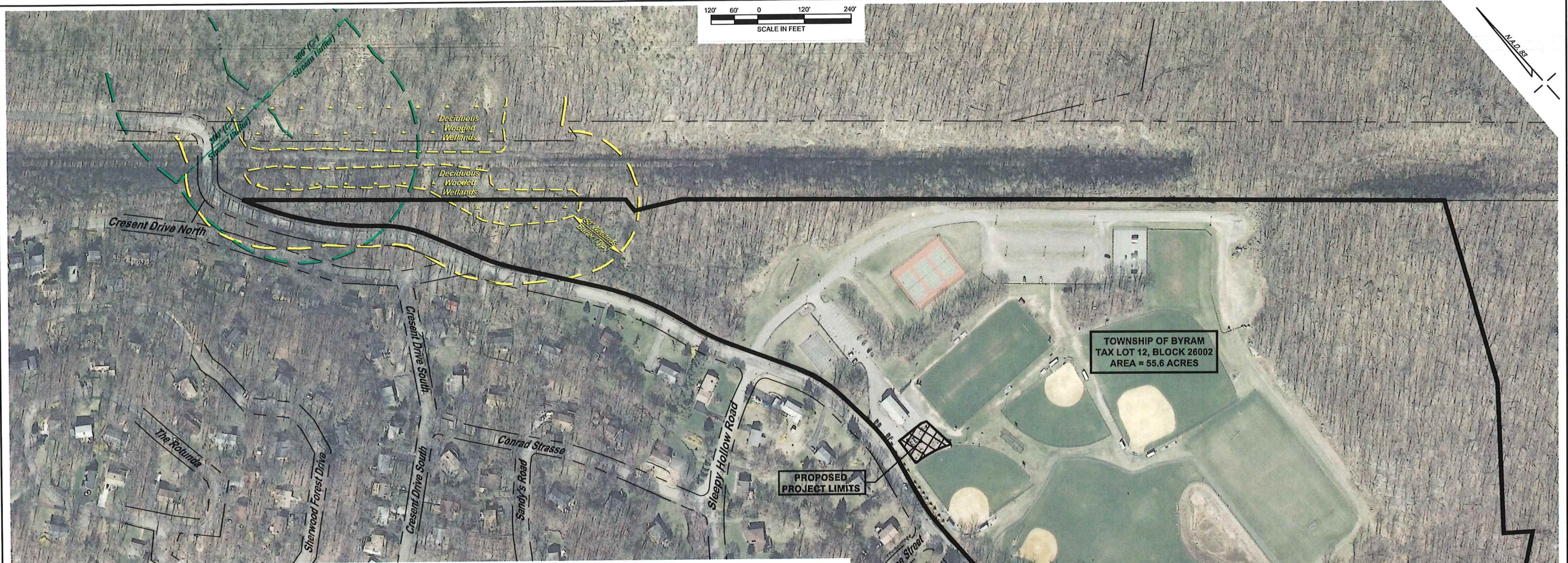
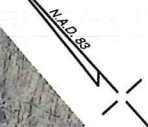
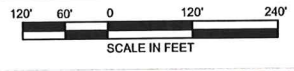
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**PROPOSED PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**  
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## Public Hearing Checklist

### 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 30<sup>th</sup>, the notice must be posted on the website on/before January 15<sup>th</sup>).  
Date of posting January 4, 2024 Date of hearing January 30<sup>th</sup>
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 Jan 12 Date of hearing Jan 30<sup>th</sup>  
Jan 14
3.  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 Jan 18<sup>th</sup> Date of hearing Jan 30<sup>th</sup>
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.

**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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Byram Township, Sussex County, New Jersey, Public Hearing Announcement:

Byram Township is seeking funding through the State of NJ Green Acres Program for improvements at C.O. Johnson Park Playground located on Roseville Road in Byram.

PROJECT SCOPE: Byram Township proposes to create the following new facilities at C.O. Johnson Park, located on Roseville Road in Byram Township, Sussex County, NJ. A concept plan showing the proposed changes, a preliminary cost estimate, and an environmental impact assessment for the project can be found at: <http://tiny.cc/byram-cip>

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION:

The public is encouraged to attend a public hearing to learn more about the proposal and to ask questions or provide comments on the proposed plan on January 30, 2024 at 7:30 pm, at the Byram Township Municipal Building, 10 Mansfield Drive, Byram NJ or by Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82117363001>, or by calling any of the following number's US: +1 646 518 9805 or +1 267 831 0333 to participate. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID Number: 821 1736 3001.

Written comments on the proposed application may be directed to Cynthia Church, Byram Township Clerk, 10 Mansfield Drive, Stanhope NJ 07874 or emailed to [cchurch@byramtwp.org](mailto:cchurch@byramtwp.org)

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January 18

**Mega Winter Sale:** Visit Rosie's Market for their mega, winter sale with items up to 75% off throughout store on Tuesday, 16 from Noon to 5 p.m., Wednesday, 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 18 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 12:00 p.m. Rosie's Market, 1608 Union Valley RD., West Milford, NJ (973) 657-6160.

## FRIDAY

January 19

**Paper Shred Event:** Confidential document shredding on-site for only \$7 per grocery bag or \$40 to fill a 64-gallon shred container. Cash or check only. Open to all Sussex County residents and businesses. Rain or shine. Visit [www.scmua.org](http://www.scmua.org) for more information. 9:00 a.m. Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority, 34 Route 94 South, Lafayette, NJ (973) 579-6998.

**Sussex County Bird Club Meeting:** Open to the public, January's meeting follows birding in Trinidad & Tobago, as presented by long time club members Merle and Roger Tanis. Email [info@sussexcountybirdclub.org](mailto:info@sussexcountybirdclub.org) for the zoom link. Visit <https://sussexcountybirdclub.org/programs/> for more information about future club meetings. 7:30 p.m. Sparta Ambulance Squad Bldg, 14 Sparta Ave., Sparta, NJ

## SATURDAY

January 20

**Catholic in Recovery Sparta:** This is a 12-step program for those affected by addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Anyone interested in their recovery and deepening

their relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church are welcome to attend. For more info call Terry at the number provided. 7:30 a.m. Our Lady of the Lake, 294 S Sparta Ave, Sparta, NJ (908) 319-6883.

**Blood Drive:** Give blood and share life on the 3rd Saturday of each month, and enjoy good food and company after your donation. Visit [nybc.org/sk](http://nybc.org/sk) to schedule your appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. 7:45 a.m. St. Kateri Church, 427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, NJ (973) 349-9191.

**Sussex County Recovery Community Center JAM:** Journey through Arts & Music (JAM) provides a place for the community to come together and share their artistic and musical talents. For more information, contact Jim. 7:00 p.m. Sussex County Recovery Community Center, 65 Newton Sparta Road, Newton, NJ (973) 940-2966.

## SUNDAY

January 21

**Recovery Choir:** Love to sing? Join this A Cappella recovery choir. The group meets twice monthly. For more information, contact [Jim@centerforprevention.org](mailto:Jim@centerforprevention.org) 4:30 p.m. Sussex County Recovery Community Center, 65 Newton Sparta Road, Newton, NJ (973) 940-2966.

**Unitarian Fellowship - Dr. King's Dream:** Rev Doak shares his thoughts, observations and feelings about race and power. Meetings are hybrid, in-person and online. Join via Google Meet at <https://meet.google.com/kww-ugyh-spj>. The meeting PIN is 139 523 137#. Masks are optional. 10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sussex County, 1 West Nelson Street, Newton, NJ (973) 579-7210.

**First Presbyterian Church of Newton:** Worship in the chapel,

adult study & prayer, and Sunday school begin at 9:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary starts at 10:30 a.m. A recording of services is available on their YouTube channel. 9:00 a.m. First Presbyterian Church of Newton, 54 High Street, Newton, NJ (973) 383-4420.

**Christ Community Church:** Sunday service with a kids ministry is offered during service. Electric chair lift available for entry. 10:00 a.m. Christ Community Church, 274 Spring Street, Newton, NJ (973) 579-2706.

**Market Street Mission's Free Community Dinner:** Free family-style dinner service every Sunday, available to all. No need to register. 6:00 p.m. Market Street Mission - Sussex County, 274 Spring Street, Newton, NJ (973) 606-0232.

## MONDAY

January 22

**Harmony In Motion Rehearsals:** Love to sing? Join this women's a cappella chorus, and always welcomes potential new members. Rehearsals take place most Mondays. Contact Eileen for more information. 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Communities at Bristol Glen, 200 Bristol Glen Drive, Newton, NJ (973) 875-9264.

**Drop-in for Recovery:** Speak to a recovery coach for guidance in navigating your recovery. 10:00 a.m. Sussex County Recovery Community Center, 65 Newton Sparta Road, Newton, NJ (973) 940-2966.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** All are welcome to this open, big book discussion meeting. Handicap accessible. 6:00 p.m. Sussex County Recovery Community Center, 65 Newton Sparta Road, Newton, NJ (973) 940-2966.

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**Narcotics Anonymous:** Beginners, open discussion meeting. All are welcome and encouraged to express. Refreshments provided. Electric Chair Lift is available to assist. Call Bill at the number provided. 6:30 p.m. Christ Community Church, 274 Spring Street, Newton, NJ (862) 345-0510.

## TUESDAY

January 23

**Sparta Senior Card Club:** Join this weekly, senior card club for games including Canasta, Hand & Foot, Phase 10 and Poker. Play cards 3 times with complimentary dessert, coffee, tea, soda, and/or pizza, then decide to join for \$10 a year. Once a member, you will also enjoy their Annual Holiday and Social Events. Call Mel at the number provided for more information. 10:30 a.m. Sparta Senior Center, at 39 Trapasso Dr., Sparta, NJ (973) 738-6933.

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**Celebrate Recovery:** Need someone to turn to or looking to celebrate your recovery? Visit the Christ Community Church for help, encouragement, and support every Tuesday. Refreshments provided. Electric chair lift available to assist entry. Call Bill at the number provided. 6:30 p.m. Christ Community Church, 274 Spring Street, Newton, NJ (862) 345-0510.

**Tuesday Evening Virtual Book Group:** All are welcome to participate in Unity of Sussex County's virtual book group, exploring genres of spirituality, empowerment, self-awareness, expanding consciousness and self-help. Access the Zoom Link by subscribing to Unity of Sussex County's weekly e-newsletter, and visit the website for more information about what they are currently reading. 7:30 p.m. Unity of Sussex County, 25 Mudcut Road, Lafayette, NJ (973) 383-6277.

## WEDNESDAY

January 24

**Clarke Warren - Through the Photographer's Eye:** Individual style is a hallmark of Sparta Camera Club photographers. Award-winning photographer Clarke Warren talks to master photographers, Arik Gorban, Subhra Bhattacharya, Lisa Burghart, and Nancy Madacsi on photographic storytelling and photjournalism, subject matter variety, and more. The Sparta Camera Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. 7:00 p.m. Sparta Ambulance Building, 14 Sparta Ave N, Sparta, NJ (973) 534-4044.

**Drop-in for Recovery:** Speak to a recovery coach for guidance in navigating your recovery. 10:00 a.m. Sussex County Recovery Community Center, 65 Newton Sparta Road, Newton, NJ (973) 940-2966.

**S.M.A.R.T. Recovery:** This is an open meeting where participants help one another resolve problems with any addiction. Self-Management And Recovery Training (S.M.A.R.T.) is a science-based approach to overcoming addictive behavior. 7:30 p.m. Sussex County Recovery Community Center, 65 Newton Sparta Road, Newton, NJ (973) 940-2966.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** All are welcome to this open, big book discussion meeting. Handicap accessible. 12:00 a.m. Sussex County Recovery Community Center, 65 Newton Sparta Road, Newton, NJ (973) 940-2966.

**Wednesday Walkers at Kittatinny Valley State Park:** Dress for the weather to soak in the scenery and socialize on this weekly 2.5-mile walk. Sturdy, ankle-supporting shoes are highly recommended. Pre-registration required through Eventbrite at <https://kwsp.eventbrite.com>. This is a free, adult event. 9:00 a.m. Kittatinny Valley State Park, 199 Goodale Rd., Newton, NJ (973) 786-6445.

**Wednesday Afternoon Virtual Book Group:** All are welcome to participate in Unity of Sussex County's virtual book group, exploring genres of spirituality, empowerment, self-awareness, expanding consciousness and self-help. Access the Zoom Link by subscribing to Unity of Sussex County's weekly e-newsletter, and visit the website for more information about what they are currently reading. 3:00 p.m. Unity of Sussex County, 25 Mudcut Road, Lafayette, NJ (973) 383-6277.

## THURSDAY

January 25

**Open To Hope, Grief Support Group:** Open to Hope is a grief support group that provides a safe space for healing from the loss of a loved one due to substance use, overdose, and/or



The CO Johnson Park Playground is being replaced. Be part of the process.



