

AGENDA
VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK-COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
December 19, 2023@7:30 pm, Village Hall

Approval of Minutes of October. 17, 2023 and November 21, 2023 Meetings (7:30 to 7:35)

Welcome and introductions of Committee Members (7:35-7:50)

Discussion Of Goals for 2024 and any need for New Sub Committees (7:50-8:20)

(Communications & Community Outreach & Education)
(Keeping Track of CFTE native plant spaces and required maintenance)

Committee Reports 8:20 - 8:40

- Taylors Lane (Lindsay)
- Ecologically Sound Open Spaces (Kate)
- BOT Year End Report (Liam & Kate)
- Composting/Healthy Yards(Jen)
- Comprehensive Plan (?)
- Public Education (Christi)
- Climate Smart Communities (Liam)

Updates (8:40-9:20)

- Leaf Blower Laws
- Unified Solar Permit ({BOT adoption)
- Energy Stretch Code
- Gas Powered Equipment Buyback
- Food Scrap Recycling -Status of Subscriptions
- Updating “Leave the Leaves” literature
- Mamaroneck Greenway
- EV Charging Stations
- Energy Smart Homes
- Strengthening Protection for Wetlands and Wetland Buffer Areas
- CFTE Webpage?CSC Webpage
- Bike Lanes

New Business(9:20-9:30)

- Invasive Vines(Kate)
- Artificial Turf
- Funding & Location Community Gardens (Renee)
- Affordable Housing

Public Comment: At the end of each meeting. 10-minute limit per person, unless otherwise permitted by CFTE.

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
November 21, 2023 Meeting

Members Present: David Freeman (Chair), Lou Young (Trustee, on Zoom), Nora Lucas (Trustee), Dan Kushnick (on Zoom), Liam Robb O'Hagan, Jen LeClair, Lindsay Reitzes, Debbie Sullivan, Renee Crabtree, Katherine Dehais **Absent:** Christi Young, Dinah Koehler, Mandy Forlenza Sticos.

Guests: Carlo Reca and Tom, both members of the public; Katherine Parnell from the VOL Environmental Committee.

The meeting is called to order at 7:48 p.m. at the Village Hall at the Regatta, moved from the Courthouse due to issues with the Zoom.

Minutes of the October 17, 2023 Meeting, revised edition circulated by David earlier today, are unanimously approved.

David announces that this is his last meeting as Chair as his term on the CFTE is ending.

Year-End Reports

- Taylors Lane. David reports he has not had adequate response from the DEC. He advises that the next chair contact elected officials for help on getting the DEC to move forward on allowing the community to make use of this resource.
- Ecologically Sound Open Spaces. Kate presents 7 areas/points that are part of the overall Greenway plan:
 - Rockland Pocket Preserve work is completed; Kate needs to prepare a maintenance plan.
 - Rockland/Sheldrake Birdwalk area needs planning.
 - Greenway River Walks: Kate will be presenting to the BOT and meet with the VOM grant writer to make application for the LIS Study Grant.
 - Ward Avenue, north side of bridge: we will want to work with the ACOE on the plans for this area.
 - Jefferson Avenue Parking Area: ACOE is open to incorporating our suggestions of the open culvert and lowering of the floodplain into the plan for this area, and the SLR report was supportive of the plan as well.
 - Nostrand and Howard: we will be asking for park status of this area.

- There are a number of private sites that we would like to incorporate into the plan for the Greenway; we will be speaking to the BOT.

Kate reports having had 2 meetings with the Thruway Authority regarding I-95 flood water coming into the VOM. They want our report validated before addressing any of the issues. CFTE passed a resolution at the Oct meeting asking the BOT to ask SLR to validate the findings of her report. Kate asks for the CFTE's support at Monday, November 27's BOT Work Session at 5:15 for her presentation of the Mamaroneck Greenway.

- Composting/Healthy Yards. Jen reports that she is still waiting for the updates she has already made to be added to the VOM Website. Jerry was to have followed up. Lou says he will add it to the agenda if Jerry has not done so. Jen is to send an email to Lou and the BOT regarding this.
- Comprehensive Plan. David reports that the plan has been completed, BOT enacted it and now it needs to be implemented.
- Public Education. Liam reports that he emailed everyone on the CFTE a document compiled by Ellen Silver, chair of the CSC Task Force, that summarizes the public education efforts we have made over the past year.
- Climate Smart Communities. Liam reports that the CSC Task Force is ready to submit for Bronze Status in January.

David will be presenting our accomplishments and plans at the December 11 BOT meeting and to the public. Lou reports that they have talked about having the Greenway be a separate effort. David states that Steve Otis is excited about the Greenway project, and hopes we can get more funding for it from the State and from the ACOE.

Report on Recent Events

- Fall Community Cleanup event—November 4. Liam reports that there were 65 attendees; most of the participants were from the schools despite his efforts to reach out further into the community. The compost giveaway in the spring and the shredder, which we did not have this fall, attract more people. More advance notice of the event is needed.
- Larchmont "Rooting for Trees" Event—November 5. David reports that the event was well attended and very informative. Lou mentions the TOM new tree law which drew a lot of opposition from the environmental community.