Proposed Completely Inclusive Playground. Design incorporates accessibility elements for all users.

The Township is applying for a Green Acres Grant to fund this project. Resident input is very important, and we you to attend a public hearing on this project. The hearing is being held on Tuesday, January 30th, at 7:30pm at Town Hall. You can also attend via Zoom. Find out more at: <http://tiny.cc/byram-cip>

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Byram Township Council has authorized the installation of a Completely Inclusive Playground at COJ Park

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The Byram Township Mayor and Council has unanimously authorized the installation of a Completely Inclusive Playground at the COJ Park to replace the playground equipment that is beyond end of life.

A Completely Inclusive Playground provides opportunities for play that are not available at most playgrounds for children and adults with disabilities. Completely Inclusive Playgrounds provide opportunities that expand upon playgrounds that Americans with Disability Act compliant and provide proper wheelchair accessibility to the playground equipment.



Administrative Offices are now open Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm  
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Governor Murphy Signs "Jake's Law" - ([Office of the Governor | Governor Murphy Signs "Jake's Law" \(nj.gov\)](#))

[Build Jake's Place - Playgrounds for Everybody](#)

Byram Township will be submitting an application under the 2024 Green Acres Program for a Jake's Law Playground Funding Grant.

See Link for Information on the Green Acres Program: [Green Acres Program](#)

**How do I express support for this project?**

The Township is collecting letters of supports from residents. The purpose of this is to indicate to the Green Acres Program that this project has strong community support. [CLICK FOR SUPPORT](#)

**Public Information/Outreach Sessions:**

- Byram Township Council Meeting - Tuesday, January 2, 2024 - 7:30 PM
- Byram Township Recreation Committee Meeting - Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - 8:00 PM
- Byram Township Council Meeting - Tuesday, January 16, 2024 - 7:30 PM
- Public Hearing - Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council - Tuesday, January 30, 2024 - 7:30 PM

*Byram Township, Sussex County, New Jersey, Public Hearing Announcement:*

Byram Township is seeking funding through the State of NJ Green Acres Program for improvements at C.O. Johnson Park Playground located on Roseville Road in Byram.

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Byram Township proposes to create the following new facilities at C.O. Johnson Park, located on Roseville Road in Byram Township, Sussex County, NJ. A concept plan showing the proposed changes, a preliminary cost estimate, and an environmental impact assessment for the project can be found at: [Byram Township | C.O.J Park Completely Inclusive Playground - Public Information \(byramtwp.org\)](#)

**PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION:** The public is encouraged to attend a public hearing to learn more about the proposal and to ask questions or provide comments on the proposed plan on January 30, 2024 at 7:30 pm, at the Byram Township Municipal Building, 10 Mansfield Drive, Byram NJ or by Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82117363001>, or by calling any of the following number's US: +1 646 518 9805 or +1 267 831 0333 to participate. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID Number: 821 1736 3001.

Written comments on the proposed application may be directed to Cynthia Church, Byram Township Clerk, 10 Mansfield Drive, Stanhope NJ 07874 or emailed to [ccchurch@byramtwp.org](mailto:ccchurch@byramtwp.org)

- Byram Township Council Meeting - Tuesday, February 6, 2024 - 7:30 PM

**APPLICATION INFORMATION for GRANT:**

- Full Application Package
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**CO Johnson Park playground to be replaced this year with a "Completely Inclusive Playground"** Message Expired

Last week, the Township Council announced that the CO Johnson Playground will be replaced this year, and the replacement will be what is known as a "Completely Inclusive Playground" compliant with Jake's Law. These playgrounds have unique features - so every child, of every ability, can play together. Some special features include ramping to accommodate wheelchairs and assistive devices; special surfacing and apparatus designed to accommodate any child. In connection with this, the Township will be applying for a grant from Green Acres, a division of NJ DEP.

The Township will be holding a few meetings over the next month for residents to get information about this project and understand what is being accomplished. The first discussion and presentation will occur at the Byram Township Recreation Committee meeting, being held this Tuesday, January 9th, 2024, at 8:00pm at the Byram Township Municipal Building. At this meeting, the project will be described to the recreation committee and to any public who wishes to learn about the project. There will be Council liaisons at this meeting to discuss the project and answer any questions or listen to suggestions that there might be.

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WE ARE ASKING THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN FOR SUPPORT TO HELP US GET THIS GRANT.

You can read more about this at: <https://tiny.cc/byram-cip> ✓

You can attend special meeting on Tuesday January 30th, at 7:30pm, to find out more and express your opinion. This meeting will be held in-person AND online via Zoom. Information on how to attend is on the above website.

And, you can express support by filling out a very simple form: <http://tiny.cc/byram-cip-support> ✓

The Township Council appreciates your anticipated support for this important project. If you have any questions, reach out at [council@byramtwp.org](mailto:council@byramtwp.org).



The issue with linking Facebook accounts has been resolved. It is necessary to re-link your Facebook accounts from your agency Facebook settings page. We appreciate your patience adjusting to this update.

On Wednesday, January 24th between 6:00 PM PST and 8:00 PM PST, we will be conducting routine maintenance to Nixle. For brief periods during this maintenance window, Nixle may be unavailable for up to 2 minutes. Detailed [Release Notes](#) for this release are available in the Nixle Support Center. If you have any questions, please contact Nixle Technical Support at [securedesk@nixle.com](mailto:securedesk@nixle.com) or refer to the Support Services Guide for additional contact information.

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# Byram Township Completely Inclusive Playground

C. O. Johnson Park



We need your help to obtain a grant from the Green Acres Program to help fund this project.

Earlier this month, the Township Council announced that the CO Johnson Playground will be replaced this year, as it has reached the end of its life. In connection with this, the Township of Byram will be applying for a grant from Green Acres, a division of the NJ DEP. The proposed playground will be a "Completely Inclusive Playground" compliant with Jake's Law. These playgrounds have unique features - so every child, of every ability, can play together. Some special features include ramping to accommodate wheelchairs and assistive devices; special surfacing and apparatus designed to ensure that every child has a great place to play.

Want more info?

<https://tiny.cc/byram-cip>

Support the grant application:



<http://tiny.cc/byram-cip-support>



**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM**  
**COUNCIL AGENDA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024**  
**PUBLIC HEARING – 7:30 P.M.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the regular session part of the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. will be held in person at 10 Mansfield Drive and via Zoom Webinar. The public may connect using a computer or smart device by clicking on the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82117363001>, or by calling any of the following number's US: +1 646 518 9805 or +1 267 831 0333 to participate. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID Number: 821 1736 3001. The public will have the opportunity to comment at appropriate times during the meeting. Formal action will be taken.

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

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[https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town\\_hall/township\\_council](https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town_hall/township_council), and has been forwarded to those persons requesting notice.

**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**6. PUBLIC HEARING ON IMPROVEMENTS AT C.O. JOHNSON PARK PLAYGROUND**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM**  
**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 30, 2024**  
**PUBLIC HEARING – 7:30 P.M.**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER** –Mayor Rubenstein called the meeting to order.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

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**ROLL CALL OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL** –Councilwoman Franco, here; Councilman Gallagher, here; Councilman Proctor, here; Councilman Roseff, here; Mayor Rubenstein, here. Also present was Township Manager Joseph Sabatini, Attorney Tom Collins and Township Clerk, Cynthia Church

**FLAG SALUTE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor to approve the agenda.

	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Proctor	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	x				
2nd			x		
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

**PUBLIC HEARING ON IMPROVEMENTS AT C.O. JOHNSON PARK PLAYGROUND – CIP**

Mayor Rubenstein stated that the purpose of this meeting is to have a public hearing on the proposed changes to the CO Johnson Park Playground. They have been in the process for the last two weeks putting together what is needed for the grant, part of the grant application set forth by the DEP and Green Acres is to have a public hearing to allow the public to make a statement or ask questions regarding the project.

Mr. Sabatini advised that all the information on this project has been posted on the township website, including the full application package. The minutes of tonight’s meeting will be adopted at the next scheduled council meeting along with a resolution of support to submit with the application, which will become part of the final grant application package. As part of that package there is a concept plan, cost estimate and an environmental impact assessment. This is a grant application for municipalities for 2024. The grant application and package are due by midnight February 7, 2024. There has been a lot of work that has gone into the preparation of the grant and thanked the Deputy Manager, Phil Crosson, Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Orgera and Recreation Director, Deb Armeno. A Completely Inclusive Playground goes beyond the typical ADA requirements for a playground which has been defined by Jakes Law. The key component of a CIP is to have unitary surface such as poured rubberized surface, a minimum of 20% square footage of shaded surface, it needs to be enclosed, and needs to have a quiet play area. Mr. Sabatini worked with a vendor who has experience designing CIP playgrounds and worked with the township engineer on access to the park. The cost estimate of this project is divided into construction costs that includes playground equipment, installation, surface, installation, site clearing prep and demolition, disposal, curbing, fencing, asphalt ADA compliant path at \$528,023.48. Included in this are also construction contingency costs of 10% that is an additional \$52,832.95. The total cost of the project is \$618,825.83. If the grant is awarded, they will receive up to 75% (\$464,119.37). The remaining would come out of the Operating Budget or the Open Space Trust Fund to be defined by the Mayor and Council.

Motion Councilwoman Franco second Councilman Proctor to give floor to the public.

Deb Armeno – Recreation Director – said that she is excited about the project for not only the kids, but for also grandparents, and parents of disabled children.

Courtney Gallagher – Little Paint Way - Asked where the playground is going to be. Mayor Rubenstein said it will be in the same footprint it is now. She is excited about the project.

David Pelletier – Frenches Grove Road - Thanked everyone involved in this project, and asked what he can do to help support the project. Mayor Rubenstein said that coming to the meeting, visiting the township website, and completing a letter of support by the end of the week is helpful. Mr. Pelletier feels that this is a great idea.

Jacueline Richards – In full support of the project and has already submitted a letter of support. Hopes to get the grant and get started on the project.

Dina Trunzo – Lake Drive – Is in complete support of the project as a certified exposure therapist, working over 34 years in community parks and recreation, this is a project that near and dear to her heart, not only because she has a sibling with a disability, but because she is a professional in the field. A playground is the #1 place where children with disabilities

can form friendships and socialize. It is the starting point for building a more inclusive community. Ms. Trunzo clarified what is meant by a "language board", it is a communication board that allows someone with limited speech to communicate. It needs to be built around what the kids are using and is willing to work with the Recreation Director and the Speech Therapist at the school. Needs to be made to what the community needs are. It is a very important component of the process.

Councilman Gallagher asked Dina her opinion on the road noise. Dina did not see it as an issue as that is what the quiet areas are for.

Anneliese DeMagistris – North Shore Road – Loves the idea of the project. Has children with disabilities in her day care center. The playground will bring everyone together.

Councilwoman Franco thinks this is a great opportunity for our community and inviting children from neighboring towns to enjoy it as well. Would be one of the only ones in Sussex County and will draw a lot of attention to Byram Township.

Councilman Gallagher – Thinks this will be a great opportunity for families. The only concern that he has been asked about is road noise, however, he does not think it will be an issue as it is not now.

Councilman Proctor – Asked about the statistics that was used for 17 disabled children in the township. Mr. Sabatini said that it was census data that was provided to the township.

Councilman Roseff – asked why they went with the poured surface rather than the tiles. Mr. Sabatini said for maintenance purposes, they received guidance from experts, the vendor and the Superintendent of Public Works who has had experience with tiles that require more maintenance and cost more.

Councilwoman Franco asked about the time frame for availability of supplies, Mr. Sabatini said around the beginning of July for the Ordinance introduction with possible installation by March of 2025.

Mr. Roseff asked about the durability of the surface and if it will be an issue. Mr. Sabatini said there is a possibility of damage, but there is a maintenance plan.

AJ Agnor – Very Supportive of the playground as he has two children that play there often. Asked if the council were confident in getting the grant and will they get the playground regardless.


Mayor Rubenstein – Feels confident they will get something from the grant and are willing to do what they can to get the playground complete.

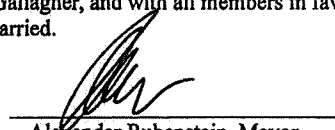
Mr. Sabatini said this is not just for Byram, but for surrounding communities as well. He is very hopeful in getting the grant as there are no CIP playgrounds in Sussex County at this time.

Motion by Councilwoman Franco, Seconded by Councilman Gallagher to close to the public.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Gallagher, and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

  
Cynthia Church, RMC  
Township Clerk

  
Alexander Rubenstein, Mayor

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM**  
**COUNCIL AGENDA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 P.M.**  
**REGULAR SESSION – 7:30 P.M.**

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3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**
  - a. Attorney Client Privilege Communication  
- General
  - b. Personnel
  - c. Litigation
5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**
6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
7. **PROCLAMATION – IN RECOGNITION OF KEN BURKE AS BYRAM TOWNSHIP CHIEF OF POLICE**
8. **SWEARING IN OF DANIEL DEWALD – CHIEF OF POLICE**
9. **SWEARING IN OF GUY MARIANI - LIEUTENANT**
10. **SWEARING IN OF KEVIN PERRY - SEARGENT**
11. **SWEARING IN OF KEVIN DISHINGER AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**
12. **RENEWAL OF LICENSE – 2024 QUARRY LICENSE**
13. **RENEWAL OF LICENSE – 2024 JUNK YARD - RAIMOS**
14. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
  - Model tree removal- replacement ordinance
  - Local Recreation Grant– Tennis Court
15. **REPORTS**
  - Township Manager
  - Mayor and Council Members
  - Township Attorney
16. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION I – Meeting open to the public for comments on matters not on the agenda or items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided.**
17. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - January 16, 2024 Regular & Closed Session Meeting Minutes
  - January 30, 2024 Regular Public Hearing Minutes
18. **CONSENT AGENDA:** These items are considered to be routine by the Members of the Township Council and will be enacted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a citizen or Council member so requests in which event the item may be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.
  - A. Resolution No. 039-2024 – 2024 Temporary Capital Budget Resolution
  - B. Resolution No. 040-2024 – Resolution to Authorize Participation in the 2024 Radon Awareness Program
  - C. Resolution No. 041-2024 – A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Byram Authorizing the Disposal of Out-of-Date Byram Township Fire Department Turnout Gear
  - D. Resolution No. 042-2024 – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the William Underwood Settlement Agreement
19. **RESOLUTION NO. 038-2024 – Enabling Resolution for Green Acres Application - CIP**
20. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 6, 2024 BILL LIST**
21. **ORDINANCE – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading / Public Hearing**
  - **ORDINANCE 001-2024 - ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**Purpose Statement:** The purpose of this ordinance is to exceed the State mandated COLA percentage of 2.5% and increase to 3.5% and to bank the difference between the Township's final appropriation subject to the cap and 3.5%.
  - **ORDINANCE 002-2024 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM TO VACATE, RELEASE AND EXTINGUISH ANY PUBLIC RIGHTS IN PORTIONS OF THE STREET AND ROADWAY KNOWN AS NETCONG AVENUE AND MILLSTREAM LANE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:49-6 AND N.J.S.A. 40:67-21 AND ACCEPTING DEDICATIONS OF REPLACEMENT PORTIONS OF NETCONG AVENUE AND MILLSTREAM LANE**

**Purpose Statement:** The purpose of this Ordinance is to vacate a portion of the streets known as Netcong Avenue and Millstream Lane and identified herein pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-6 and N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.
22. **ORDINANCE – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading / Introduction**

- **ORDINANCE NO. 003-2024 - AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$301,000.00**

**Purpose Statement:** Acquisition of new equipment for use by the Department of Public Works of the Township.

23. FUTURE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS
24. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II
25. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Session II (if necessary)
26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE COUNCIL DEEMS NECESSARY
27. ADJOURNMENT

**EXHIBIT 1 to DECLARATION  
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY**

The Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) is a document compiled by a local government unit as a master list of its Green Acres-restricted lands (known as "parkland" under the Green Acres rules N.J.A.C. 7:36). Lands that are subject to Green Acres restrictions cannot be disposed of, or diverted to a use other than recreation or conservation purposes, without the approval of the DEP Commissioner and the State House Commission. The Declaration of Encumbrance, including the ROSI, is recorded with the appropriate county clerk as a condition of the Green Acres funding contract in order to provide notice of the Green Acres restrictions on these lands to title searchers and the general public.

**LANDS THAT SHOULD BE LISTED ON THE ROSI**

Green Acres-restricted lands fall into two categories: funded parkland (lands included in the acquisition or park development projects funded by the Green Acres Program) and unfunded parkland (other lands held by the local government unit for recreation or conservation purposes at the time it received Green Acres funding). All funded and unfunded parkland parcels must be listed on the ROSI.

Lands owned by school boards, parking authorities, housing authorities, and similar public agencies without primary recreation or conservation responsibilities should not be inventoried unless they are also held for recreation and conservation purposes by the Local Government Unit. (e.g., through a lease, easement, use agreement or other agreement to which the Local Government Unit is a grantee.)

The ROSI should be compiled by a staff person who is knowledgeable about the local government unit's land holdings, uses of the land holdings and local land use regulations. The Local Government Units' planning board, environmental commission and other boards or commissions are encouraged to participate in the preparation and review of the ROSI.

The ROSI form is divided into three sections: Page 4, for land held in fee simple for recreation and conservation purposes; Page 5, for land held under a conservation restriction; and Page 6, for leases or use agreements held by the Local Government Unit for recreation and conservation purposes. Please review the Sample ROSI Sheets tab before completing the ROSI.

**WHEN PREPARING AND SUBMITTING THE ROSI, please take note of the following:**

The page number and the total number of pages in the completed ROSI must be entered at the top right corner of each page. **All pages, excluding the Sample ROSI Sheet, must be submitted.** Facility Names should be typed in all capital letters when filling out the three sections. All fields in each section should be filled in - including the acreage for each individual lot (do not submit the total acreage for the park). If there have been block and lot changes (consolidation / renumbering) since the last ROSI submission, please complete the last page of this document.

**ROSI TAX MAPS**

As an attachment to the ROSI, the local government unit should submit a copy of each appropriate municipal tax map (current as of the date of the Green Acres application) showing the parcels of parkland listed on the ROSI, with the approximate boundaries of each parcel clearly marked in colored ink. (See N.J.A.C. 7:36-6.4(a)3ii or 12.4(a)4ii). If only a portion of a current tax lot is encumbered, the Green Acres-encumbered portion of the parcel should be clearly delineated, to scale, on the tax map. The Green Acres Program encourages local government units with Geographic Information System ("GIS") capability to utilize aerial maps (overlaid with digitized tax map lines) instead of photocopies of the tax map. If aerial maps are used, the local government unit should submit paper copies of the GIS-based maps to the Green Acres Program and should include with its submission a disk containing the mapping information in a **geodatabase** or **shapefile** format.

**Form Specific Instructions**

**For parcels held in fee simple or in conservation restriction (easement), please provide the following:** (1) location (as listed in the municipality's tax records), (2) name of park/facility, (3) block and lot identification numbers as shown on the current, official tax map, (4) the acreage for each individual lot, (5) whether the interest held by the local government unit for recreation or conservation covers the full or only a portion of the tax lot, (6) if partial lots are involved, the Green Acres encumbered acreage, (7) if the property is co-owned with other partners, (8) a notation of whether the property is subject to a conservation easement funded by the Environmental Infrastructure Funding Program (EIFP), and (9) a notation about whether the parcel is funded or unfunded parkland.

**For parcels held through a lease or use agreement, please provide the following:** (1) location (as listed in the municipality's tax records), (2) name of park/facility, (3) block and lot identification numbers as shown on the current, official tax map, (4) the acreage for each individual lot, (5) whether the interest held by the local government unit for recreation or conservation covers the full or only a portion of the tax lot, (6) if partial lots are involved, the Green Acres encumbered acreage, (7) the expiration date for the lease or use agreement, (8) the name of the underlying landowner, and (9) a notation about whether any of the recreation and conservation facilities on the encumbered property were funded by Green Acres or whether the leasehold interest is considered unfunded parkland.

**Certification**

If the local government unit is a municipality, the completed ROSI must be reviewed and duly executed and certified by the chief executive officer and the planning board chairperson. If the local unit is a county, the completed ROSI must be reviewed and duly executed and certified by the chief executive officer and one of the following: the parks director, or the director of the open space program. (See N.J.A.C. 7:36-6.5(a)2) *If the Local Unit's form of government does not allow for the Mayor to sign without a resolution from the governing body, please include the number and date of the resolution along with a copy of the passed resolution.*

**Special Notes**

1. This ROSI, as completed and duly executed, shall be incorporated into both (1) the Green Acres Project Agreement and (2) the Declaration of Encumbrance.
2. The Local Government Units' governing body and planning board should designate, with appropriate descriptive labels, all lands listed on this ROSI in any revision or update of the following master plan elements: recreation plan, conservation plan, and land use plan. However, failure to do so shall have no effect on the validity of the ROSI.
3. If lands held by the Local Government Unit for recreation and conservation purposes are omitted from the ROSI by mistake, inadvertence, or otherwise, such lands shall be subject to the same terms and conditions, covenants, and restrictions as they would be if they were included. Deletion or omission of lands listed on previously submitted ROSI's is prohibited without prior written approval of the Green Acres Program, and may require a public hearing. See N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.3.

**Please check the Green Acres web site at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/pdflaunch.html> for an updated version of this ROSI form prior to completion.**

All pages of the ROSI must be electronically submitted with the completed original Certification page (page 7) mailed to the Project Manager's attention. Only pages 1 through 3, page 7, and those pages containing property information need to be included in the Declaration of Encumbrance that is sent for recording.

**RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY****Definitions (as found at N.J.A.C. 7:36-2)**

For the purposes of this ROSI, the following definitions shall apply whenever a form of the word is used:

**"Conservation restriction"**: an interest in land less than fee simple, stated in the form of a right, restriction, easement, covenant, or condition, in any deed, will, or other instrument, other than a lease, executed by or on behalf of the owner of the land, appropriate to retaining land or water areas predominantly in their natural, scenic, open, or wooded condition; appropriate for conservation of soil or wildlife; appropriate for outdoor recreation or park use; or appropriate as suitable habitat for flora or fauna. Often known as a "Conservation Easement".

**"Declaration"**: the recordable, written instrument executed by a local government unit that declares that all of the local government unit's funded and unfunded parklands are subject to the Green Acres restrictions. Such written instrument shall include the local government unit's Recreation and Open Space Inventory and is a component of the Project Agreement.

**"Development"**: any improvement to a land or water area of a parkland that is designed to expand or enhance its utilization for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes, and shall include the construction, renovation, or repair of any such improvement, but shall not mean shore protection or beach renourishment or replenishment activities, except as provided at N.J.A.C. 7:36-10.3(a)5 and 21.3(a)5. This term may include any of the following types of ancillary improvements to a parkland: roadways, parking, landscaping, fencing, lighting, utilities, structures, and any other improvement that expands or enhances the use of parkland for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes.

**"Fee simple"**: absolute ownership in land, unencumbered by any other interest or estate.

**"Funded parkland"**: parkland that a local government unit has acquired or developed with Green Acres funding.

**"Held,"** when used in the ROSI with reference to land: owned, leased, or otherwise controlled for recreation/conservation purposes.

**"Historic preservation restriction"**: an interest in land less than fee simple, stated in the form of a right, restriction, easement, covenant, or condition, in any deed, will or other instrument, other than a lease, executed by or on behalf of the owner of the land, appropriate to preserving a structure or site that is historically significant for its architecture, archaeology or associations.

**"Land" or "Lands"**: real property, including any improvement, right-of-way, water, riparian and other rights, easements, privileges, and any other rights or interests in, relating to, or connected with real property.

**"Local government unit"**: a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the State, or any agency, authority, or other entity thereof the primary purpose of which is to administer, protect, acquire, develop, or maintain lands for recreation and conservation purposes.

**"Parkland"**: land acquired, developed, and/or used for recreation and conservation purposes, including funded and unfunded parkland.

**"Recreation and conservation purposes"**: the use of lands for beaches, biological or ecological study, boating, camping, fishing, forests, greenways, hunting, natural areas, parks, playgrounds, protecting historic properties, water reserves, watershed protection, wildlife preserves, active sports, or a similar use for either public outdoor recreation or conservation of natural resources, or both, pursuant to the Green Acres laws. This term includes the use of historic areas pursuant to P.L. 1974, c.102; P.L. 1978, c.118; P.L. 1983, c.354; P.L. 1987, c.265; P.L. 1989, c.183; P.L. 1992, c.88; and P.L. 1995, c.204; and the use of historic buildings and structures pursuant to P.L. 1992, c.88, and P.L. 1995, c.204.

**"Recreation and Open Space Inventory" or "ROSI"**: the listing of all of a local government unit's funded and unfunded parkland, including a description sufficient to identify each such parcel.

**"Time of receipt of Green Acres funding"**: for a development project, the period from the earlier of the dates listed at 1 and 2 below until the date of the first transmittal of Green Acres funding. For an acquisition project, this term shall mean the period from the earlier of the dates listed at 1 and 2 below until the date of the first transmittal of Green Acres funding for each parcel acquired as part of the project:

1. The date of the letter from the Department notifying the local government unit of the Green Acres funding award; or
2. The date of the at-risk authorization provided by Green Acres under N.J.A.C. 7:36-6.3 or 12.3.

**"Unfunded parkland"**: parkland, other than funded parkland, that is held by a local government unit for recreation and conservation purposes at the time of receipt of Green Acres funding.

**Legislative & Regulatory References**

Green Acres enabling legislation: *N.J.S.A. 13:8A-1 et seq.*; *N.J.S.A. 13:8A-19 et seq.*; *N.J.S.A. 8:A-35 et seq.*, *N.J.S.A. 13:8C-1 et seq.*; Green Acres Rules: *N.J.A.C. 7:36*; Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, 16 *U.S.C. s. 460*; and New Jersey Conservation Restriction and Historic Preservation Restriction Act *N.J.S.A. 13:8B-1 et seq.*

Questions? Please call (609) 984-0631



RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

Local Unit: Byram Township

County: Sussex

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 Township of Byram Zoning Map, and is dated June 19, 2018. 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) <small>Note 1</small>	GA Encumbered Acres <small>Note 2</small>	Co-Owners? (Y/N) <small>Note 3</small>	Green Acres Funded? (F/U) <small>Note 4</small>	EIFP Funded? (Y/N) <small>Note 5</small>	Notes
1	Lackawanna Trail	Highland Trail	256	582	0.364	N	0.36	N	N	N	Buis
1	Lackawanna Trail	Highland Trail	256	585	1.86	N	1.86	N	N	N	Buis
1	Lackawanna Trail	Highland Trail	257	616	1.3	N	1.30	N	N	N	Buis
1	Lackawanna Trail	Highland Trail	257	614	0.705	N	0.71	N	N	N	Buis
1	Lackawanna Trail	Highland Trail	258	623	2.17	N	2.17	N	N	N	Buis
2	Roseville Road	C.O. Johnson Park	351	1	55.6	N	55.60	N	F	N	Arnell
3	Andover-Mohawk Road	Briar Ridge Park	336	43	44	N	44.00	N	F	N	Heltman
3	Andover-Mohawk Road	Briar Ridge Park	335	1.04	4.08	N	4.08	N	F	N	Owner's Maintenance
3	Andover-Mohawk Road	Briar Ridge Park	335	2	44.622	N	44.62	N	F	N	Boyd
4	Lee Hill Road	Glenside Woods	337	2	21.5	N	21.50	N	F	N	Donation by Owner
4	Catalina Drive	Glenside Woods	337	9	57.26	N	57.26	N	N	N	Gamski
4	Catalina Drive	Glenside Woods	337	9.01	11.552	N	11.55	N	F	N	Donation by Owner
5	Lynn Drive	Forest South	337.01	82	3.6	N	3.60	N	N	N	Donation by Owner
5	Lee Hill Road	Forest South	337.01	85	16.36	N	16.36	N	N	N	Donation by Owner
6	C O Drive	Cranberry Overlook	226	25.02	53.97	N	53.97	N	F	N	Beckman-Kostray
6	Old Indian Spring Road	Cranberry Overlook	226	26	43.25	N	43.25	N	F	N	Johnson Property
6	Old Indian Spring Road	Cranberry Overlook	226	26.08	1.546	N	1.55	N	F	N	Johnson Property
7	Brookwood Road	East Brookwood Park	40	19	4.2	N	4.20	N	N	N	Vetter
							<b>Total of all fee simple Green Acres-encumbered acres on this page only:</b>				
							<b>Total of all fee simple Green Acres-encumbered acres from all pages of this ROSI:</b>				<b>367.94</b>
							<b>Total of all Green Acres-encumbered acres from all pages of this ROSI:</b>				<b>480.30</b>
											<b>636.28</b>

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**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

Local Unit: Byram Township County: Sussex

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**Lands Held in Fee Simple for Recreation and Conservation Purposes**

Map Key	Municipal Location per Tax Records	Name of Park / Facility	Block No.	Lot No.	Total Lot Acres	Partial Lot? (Y/N) <small>Note 1</small>	GA Encumbered Acres <small>Note 2</small>	Co-Owners? (Y/N) <small>Note 3</small>	Green Acres Funded? (F/U) <small>Note 4</small>	EIFP Funded? (Y/N) <small>Note 5</small>	Notes
8	Tomahawk Trail	Tomahawk Lake Park	342.03	13	1.33	N	1.33	N	N	N	Donation
9	Mansfield Drive	Byram Township Civic Park	364	4	13.87	N	13.87	N	F	N	
10	Mansfield Drive	Municipal Park	365	21	21.8	N	21.80	N	N	N	
11	Route 206	Tamarack Park	360	26.01	9.991	N	9.99	N	F	N	Hudson Farm Greenway
11	Tamarack Road	Tamarack Park	360	39.03	10.4	N	10.40	N	F	N	Hudson Farm Greenway
11	Roseville Road	Tamarack Park	360	42.05	49.448	N	49.45	N	F	N	Hudson Farm Greenway
12	Raccoon Trail	Township Park	318	19	0.134	N	0.13	N	N	N	Donation by Owner
13	Stonehedge Lane	Township Park	337.07	7	5.39	N	5.39	N	N	N	Donation by Owner

Total of all fee simple Green Acres-encumbered acres on this page only: 112.36

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

Local Unit: Byram Township County: Sussex

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**Lands Subject to Conservation Restriction for Recreation and Conservation Purposes** (Use Page 5A ~ Cons. Rest. 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) <small>Note 1</small>	GA Encumbered Acres <small>Note 2</small>	Co-Owners? (Y / N) <small>Note 3</small>	Green Acres Funded? (F / U) <small>Note 4</small>	Notes
A.	Route 206	Tamarack Park	360	26.02	40.114	N	40.11	Y	Y	Owned by NJCF
A.	Tamarack Road	Tamarack Park	360	39.04	113.2	N	113.20	Y	Y	Owned by NJCF
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Total of all conservation easement Green Acres-encumbered acres on this page only: **153.31**  
 Total of all conservation easement Green Acres-encumbered acres from all pages of this ROSI: **153.31**

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RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

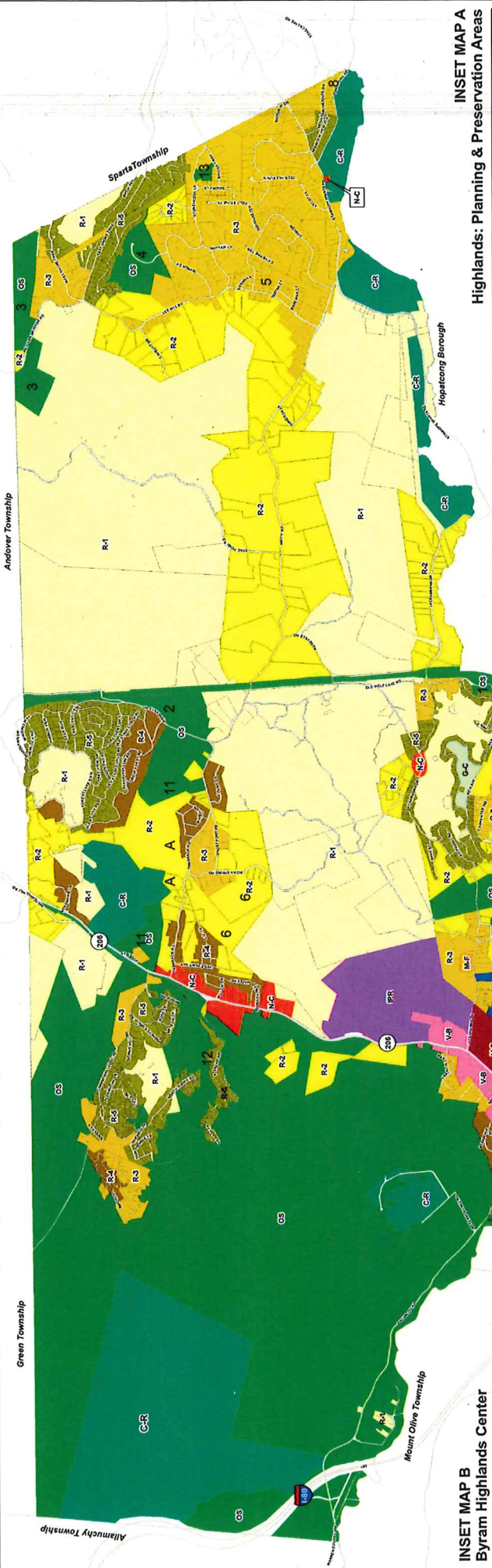
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County: Sussex

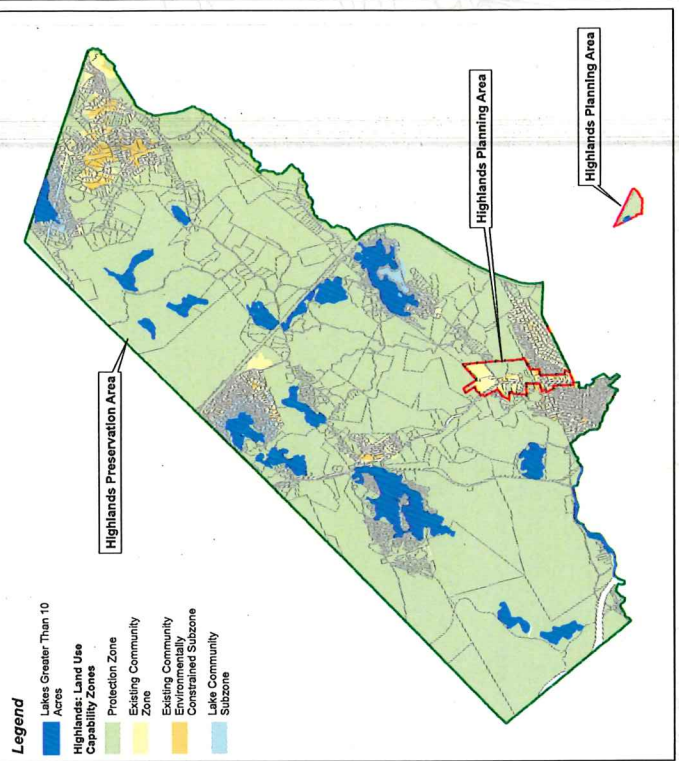
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Lands Held through a Lease or Use Agreement for Recreation and Conservation Purposes											
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I.	River Road	Riverside Park	22	223	2.661	Y	2.66	2046	NJ DOT	N	Compensation Land
II.											
III.											
IV.											
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XX.											
<b>Total of all leased Green Acres-encumbered acres:</b>										<b>2.66</b>	

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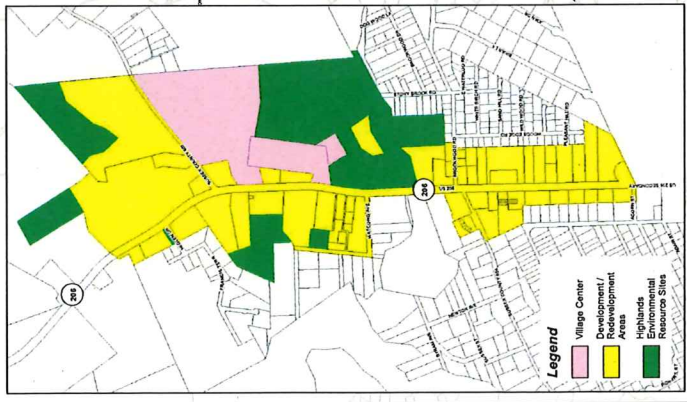
**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM ZONING MAP**



**Legend**

- Lakes Greater Than 10 Acres
- Highlands: Land Use Capability Zones
- Protection Zone
- Existing Community Zone
- Existing Community Zone
- Unimproved/Overgrown Subzone
- Lake Community Subzone

**INSET MAP B  
Byram Highlands Center**



**Legend**

- R-1 10 acres
- R-2 5 acres
- R-3 1 acre
- R-4 1/2 acre
- R-5 1/4 acre
- M-F Multifamily
- N-C
- V-C 60 acres
- V-B
- IPR
- G-C
- C-R 20 acres
- F-P 80 acres
- OS

1 in = 1,400 feet

1,400 700 0 Feet

Township of Byram, Sussex County  
Date of Adoption


Prepared By:  
**L&G**  
Landscape Architecture & Planning

Funding Assistance From:  
**Highlands Council**  
NEW JERSEY

**CERTIFICATION:**

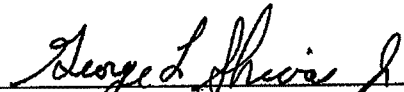
I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Recreation and Open Space Inventory, comprising 8 total pages, is a complete and accurate listing of all lands held by the Local Government Unit, as of this 29th day of June, 2018, for recreation and conservation purposes at the time of receipt of Green Acres funding.

This ROSI is being submitted to Green Acres as part of project number: 1904-00-078 and entitled: Township of Byram, Updated Roster of Open Space.



Chief Executive Officer of Local Government Unit  
Joseph Sabatini

Date: 11/1/18



Planning Board Chairperson (or equivalent)  
George Shivas Jr.

Date: 11/1/18

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:

151-2018

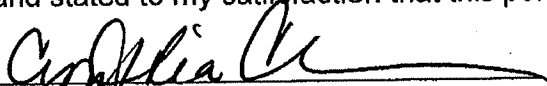
Resolution Number

8/14/2018

Date of Resolution

(Resolution attached)



State of New Jersey, County of Sussex: I Certify that on November 1, 2018  
Joseph Sabatini & George Shivas, Jr. personally came before me and stated to my satisfaction that this person executed this instrument as his own act.



Cynthia Church, Deputy Township Clerk

Cynthia Church  
Notary Public of NJ  
Commission Expires 2/5/2020

20181113010233100  
11/13/2018 02:16:04 PM  
MUN DEED  
NUMBER OF PAGES : 11  
Recording Fee : \$8.00

<p><b>SUSSEX COUNTY RECORDING COVER PAGE</b>  Honorable Jeffrey M. Parrott  Sussex County Clerk</p>  <p>This cover page is required to be part of any document affecting land title being recorded in Sussex County, New Jersey. It is part of the recorded instrument and permanent record and should not be detached from the original document.</p>	<p>Official Use Only – Barcode</p>  <p>20181113010233100 1/11  11/13/2018 02:16:04 PM MUN DEED  Bk: 3498 Pg: 378  Jeffrey M. Parrott, County Clerk  Sussex County, NJ</p>
<p>Record &amp; Return To:</p> <p><b>Township of Byram</b>  10 Mansfield Drive  Stanhope, N.J. 07874  (973) 347-2500  attn: Cynthia Church</p>	<p>Official Use Only – Realty Transfer Fee</p>

<p>Date of Document:  8-14-2018</p>	<p>Type of Document:  ROSI</p>
<p>First Party Name:  Byram Township</p>	<p>Second Party Name:</p>
<p>Additional Parties To Be Indexed:</p>	

<p><b>PROPERTY INFORMATION (MANDATORY FOR DEEDS)</b></p>	
<p>Block: See attached list</p>	<p>Lot:</p>
<p>Municipality: Byram Township</p>	
<p>Consideration:</p>	
<p>Mailing Address of Grantee:</p>	

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM  
RESOLUTION NO. 151-2018**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF THE UPDATED RECREATION  
AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY (ROSI)**

**WHEREAS**, Byram Township's Open Space Consultant has updated Byram's Recreation and Open Space Inventory; and

**WHEREAS**, Green Acres Program Project Manager Larry Fink has reviewed and approved the ROSI; and

**WHEREAS**, Green Acres is now requesting that the ROSI be signed by the Township Manager and Planning Board Chairman.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Byram, in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, Township Manager, Planning Board Chairman and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents pertaining to the ROSI.

**BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

	Councilman Gray	Councilwoman Kash	Councilman Olson	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion			X		
2nd	X				
Yes	X		X	X	X
No					
Abstain					
Absent		X			

**ATTEST:**

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Byram Township Council at a meeting held on August 14, 2018.

  
 Cynthia Church, Deputy Municipal Clerk



# Appendix A



NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICES  
24<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT  
SUSSEX-MORRIS-WARREN

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January 31, 2024

Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette  
NJ Department of Environmental Protection  
P.O. Box 420  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

RE: Green Acres Program – Byram Township

Dear Commissioner LaTourette:

We write to you today in support of the grant application being submitted by the Township of Byram to the Green Acres Program for the installation of an inclusive playground at CO Johnson Park. The addition of an inclusive playground will serve as a cornerstone in fostering a sense of belonging for children and families of different backgrounds and abilities. This project not only promotes physical activity, but also encourages social interaction, mutual respect and understanding among individuals throughout the community.

We are glad to support this grant application and urge the Green Acres Program to consider the benefits that this project will bring to Byram Township. This project will undoubtedly be a cherished asset that enhances the quality of life for all individuals, fostering a more unified and supportive community.

If you require additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dawn Fantasia  
Assemblyman

Parker Space  
Senator

Michael Inganamort  
Assemblyman

FPS/SVO/HJW:bpc

**Byram  
Township  
School District**



12 Mansfield Drive  
Stanhope, NJ 07874  
(973) 347-1047  
[www.byramschools.org](http://www.byramschools.org)

**John Fritzkly**  
Superintendent of Schools

**Nancy DeRiso**  
Business Administrator /  
Board Secretary

**Timothy McCorkle**  
Principal  
Byram Intermediate School

**Peter Morris, Ed.D.**  
Principal  
Byram Lakes Elementary School

**Catherine Porter**  
Assistant Principal  
Byram Lakes Elementary School  
Byram Intermediate School

17 January 2024

Green Acres Program  
401 East State Street  
PO Box 420  
Trenton, NJ 08625

To Whom it May Concern:

The Byram Township School District, and the Board of Education, write to you with enthusiastic support of the grant application being submitted by the Township of Byram to the Green Acres Program for the installation of an "Completely Inclusive Playground" at CO Johnson Park.

This effort aligns seamlessly with our district's commitment to providing inclusive and accessible recreational opportunities for all members of our community, irrespective of age or ability. We understand that this project will be in strict compliance with "Jake's Law", and we believe it will significantly enhance the well-being and overall development of our residents. It is our position that there are many children, families, and even guardians and adults who will benefit from this project.

We believe that the installation of this "Completely Inclusive Playground" at CO Johnson Park will not only contribute to the overall vibrancy of our community but also stand as a testament to our shared commitment to inclusivity, accessibility, and the well-being of our residents.

Thank you for your consideration of our letter of support. We look forward to the positive impact this project will have on the lives of the individuals and families within Byram Township.

Sincerely

Julie Lucente, President  
Byram Township Board of Education

## DINA TRUNZO, CTRS

194 Lake Drive  
Byram, NJ 07874  
908.415.6669 (cell)  
[dmtrunzo@gmail.com](mailto:dmtrunzo@gmail.com)

Dear Mayor Rubenstein and Administrator Sabatini:

I write to express my complete support for the grant application being submitted for the completely inclusive playground (CIP) proposed for CO Johnson Park. Many playgrounds are accessible but fall short of inclusivity. As a certified recreational therapist (CTRS), I understand the benefits and need for such in a community; a space that serves people of all abilities as I worked for over 30 years in the community parks and recreation as a recreational therapist and ADA coordinator.

Inclusive playgrounds benefits are great and needed at the local level more than at a county level. Neurodiverse children need and want the same level of fun and engagement. Often, they do not feel accepted by their peers. Having a playground "in your backyard" (town) helps others accept those with differences. They see their peers outside of the school setting and what they can do not what they cannot do. Playgrounds are in fact some of the first places that friendships are started. During my years of practice, I was often asked by parents, where and how can my child make friends? My first suggestion was always, visit a playground in your community. Many times, this leads to playdates at each other's homes. That is hard to accomplish when you are going to playgrounds or recreational facilities, not within their community.

Inclusive playgrounds bring families together and provide for interactive family time. They also allow for all in the family to actively engage and access all the equipment. A CIP is equally important for the parent who is disabled to be able to access the equipment with their child or help them when help is needed. When a child can use all the equipment and be fully included, it instills a sense of independence and confidence. This carries over to other areas such as performance of school or in sport programs.

As a resident, the prospect of having a completely inclusive playground is another step for Byram to be more inclusive and not just accessible. I hope Green Acres will consider the benefits this playground will bring to the Byram residents and give it the utmost consideration.

Very truly,



Dina Trunzo, CTRS

## Alex Rubenstein

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**From:** Alex Rubenstein  
**Sent:** Monday, February 5, 2024 7:30 PM  
**To:** Alex Rubenstein  
**Subject:** FW: Letter in support of Grant from the Green Acres Program

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**From:** sandy867@aol.com <sandy867@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:44 AM  
**To:** Alex Rubenstein <arubenstein@byramtwp.org>  
**Subject:** Letter in support of Grant from the Green Acres Program

Green Acres Program Program  
401 East State Street  
PO Box 420  
Trenton, NJ 08625

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Byram Township Senior Citizens' Club. We are in full support of the Township Council's request for the grant application from the Green Acres Program.

We understand that the grant is for the installation of an all inclusive playground at C.O. Johnson Park to replace the existing one. This new playground referred to as Jake's Place and built in accordance with Jake's Law is very much needed in our community in order to create an environment of inclusivity.

Many of our members are retired teachers and healthcare workers who have experienced first hand the exclusion of people especially children from the joys of interacting socially because of limited capabilities. The installation of an all inclusive playground will not only benefit the children of diverse abilities but also their families. Some families have grandparents as their caregivers who are not able to navigate the existing recreational areas because of uneven surfaces and "hard to get to" equipment. With the installation of an all inclusive playground these obstacles would be eliminated.

Thank you for your consideration in granting this request. If Byram Township is given this grant it will enrich the lives of all the residents and visitors for years to come.

Sincerely,

Sandy Wray  
The Byram Township Senior Citizens'

Club

## Alex Rubenstein

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**From:** Joseph Mathews <jsm417@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2024 6:21 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** CO Johnson Playground

To Byram Township Council Members,

I am writing this email with great appreciation for the council in making plans to move forward with the playground project at the CO Johnson Park. All Byram residents are aware of the disrepair that the current playground has fallen into after many years of service. CO Johnson Park is the focal point of Byram Township which is shared with members of many different communities and I am happy to know Grant opportunities exist to assist in funding such projects that are not just serviceable to residents of Byram. Thank you for your hard work; I look forward to the many memories my children will make at the new playground!

All the Best,  
Joe Mathews  
39 Crescent Drive South  
Forest Lakes

## Alex Rubenstein

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**From:** Melissa Kropinack <mlkropinack@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2024 6:41 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** Inclusive playground.

Hi town council.

I think an inclusive playground is something this community must have. Please follow through and make this a much need improvement in our community. I fully support this project.

Thank you.

Melissa Kropinack

**Alex Rubenstein**

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**From:** Brian Kropinack <brian.kropinack@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2024 10:14 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** CO Johnson Inclusive Playground Letter of Support

Hello

I am a resident of Byram township and support the CO Johnson Inclusive Playground Project and hope that Green Acres will give our grant application serious consideration to allow as many residents as possible to be able to enjoy the facility.

Sincerely  
Brian Kropinack  
17 Lynn Dr, Byram Township, NJ 07821



## Alex Rubenstein

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**From:** Chris Romulo <chris@chrisromulo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2024 9:06 AM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** Support of playground

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the proposed inclusive playground project at CO Johnson Park. As a resident of the community, I believe this initiative is not only essential but also a significant step towards fostering inclusivity and unity within our area.

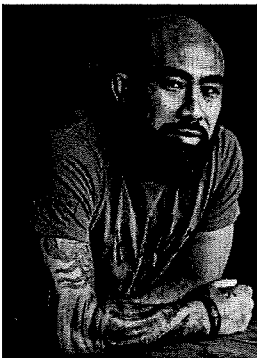
The concept of a completely inclusive playground is particularly appealing to me, despite my family not having any special limitations. It's the idea of creating a space where all children and families, regardless of their abilities, can come together and enjoy the beauty and tranquility of CO Johnson Park. This project symbolizes more than just a play area; it represents an opportunity for our community to grow closer, ensuring that no child feels excluded or left behind.

I sincerely hope that the grant application will receive the serious consideration it deserves. Investing in this project means investing in the happiness and well-being of all our community members, setting a precedent for inclusivity and compassion.

Thank you for considering this application. I am excited about the potential impact this project could have on our community and eagerly await its realization.

Sincerely,

Chris Romulo



Chris Romulo  
Youth Empowerment Speaker

**Mobile:** 3474329159  
**Email:** [Chris@chrisromulo.com](mailto:Chris@chrisromulo.com)  
**Website:** [www.chrisromulo.com](http://www.chrisromulo.com)

Living as a champion isn't for the chosen few, living as a champion is for the few that choose.

## Alex Rubenstein

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**From:** William Salvas <wsalvas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:17 PM  
**To:** Town Council  
**Subject:** CO Johnson Playground

Good Afternoon Byram Town Council,

This email is in support of a new playground at CO Johnson Park.

My wife and I moved our family to Byram just 3 months ago.

I am a Byram native (20 years removed) and my wife is from the out of state.

We moved "back" for a number of reasons; the great outdoors, the schools, friends, family and Byram Shop Rite (kidding).

We had previously lived in Nutley, NJ and Weehawken, NJ.

Some of our fondest memories as new parents were spent at playgrounds in Essex County; notably Memorial Park in Nutley and Brookdale Park in Montclair/Bloomfield.

We were grateful to have functional and modern playgrounds nearby.

People want to live in towns with high quality parks and playgrounds.

Outdoor play and outdoor sports will help shape our children's future.

Hoping this project moves forward soon.

Thank you.

Bill Salvas - Forest Lakes

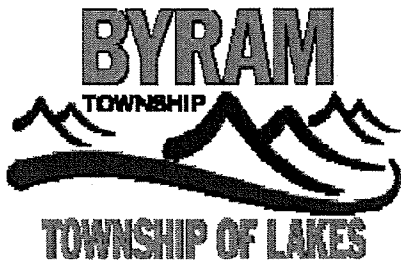
## Alex Rubenstein

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**From:** Recreation  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2024 8:31 AM  
**To:** Alex Rubenstein; Joseph Sabatini  
**Subject:** FW: All-inclusive playground  
**Attachments:** All-Inclusive Playground for Sussex County.docx

I received this yesterday  
Best regards,

*Debbie Armeno*  
Director of Recreation




Byram Township  
10 Mansfield Drive  
Stanhope, NJ 07874  
Phone: 973-347-2500 x160  
Email: [recreation@byramtwp.org](mailto:recreation@byramtwp.org)

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**From:** Lizzy Acker <[ackerlizzy93@gmail.com](mailto:ackerlizzy93@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2024 4:56 AM  
**To:** Recreation <[recreation@byramtwp.org](mailto:recreation@byramtwp.org)>  
**Subject:** All-inclusive playground

Hello Deborah Armeno, my name is Lizzy A. I am sending you my ideas in hopes that you or someone will hear me out regarding an all-inclusive playground. I myself am autistic and being autistic my go to "thing" is 1.helping others and then just as important 2. educating and bringing awareness to others about autism and other Developmental disabilities along with mental health disorders. Yes, having an all-inclusive playground would be AMAZING! Some of my ideas are already being considered for the WaWayanda State Park as well. These all-inclusive playgrounds are just one of my many goals that is a motivation to wake up in the morning and deal with my mental illness (many in fact) . It is a very big deal for me to have such a big drive for change and to help others. Helping others is just what I have always done, but since 2019ish I have done it so much more because I never want anyone to ever feel sad, lonely or like they aren't good enough. I have been there... Anyway, I hope you can help me bring some of my ideas and make them a reality! These playgrounds are slowly becoming more of a thing (took long enough, but it's happening so I'll take it) I don't for a fact know if the Bryam recreation committee is thinking about making an all-inclusive playground, but if you were to, might I suggest listening to a voice of not only an advocate, but one that has disabilities I personally feel is so important. Thank you for your time and I look forward to speaking with you or someone else more about this. Also, if you know any other towns that are definitely making All-inclusive playgrounds happen would you be able to let me know, please so I can

reach out to them as well thank you. I do hope I get to talk to you though, even if just through email. Thank you for reading till the end. Talk to you soon, I hope. - Lizzy A. 

February 5, 2024

Green Acres Program

401 East State Street

PO Box 420

Trenton, NJ 08625

To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing as the Lenape Valley Youth Baseball/Softball Association Executive Board to voice our unconditional support of the grant application being submitted by the Township of Byram to the Green Acres Program for the installation of an inclusive playground at CO Johnson Park.

As residents of Byram, we recognize the dire need for inclusive spaces that allow children of all abilities to participate in active play. At this time, there are virtually no inclusive spaces for the children of Byram, which is why we support this project wholeheartedly.

As parents, we try to educate our children to accept others as they are, and what better way to send the message of embracing our differences than by building a place where all children can play together - no matter their abilities?

As coaches, we also recognize the importance physical activity for children. Active play with peers is a cornerstone to physical, emotional, mental, and social health for all children.

With an inclusive playground, Byram will become a model for other towns follow and we proudly offer our support to that vision for families in this town, present and future.

For these reasons, we wholeheartedly endorse this grant application and urge the Green Acres Program to consider the immense benefits that this project will bring to our township. The inclusive playground at CO Johnson Park will undoubtedly be a cherished asset that enhances the quality of life for families, fostering a more unified and supportive community.

Thank you for your dedication to advancing projects that promote inclusivity and accessibility in our public spaces and we hope that you give this grant application serious consideration.

Sincerely,

The Lenape Valley Youth Baseball/Softball Association Executive Board

February 5, 2024

Green Acres Program  
401 East State Street  
PO Box 420  
Trenton, NJ 08625

To Whom It May Concern:

The Byram Township Schools PTA submits this letter in support of the Byram Township Completely Inclusive Playground at CO Johnson Park. As the Byram Township Schools PTA, we are fully invested in the inclusivity of every child in our district. We would like to express our support and the reasons Byram would greatly benefit from the grant from Green Acres in order to make this new playground possible.

Most importantly, no child should ever be excluded from any opportunity. That holds true for safe play spaces for all of our children. Inclusion is the basis of our support for this grant. Every child should have access to a fully equipped play space to meet their needs. The playground that is currently at CO Johnson Park has reached the end of its life, as our town has stated. It does not have any handicap accessible area for children to play freely. In accordance with Jake's Law, passed by Governor Murphy, "No child should lack access to playgrounds based on their physical abilities." It is time for Byram to upgrade the accessibility for all our community children and the vast variety of our children's needs. As the PTA, we hold numerous family activities at our schools during the year and the population of Byram students would be greatly impacted by an inclusive addition to our town that benefits all children.

To be sure, inclusive spaces improve the quality of life for children and their families with disabilities, as well as children and families without disabilities. This aids community acceptance, and all children benefit from active play and being exposed to an inclusive environment. Our community is already aligned with inclusion in all ways and the playground would further our community values.

The Byram Township PTA voices full support for the application. We look forward to the opportunity to foster inclusion for generations to come.

Thank you for your dedication to this project and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marla Rodriguez  
President, Byram Township PTA

Readers who identified themselves as Guy Puffer, Robert and Joanne McDole, Lillian Schlesinger, Tom Casserly, Trevor Havens, Juan Mateo Menendez, Hank Ramberger, Tommy Agens, Joan and Greg Newell, Jim Leonard, Sunita Kozik, Bob Woods, Larry Condit and Chris Cooke knew last week's photo was Panera Bread on Water Street/Route 206.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Because local animal shelters and humane societies need help finding homes for animals, we've decided to reserve space each week for an animal in need of adoption.

We are pausing the "Where In" feature to accommodate this information.

## Sparta, Byram seek playground funds

**SPARTA.** New Jersey Green Acres grants are available to help pay for completely inclusive playgrounds, which address the needs of children and adults with disabilities.

By Kathy Shwiff

Sparta and Byram officials plan to apply for New Jersey Green Acres funding to build completely inclusive playgrounds.

Completely inclusive playgrounds provide opportunities for play that are not available at most playgrounds for children and adults with disabilities. They also provide wheelchair accessibility to the playground equipment.

Gov. Phil Murphy signed Jake's Law in 2018; it provides funds for the construction of completely inclusive playgrounds.

Jake's Law was named for Jacob Cummings-Nasto, who died at age 2 1/2 from complications of heart surgery. Born with hypoplastic heart syndrome, he loved playgrounds although he could not play on them because of his disability.

The Byram Township Council scheduled on a public hearing Tuesday, Jan. 30

on the proposal to replace the playground at C.O. Johnson Park on Roseville Road. Officials said the playground equipment there "is beyond end of life."

The Sparta Township Council held a public hearing on its plans during its regular meeting Jan. 23.

The Kids Kastle playground at Station Park would be replaced with a completely inclusive playground, according to the proposal.

During the hearing, Jeanne Montemarano, Sparta's director of parks & recreation, said the minimum funding request is \$500,000, which is meant to cover three-fourths of the total cost of about \$700,000 while the municipality pays the rest.

More than half of the cost would cover a poured-in-place rubber surface, which makes it accessible to people using wheelchairs or walkers.

"Kids Castle definitely needs to be renovated as do all of our playgrounds," Montemarano said.

Renovating Kids Castle without making it a completely inclusive playground probably would cost more than \$300,000, she estimated. "We're taking advantage of a grant that's going to

give us more than we could have got before."

Montemarano said the grants are expected to be awarded this summer and the work would be done in 2025.

The proposal calls for separate play areas for children ages 2-5 and children ages 5-12. A pavilion would be added to the area, and there would be covers on some of the equipment to provide shade, she said.

Mayor Neill Clark pointed out that Murphy has allocated \$100 million to fund grants to improve open space and update parks, including Jake's Law projects.

Montemarano said township staff would remove the old equipment, which would save time.

The cost of Byram's project is estimated at \$618,825, including removal of the old playground equipment, a poured-in-place rubber play surface, new fencing and a sidewalk compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Written comments on the proposed application may be sent to Cynthia Church, Byram Township Clerk, 10 Mansfield Drive, Stanhope NJ 07874 or by email to [cchurch@byramtwp.org](mailto:cchurch@byramtwp.org)

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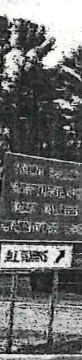
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Date	Name	E-Mail Address	Address (optional)	Comments
1/14/2024	Andrew McElroy	Amemammc@gmail.com	71 Lynn Drive Byram, NJ 973-886-5168	
1/14/2024	Jeannine Rubenstein	jeannine@mailme.com		Thank you for your efforts for all children of Byram.
1/14/2024	Joe Sabatini	jsabatini66@outlook.com		I support this project.
1/14/2024	Roxanne Sabatini	roxysab@ptd.net	13 Sandy's Road	Love this idea to provide an inclusive playground. This makes a statement of caring!
1/19/2024	Karla Santin Hunt	karlasantin20@gmail.com	4 Spruce Trail Byram Township, NJ 07821	
1/19/2024	Jenny Hunsinger	Jennyhunsinger@yahoo.com		
1/19/2024	Lindsay Thomson	lindsayburlew@gmail.com	9082106292	We would love to have such an inclusive park nearby open to all to help encourage outdoor time for all children
1/19/2024	Kelly Gorton	k.gorton1188@gmail.com		Thank you for your consideration!
1/23/2024	Devan Borgstrom	dcimhoff@aol.com	2 Sandra lane Sparta NJ 07871 8624328466	
1/24/2024	Erin Koster	erinbrady1388@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Melanie Nowling	Mindovermatr77@gmail.com	40 beech street, Stanhope, nj 07874	
1/24/2024	Andrew Wilson	Wilson0898@gmail.com	29 River Road, Byram Twp, NJ, 07874	
1/24/2024	Bryan Arenas	barenas@outlook.com	57 N Shore Road	
1/24/2024	Ashley Ochs	ashley.ochs@outlook.com		
1/24/2024	Sheyenne OGrady	sheyenne.buchalski@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Shawn	Shawn.smith.ogrady@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Patricia Senatore	pmsenatore@gmail.com	32 Tamarack Road, Byram	
1/24/2024	Gayle Kane	Mrsgaylekane@gmail.com	58 Lynn Dr, Byram Twp, NJ 07821	Every community needs a place where kids of different capabilities can gather and learn from eachother through play. It's crucial for social development and to break stigmas around children with disabilities.
1/24/2024	Angelica Sabatini	angsab93@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Melissa Appelgren	Melissagd03@gmail.com		Yes to a new playground! Much needed!
1/24/2024	Virginia Lepore	Virginialepore@gmail.com	32Richmond Rd.	
1/24/2024	Melissa Pelletier	MelCooney85@yahoo.com	23 frenches grove rd Byram 07821 201 841 9983	This playground is super outdated and unsafe currently:
1/24/2024	Mary Carbone	Mary.carbone47@gmail.com	Lake Dr Byram NJ	

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1/24/2024	Lori Socha	lorisocho11@gmail.com	11 hunters lane	
1/24/2024	Wendy Pasko	wpasko3@gmail.com	16 Harbor View Dr. Byram Twp 07821	This park is the heart of our community for children, and the playground needs to be safe, compliant and suitable for all. We need this grant.
1/24/2024	Kelly derendal	Derendalkelly@gmail.com		Please grant the necessary improvements for co johnson's new playground it is much needed
1/24/2024	Sean Pomeroy	sean.pomeroy@gmail.com	1 West Lake Dr., Stanhope, NJ 07874 - (973) 703-3440	
1/24/2024	Kaitlyn Kolzow	Kaitlyn.kolzow@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	John Romano	romanoj723@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Rebecca Roe	rebeccadriscoll88@gmail.com	36 Sleepy Hollow Road, Bryam Township, NJ 07821	I have a 1 year-old daughter who I plan to take to CO Johnson regularly once the weather is nice. I would love to have her exposed to the concepts of accessibility and inclusivity at an early age, and to be able to play and make friends with all kinds of other children.
1/24/2024	David Pelletier	Dp031124@gmail.com	9735255138	This playground as well as the park expansion will be hugely utilized by all. Thank you all who have put an effort forward
1/24/2024	Amy Rochette	A.l.rochette@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Cory Holm	Cory.holm@aol.com	1 old stage coach rd byram twp NJ	
1/24/2024	Andrea Sullivan	andreasullivan99@yahoo.com		
1/24/2024	Alyssa Young	alysaacrum56@gmail.com	14 Crows Nest Rd, 973-271-1729	
1/24/2024	Gianna Dimatteo	Gidimatteo@yahoo.com	25 crescent drive south 973-978- 9552	
1/24/2024	Allison Andrews	andrews1018@outlook.com		Our town would greatly appreciate this playground and get so much use out of it.
1/24/2024	Christina Wyka	Stout.christina@gmail.com	9739030102	Super excited for this playground to be replaced! I've lived in Byram for 37 years and now I'm raising my kids here. They would LOVE a new playground.
1/24/2024	Alette Kligman	Aletteklig@gmail.com	Forest Lakes, Byram	
1/24/2024	Susan Chelpaty	tonysue@ptd.net	3 Stag Pond Rd. Byram Twp., NJ	I think it will be a wonderful addition to the town! CO Johnson fields are well used and well maintained also!

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1/24/2024	Beverly Widmer	nikosniche@juno.com	135 Roseville Rd Byram Township, NJ 973-271-1096	I have a great nephew who is 7 years old. He is a Tetraplegic. His visits would be greatly enhanced by an inclusive playground as would all handicapped children. Thank you.
1/24/2024	Marcus	marcoosfreeman@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Kari Buckley	Kariclittle789@gmail.com	6 Sandys Rd Andover 07821	Can't wait to see it!!
1/24/2024	Benjamin Palmer	Landrovr2002@msn.com		I support this for my community.
1/24/2024	Joan Papendick	joanpapendick@hotmail.com	9 Adair Street. Stanhope, New Jersey 07874	I love the idea of an all inclusive playground.
1/24/2024	Nicole Halajian	Nicoleh539@gmail.com		The playground equipment is needed so our children are safe while playing.
1/24/2024	Suzanne Halajian	Nicelady82@yahoo.com		Please provide this grant so we are accessible for all people.
1/24/2024	Jaclyn Havington	jaclyn.havington@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Katarzyna Okonski	Kasokonski@gmail.com	129 Forest Lakes Drive, Andover NJ 07821 973-902-8719	
1/24/2024	Jacqueline Richards	jmg1994rbb@gmail.com	2 Partridge Road Stanhope NJ 07874 (201-572-3472)	As a parent to two young children with special needs this grant would allow inclusion for all children and adults regardless of their current abilities.
1/24/2024	Jennifer Rencher	JenniferRencher@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Jessica English	Nerdwho11@gmail.com	31 Crescent Drive South Byram NJ 07821	
1/24/2024	Jennifer Kelly	Kellyjen86@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Cheryl Dempsey	jdempsey34@hotmail.com	34 Crescent Dr s, Byram Twps., NJ 07821	Would love to see the playground updated. It gets a lot of visitors!
1/24/2024	William Bryant	LTCBILLBRYANT@GMAIL.COM	6 Crescent Dr S	
1/24/2024	John Dempsey	jdempsey34@gmail.com		A playground for all is a great improvement. That park has a lot of activity and a new playground would benefit many.
1/24/2024	David Reamer	dwreamer@hotmail.com		
1/24/2024	Geraldine Anglum	gerbear20012001@yahoo.com	137 Forest Lakes Drive North Byram NJ 07892 9732290976 9732290876	It is wonderful that Playgrounds can be All Inclusive! Thank You
1/24/2024	Piotr Kaczynski	Kaczynskipeter@gmail.com		This would be great for the kids!
1/24/2024	Blair Harris	b.faila@yahoo.com		This will be a GREAT addition to our community!

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1/24/2024	Madeline Corrigan	Corrigan.madelinec@gmail.com	Please reach out if you need volunteers to help support/advance this effort.
1/24/2024	Krista Distasi	kemd278@yahoo.com	
1/24/2024	Roberta Schilling	rrschilling@verizon.net	3 Rosemarie Lane, Byram Township NJ 07821 973-632-1868
1/24/2024	Kristen Miller	Rtmiller2002@yahoo.com	46 Mayve Ave. Stanhope NJ 07874 This playground is a vital part of tge Byram community and it should be accessible to all children.
1/24/2024	Hakim Ghoul	Hakim.ghoul@gmail.com	
1/24/2024	Justin Iazzetti	iazzettihome@gmail.com	As a special education teacher, it saddens me that ALL playground are not updated to be ADA compliant. I am beyond thrilled for Byram's opportunity to allow ALL children to play TOGETHER!
1/24/2024	Dawn Boyer	algebra197@gmail.com	
1/24/2024	Zack Donnenberg	zdonnenberg@gmail.com	All of Byram's children deserve a place where they can have fun and feel safe, regardless of their physical or mental ability. CO Johnson Park is a perfect place to facilitate this kind of space.
1/24/2024	angela logosso	angelalogosso@gmail.com	
1/24/2024	Victoria Roth	Vroth526@gmail.com	10 southdown dr 07848 10 Lake View Drive Byram NJ 07821 9733074166
1/24/2024	Danielle Bicher	Dbicher331@yahoo.com	62 Sleepy Hollow Road
1/24/2024	Zachary Savage	zrsavage@gmail.com	60 Sleepy Hollow Road 609-306-7716 Amazing use of tax money, I'd support this idea 8 days a week. Thank you!
1/24/2024	Joanne Goffr3do	Joanne.goffredo@gmail.com	
1/24/2024	Megan Murray	Littlekiddo23@juno.com	
1/24/2024	Kelly Ryfa	Kellyryfa@gmail.com	Excited to see an upgrade to the current playground where so many kids play!

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1/24/2024	Carrie Gilbert	GilbertCL3@yahoo.com	973-479-2242	As a parent in town and a special educator, with over 20 years experience, ( who also works in the Byram school system) I strongly endorse this initiative! There are many children in our community who would benefit from this playground, not just physically but socially and emotionally as well. I know it would also put many parent's minds at ease knowing that their child with special needs could play safely. This would allow the parents to enjoy their recreation time with their child more as opposed to feeling stressed or worried about their child falling or getting hurt in anyway. This would help make the parent child experience at the playground a much more fun and happy time! I know many children who leave our town to use adaptive playgrounds elsewhere, this is very much needed in our town! This grant would be a game changer for our community! I am in support of this project 100%.
1/24/2024	Carol Gimler	jegimler@aol.com	7 Crows Nest Rd Byram Township, NJ	
1/24/2024	Caroline Romaliysky	Caroline.alcalde@hotmail.com	36 Sherwood Forest Dr caroline.alcalde@hotmail.com	
1/24/2024	Susan McCall	susan1177@gmail.com	23 glen cove road 973-945-5423	I think this is great. Please reach out to my family's foundation supporting special needs for subsequent grants for this playground. <a href="https://sayhifoundation.com/">https://sayhifoundation.com/</a>
1/24/2024	Debra Castelluccio	Ac832@aol.com		Excellent upgrade for our community and children with diverse needs!
1/24/2024	Christine Kavanagh	Christine.Kavanagh04@gmail.com	9732710779	
1/24/2024	Lauren dobbs	Laurenmdobbs@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Julia	J.pfister.7@gmail.com		Inclusion is so important I am so happy this is finally going to be an accessible option for all!
1/24/2024	Janice Drace	janice.drace@gmail.com	23 Lockwood Ave, Stanhope, NJ. 07874	It will be nice to have a more accessible park/playground.
1/24/2024	Jennifer Foster	Fosterjennifer55@gmail.com	21 Crescent Drive north	I think this would be amazing for the children of Byram and surrounding areas. I am looking forward to a new playground for my son to play at.

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1/24/2024	Laura Williamson	lwilliamson7@me.com	Byram Twp NJ	This project looks to be well thought out and is needed in order support "all" in our community. Kids will love this.
1/24/2024	Kayla Schmidt	Kaywheelwright@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Courtney Gallagher	courtnygalla10@yahoo.com	22 Little Paint way 862-258-7771	
1/24/2024	Stephanie Kellenberger	Steph.Kellenberger@gmail.com		Great idea!
1/24/2024	Glenn Sawyer Jr	sawyerlenn@hotmail.com		We live up the street and need this updated playground so badly! My two year old will benefit greatly! Thank you
1/24/2024	Sara Zebrowski	Downing.sara@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Ann	Atrentanelli@gmail.com	8 peach tree streetbyram 862-266-0370	
1/24/2024	Rebecca Adams	Beckyd714@yahoo.com		
1/24/2024	Jennifer Lutz	Jenlutz6593@gmail.com	59 Lake Drive Byram NJ	Looking forward to a wonderful playground.
1/24/2024	Rachel Gaida	Rachel.Gaida@gmail.com	6 Lockwood Ave Byram NJ 07874	
1/24/2024	Chris Spaldo	Cts373@gmail.com	53 Fieldstone Trail, Byram, NJ 07871	
1/24/2024	Mark Spaldo	Mark.spaldo@gmail.com	8622190034	Thank you!
1/24/2024	Jessica Vergano	toothed_sandy0o@icloud.com		
1/24/2024	Courtney Bonkoski	ckobrick@yahoo.com		
1/24/2024	Debra Spaldo	dspaldo03@gmail.com	10 Broad Ave Stanhope NJ 07874 862-432-5209	Thank you for your consideration. Every child, regardless of ability, deserves a safe place to play with their peers.
1/24/2024	Tracy Chibookian	tracychibookian@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Emily Wargo	Emilyramos717@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Marie Hansell	Somethingaboutmarie@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Rory Zebrowski	Rzebrows12@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	William Salvas	Wsalvas@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Dan Campbell	Danielcampbell45@gmail.com		This is absolutely in line with what we should be standing for as Byramites. Let's build a playground that all of our children can enjoy equally!

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1/24/2024	Barbara Vandenberg	Vandyconk@embarqmail.com	This is a wonderful idea. It is so important to get all these kids out in the fresh air & sunshine & away from the electronics that have taken over their childhoods. It will encourage children of all abilities to play together & foster stronger friendships among them.
1/24/2024	Jennifer Rowe	Jrowe129@gmail.com	Every child deserves a chance to utilize the playground and I fully support this idea. Thank you!
1/24/2024	Melissa Smith	Melissaiaps@hotmail.com	This park is not only a large part of our community but is utilized by residents of other towns who gather for sports and township events that Byram hosts so this upgrade is not only needed but will benefit many.
1/24/2024	Jennifer Spaldo	Spargie83@gmail.com	All children deserve a chance to not only play with their friends but do it with dignity.
1/24/2024	Danielle Campbell	Campbelldanielle24@gmail.com	As a volunteer disability activist, I understand the impact inclusive, universally designed spaces have on individuals but also communities. Everyone is entitled to enjoy public areas and we all have a responsibility to ensure access to all. I am thrilled about Jake's Law and the opportunities it will provide for all families...I hope we can offer barrier free fun for the families in Byram through this grant. Thank you for your consideration, Tammy Quasius
1/24/2024	Tammy Quasius	Tammyquasius@gmail.com	
1/24/2024	Brittany Reid	Brittanyvanorden@yahoo.com	This would benefit my multiple children for many years to come! It is right nearby and my youngest can also enjoy when her siblings are at sports practice!
1/24/2024	Christian Reid	Reidcjr829829@gmail.com	Great plan!!
1/24/2024	Jodi Smith	Jodysmith9@comcast.net	
1/24/2024	Renessa Leonard	Renessatuason@gmail.com	Please we need an update.
1/24/2024	Virginia O'Reilly	Oreilly.vjeas@gmail.com	
1/24/2024	Angela Agnor	Angeladicalarlo53@yahoo.com	
1/24/2024	David Pero	david_j_pero@hotmail.com	Our community is growing and all children should have the same chance to play together.
1/24/2024	Nicholas Balady	NicholasBalady@gmail.com	



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1/24/2024	Jenna Hammond	jennhammond@gmail.com	6 Susan Lane, Byram Township (862) 219-9506	Play is vital to the growth and development of all children. Providing inclusive play opportunities to children of all abilities removes barriers and promotes collaboration, understanding, and acceptance. Playgrounds support the development of life-long skills and healthy habits: social-emotional, self-esteem, self-confidence, independence, relationship building, problem-solving, communication, sensory integration, whole body movements, exercise, and so much more - all while simply playing with friends in a fun and welcoming environment - an opportunity all children, despite abilities or disabilities, need and deserve. An inclusive playground so close to home for our children to grow and develop would be amazing.
1/24/2024	Lynn Apolinaro	lynna0104@gmail.com	66 Ash Street, 973-945-1302	
1/24/2024	Thomas Wyka	thomaswyka@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Jackie Shultz	Jackieeshultz@gmail.com		
1/24/2024	Robert Fee	Rantfee@gmail.com		
1/25/2024	Colleen DeVito	Colleendevito@gmail.com	42 sleepy hollow road.	
1/25/2024	Cornelia Busch	Connie.bill@verizon.net	20 Strawberry point, Andover, NewJersey	
1/25/2024	Robert Cottrell	bbcottrell1@gmail.com	2 The Rotunda Byram Twp NJ 07821	
1/25/2024	Jenna Kelly	jennamcavinn@gmail.com	31 Manor Drive Byram Township, NJ 07821	
1/25/2024	Charles Busch	connie.bill@verizon.net	20 Strawberry Point Dr.	
1/25/2024	Emily Brislin	Emily.e.brislin@gmail.com		
1/25/2024	Lindsey Applegate	Applegate.lindsey@gmail.com		Byram and its residence would greatly benefit from this! Thank you
1/25/2024	Joanne Smith	1 Woodland Rd	Byram Township NJ. 8622662679	
1/25/2024	Rose DeRosa	Rjcoba@gmail.com	21 Lake View Drive, Byram NJ	Our town, the growing children and those to come, would greatly benefit from this grant.
1/25/2024	Melissa Lucenti	Hunn1ebear02@gmail.com	443-370-5066	As the parent of a special needs parent I truly believe this needs to happen!
1/25/2024	Karen Perl	karenlperl@gmail.com	6 Sleepy Hollow Rd Byram Twp	This playground would be a wonderful addition to our park.

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1/25/2024	Melissa agugliaro	Melly519@gmail.com	58 south shore road Byram township nj 07821	A new playground will bring the community together and be much safer for our children!
1/25/2024	Steven Downing	sdowning413@gmail.com		So my granddaughter doesn't get splinters anymore!
1/25/2024	Omar Garces	omar@omargarces.com		It's time to prioritize outdoor activities for our youth and limit their phone usage. We all know the benefits of fresh air and exercise for physical and mental health. Let's give our children the chance to explore the world around them and build lasting memories. Your support in making this happen would be greatly appreciated.
1/25/2024	Neldon Condon	olddud13@gmail.com	65 Tamarack Road 973-426-3033	For the children
1/25/2024	Gregory Cooper	coachcooper70@gmail.com	7 Banker Drive, Byram Township, NJ 07874	
1/25/2024	Jennifer Gaudiomonte	Jen.gaudiomonte@gmail.com		
1/25/2024	Kimberly Byrne	kmsbyrne@yahoo.com		
1/25/2024	STACIE STOUT	STACIESTOUT@OUTLOOK.COM	26 BEECH STREET, BYRAM NJ 07874	
1/25/2024	Chelsea Asbury	Chelseaasbury@gmail.com	71 Sherwood Forest dr	
1/25/2024	Jennifer Clark	jclark764@yahoo.com		
1/25/2024	Jennifer Molloy	Jennmatt@ptd.net		
1/25/2024	Lauren Shannon	Laurenshannon1@yahoo.com		
1/25/2024	Eric Strauss	acerimratems@gmail.com	8 Carlisle Drive, Byram Township, NJ 07821 / 908-295-1745	
1/25/2024	Jacob Porter	jporter555@gmail.com	9735348724	Many of the activities are no useable and or replaced with boards as they have become unsafe. A new playground is very much needed to support the nearby community
1/25/2024	Kelly Arriola	casanova.kelly@gmail.com	66 Lynn Drive	
1/25/2024	Lisa Grauer	Lagrauer@gmail.com	14 Harbor View Dr Byram Township	
1/25/2024	Brenda Delgrosso	brenda42561@gmail.com	4 Shady Brook Road	So glad to see the plans for this playground! I like the format you are using to try to provide information to people. This is a great opportunity for our children and grandchildren with planning , consideration, and access for all. Thank you!

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1/25/2024	Megan Buhlinger	megan.newsom01@gmail.com			
1/25/2024	Laurette Koserowski	Lkoserowski@yahoo.com	25 Old Stagecoach Rd., Byram Township, NJ 07821	As a parent, and now a grandparent, of young children, I have spent many memorable moments in C.O. Johnson park. As nice as the park is, it could be even better if it provided additional safe play equipment for very young children and children with disabilities. This park is well loved and, since it borders a large development of homes, much used. Funds for an all-inclusive playground would be money well spent.	
1/26/2024	Jessica Ayala	Jesslaurene@gmail.com	15 Sherwood Forest drive	Our community needs this for our children	
1/26/2024	Krystina Fischer	Krystinaafischer@gmail.com			
1/26/2024	Barry Bonkoski	Mbmkitchensn.com	11 lee hill rd byram township nj		
1/26/2024	Lois Verbeek	loismverbeek@gmail.com	P. O. Box 25, Andover, New Jersey 07821		
1/26/2024	Erica Henriksen	riksene@hotmail.com			
1/26/2024	Emilie Amoroso	eamoroso@att.net	9 Camelot Drive Byram Twp NJ 07821 973 479-2208	This project is long overdue and very much needed. Thanks!	
1/26/2024	Sandra wozniak	sanwoz@gmail.com			
1/26/2024	Jennifer Adams	jennifer.adams@sparta.org		Please bring this opportunity for inclusion and acceptance to our community to help us raise children that are kind, considerate, and loving!	
1/26/2024	Carole Johnson	carolejohnson1946@yahoo.com	3 Ghost Pony Rd, Byram, NJ. 07821	Can't think of anything more needed then a park that ALL children can access.	
1/26/2024	Sara McHugh	Sara@mchugh.ws			
1/27/2024	James Myers	Jimmyj89@yahoo.com	64 Lackawanna Drive, Stanhope, NJ 07874	My children regularly use the current playground and will use the new one for years to come.	
1/27/2024	Doris Flynn	Dorisyflyn@icloud.com	4 Landone Trail, Byram Twp., NJ 07821	This would be a wonderful addition to our park at CO Johnson and used by so many children.	
1/27/2024	Phil Savarin	psav1030@yahoo.com			
1/27/2024	Jackie Woodward	gandmwoodward@gmail.com	117 Lackawanna dr.973-222-0492		
1/27/2024	Angela Miller	Angelamiller4499@gmail.com	52 Fieldstone Trail	This is the only playground we have in our town. We need to be able to have all children feel welcome and included.	
1/27/2024	John Miller	Johnmiller138@gmail.com			
1/27/2024	Jamie Fekete	jamiefekete9@gmail.com	52 Fieldstone Trail		

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1/27/2024	Jacob Quasius	Jacobquasius@gmail.com				This has to happen
1/27/2024	Adriane Young	Adriane6@ptd.net				This is very much needed in our area.
1/27/2024	Michele DaSilva	Madas126@gmail.com	20 Brookwood Road, Stanhope (Byram) NJ 07874			
1/27/2024	Jill Rafferty	DJRafferty@msn.com	49 Tamarack Road, Byram. NJ 07821. 973-271-3921			
1/27/2024	Cassie leary	Learyc2@optonline.net				
1/27/2024	Kim Brandon	Kimbrandon8@yahoo.com				
1/27/2024	Jamie Sieka	Seeks24@gmail.com				
1/27/2024	Nisha Ali	Nishakash77@gmail.com	40 Brookwood Drive, Stanhope, NJ	None		
1/27/2024	Katie Baron	kateebaron@gmail.com	56 Brookwood Rd, Stanhope NJ 07874			Every child should have the opportunity to play and I love that Byram is pursuing an inclusive playground.
1/27/2024	Michael Busniak	mbusniak@gmail.com	11 Fox Trl Byram Twp NJ 07821			As a public health practitioner, I was thrilled to see my home town applying for a Green Acres grant to create a modern, inclusive and accessible play area for children - one that clearly communicates that all are welcome here. As a tax-paying member of this community, I absolutely support their application and hope it can be approved. Thank you.
1/27/2024	Karissa Valentine	kvalentine8865@gmail.com	2 Marine Terrace Sparta nj			This would be such a wonderful addition to our community!
1/27/2024	Kerry Schneider	Dukesdugout@gmail.com	11 Colby Drive			Would love to see this happen!
1/27/2024	Tracy Church	Tracychurch2@aol.com	4 Raccoon Trail Byram, NJ			Playgrounds are an important part of childhood and they should be for everyone. This area would promote play among children of differing abilities, ages, and communities. It gives children with and without any disability the same platform to play while breaking down barriers, both physically and socially. This is an important step for our town, county and state to ensure there is an open and free space for all. I applaud our town for their efforts in helping all children!
1/27/2024	Brian Church	Brianchurch10@gmail.com	4 Raccoon Trail			Childhood experiences should be for ALL and playgrounds are no exception. Thank you Byram for working so diligently on helping all children!

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1/27/2024	Emma Church	Emma.church4@icloud.com	Thank you for thinking of ALL of my friends when designing this playground!
1/27/2024	Alison Church	Alison.church5@icloud.com	This playground will provide lasting benefits to a community by showing its members that everyone matters, everyone is invited, and we expect everyone to come, engage, play. This is an important message to kids, families, neighbors and visitors.
1/27/2024	Julie Allen	julieallen1216@gmail.com	We have lived in our home for 25 years. CO Johnson has always been a huge part of my children's lives & now my grandchildren's. This grant will help to keep the park a place for families to continue to make great memories for generations to come.
1/28/2024	Leslie Ann Bixby	Latvmakeup@gmail.com	Byram Township NJ
1/28/2024	Christine McDonough	Cmcdon245@gmail.com	
1/28/2024	Suzanne Armstrong	Sarmstrong57@msn.com	
1/28/2024	Nick Sullivan	Nicksull@aol.com	Lackawanna Drive in Byram
1/28/2024	Michele Lapinski	dafnbug@yahoo.com	8 Fieldstone Trail, Byram
1/28/2024	Lynn Apollinaro	Lynna0104@gmail.com	All the children of Byram need a place to play and this is the only child's playground in town.
1/28/2024	Mark Koval	Mdk379@yahoo.com	66 Ash Street. 973-945-1302
1/28/2024	Brian derendal	Bderendal095@gmail.com	39 Lynn Dr. Byram NJ 07821
1/28/2024	Christine Longo	clongo100@yahoo.com	8626862094
1/28/2024	John Morytko	Morytko@gmail.com	1 Colby Drive. Byram Township, NJ 07821
1/28/2024	Amanda Sisko	A_ikellenberger@yahoo.com	
1/28/2024	Tina Schlesinger	Schlesinger.tina@gmail.com	16 Lake view dr
1/28/2024	Scott Lefurge	srfurg@ptd.net	I think this is a wonderful idea and is needed in our community!
1/28/2024	Rosalie Lefurge	rolefurge@gmail.com	
1/29/2024	James Milnor	James Milnor	Our youth need this for recreational and youth exercise.
1/29/2024	Genesis Kreuder	Gikreuder@gmail.com	973-786-6670 Winding Way Andover NJ
1/29/2024	Karen Cubberly	Cubberlyteach@yahoo.com	
1/30/2024	John Boyer	Boyerj@hotmail.com	16 Avon St. Byram, NJ
1/30/2024	Casey bivaletz	Caseyhawrylko@gmail.com	8 Woodlawn Dr
1/30/2024	Gloria Schumacher	schumage@yahoo.com	9 Sand Hill Rd, Byram Twp, NJ 07874

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1/30/2024	Vanessa D'Agostino	Vanessa99999@aol.com		
2/1/2024	Tiana Salvas	Tianasalvas@gmail.com	28 Sleepy Hollow Rd Byram Township, NJ 07821	Full support!
2/3/2024	CARDOZO FAMILY	YARDBIRDS35@GMAIL.COM	35 SLEEPY HOLLOW ROAD, BYRAM TOWNSHIP, NJ	I TOOK MY GRANDCHILDREN TO THIS PARK MANY, MANY TIMES WHEN THEY WERE LITTLE. THAT WAS 26 YEARS AGO! THE SWINGS, ETC. ARE SO OLD AND FALLING APART AND NEED TO BE REPLACED SO ALL CHILDREN CAN USE THE PLAYGROUND. PLEASE MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE TO ALL.
2/4/2024	Lyndsey Piekarz	Lyndseypiekarz@yahoo.com		It is so important for children of every age and ability to be able to enjoy their community and those surrounding it. I welcomed my first child recently, and grew up playing at CO Johnson. I would love to take my child to a playground that is inclusive!