Updates

- Leaf Blower Law. There will be public discussion at the BOT 12/11 meeting. Nora states that a law banning gas blowers was adopted, but the BOT decided to reexamine other

regulations about leaf blowers including enforcement and municipal exception. Lou reports there is a lot of pushback from the public regarding a municipal exception, but the cost of eliminating gas blowers for the Village needs to be weighed. Katherine Parnell reports that Larchmont does not have a municipal exception. Liam raises the issue of the cost of an electric ride on mower needs to be looked into; the upfront cost may be outweighed by the decreased cost of operating and maintaining. Nora suggests that David ask the VOL administrator about the finances of an electric ride-on mower. David will follow up with Village staff on a cost analysis; he will also follow up with the TOR who Nora reports are also looking into the use of gas powered lawn care machinery. Carlo brought up that it seems discriminatory to allow schools and municipalities to operate gas machinery while banning it for everyone else.

- Unified Solar Permit is on the December 11 BOT agenda.
- Gas-Powered Equipment Buyback. Nora and Lou will follow up with Jerry regarding the status of the vouchers.
- Food Scrap Recycling—status of subscriptions and grant application. We need to get data from Jerry.
- Mamaroneck Greenway. Kate will be presenting this at the BOT Work Session on November 27 at 5:15. See attached Maps and photos.
 - The Salt Shed is VOM owned, too close to the River; Kate and CFTE have been complaining about the salt leaching into the river for a long time, but the VOM has not found another place to put it. Kate suggests putting in a berm and plants creating a vegetative bioswale.
 - Birdwalk. Kate wants to propose lowering the bank here to move water into the interior.
 - Plaza Street. This is private land, recently sold and at risk of development. Village needs to consider acquiring private land in the watershed.
 - Columbus Park going North. Lots of VOM owned land that needs to be cleaned up and upgraded.
 - Nostrand/Howard is being developed by the CFTE as a park.
 - Land behind Speedway and the privately owned parking lot on Lester could be areas to divert and hold water.
 - Kate contacted Taryn (VOM Grant writer) regarding the LIS Study grant money (Sarah Powell). The grant could be used to get an architect to develop an overall design for the Greenway.
- EV Charging Stations. No update.
- Energy Smart Homes. Debbie has been trying to get the Building Department to give her data on heat pump installations without any response. Lou will follow up.
- Strengthening Protection for Wetlands and Wetland Buffer Areas. Follow up next year.
- Energy Stretch Code. Will need to follow up with Carolina.
- CFTE Webpage Update/Refresh; Inauguration of CSC Webpage. Our webpage is seriously out of date. Lindsay suggests we each look at our piece and write material. Lou recommends that the BOT needs to be told about the need publicly and it needs to be put in the budget. Robert Ingenito is not budgeted to do this. Liam says he is able to do an analysis of the website.

New Business (9:15 – 9:30 p.m.)

- Artificial Turf. Katherine Parnell brings the dangers of artificial turf to our attention. She reports artificial turf is impermeable in that it kills organisms in the soil under it rendering it unable to soak up water. It gets even hotter than asphalt on hot days (on a 100 degree day, asphalt is 140 degrees with turf being 157 degrees). There is evidence that soccer goalies have increased cancer rates. In Larchmont they are looking into alternatives in Flint Park which drains into the Sound. Carlo agrees that natural grass is much safer for sports. Nora brings up that HCZM and LWRP should review. Currently turf is seen as a replacement for grass and does not require a review, but she questions whether it really should be seen as a replacement in kind for grass.
- Invasive Vines. Kate reports that the County put in native plants in Columbus Park 20-30 years ago, but has not maintained them. The rivers have been taken over with invasive vines which impede flow. Question raised as to how to clean up and then maintain the park. Kate asks if river maintenance is part of the Park's Department's duty or if a Conservancy is needed. Carlo brings up that they are understaffed to take this on. Nora reports there was an issue in the past with paying an outside contractor to do maintenance on behalf of the Conservancy in Harbor Island Park. We will need to have maintenance plans for the new parks we are building.
- Funding of Community Gardens. Rene reports that the current garden is in a flood plain, gets sun on only a couple of plots and is oversubscribed. She feels that the garden needs a new location in order to be a viable service for the community. Carlo suggests the Rushmore part of Harbor Island, which gets abundant sun. Several mentioned the lack of parking in that location. Nora suggests Rene speak with the HI Conservancy.
- Affordable Housing. Liam reports that there are 2 current proposals for affordable housing; both seem to be sustainable and green. He suggests that we keep an eye on the proposals to make sure they meet our environmental goals.

Public Comment:

Tom reports that he lives near the Mamaroneck Metro North station. Starting at 6:10 a.m. there are loud messages played about smoking that run "every 17 minutes for 17 hours/day on 28 speakers". He reports that this does not happen at Harrison, Rye or Larchmont. Although this does not seem to be a matter for this committee, Nora suggests he send a note to Jerry, who has a relationship with people at Metro North. Tom agrees that he will follow up with Jerry.

Carlo presents documents attesting to the safety of Taylors Lane for the use of playing fields and his frustration that the VOM has not moved forward on developing this site. He would like to see playing fields or even passive recreation at the site. He believes NIMBYISM is standing in the way of movement. His documents are from 2002 from Josua Lipsman, MD, MPH the commissioner of Health of Westchester County to George Latimer attesting to the safety of the site; 2004 letter to Carlo from Gianna Aiezza, P.E., Project Manager at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation stating that NYSDEC supports the conversion to playing fields and will work with the VOM on this, and a 2004 letter from Leonard Verrastro,

VOM Manager, to Ron Pergadia, an engineer at NYSDEC proposing the construction of 2 soccer fields at Taylors Lane. (Letters attached.)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Sullivan

Mamaroneck Greenways

Committee for the Environment presentation
to Village of Mamaroneck Board November 27, 2023

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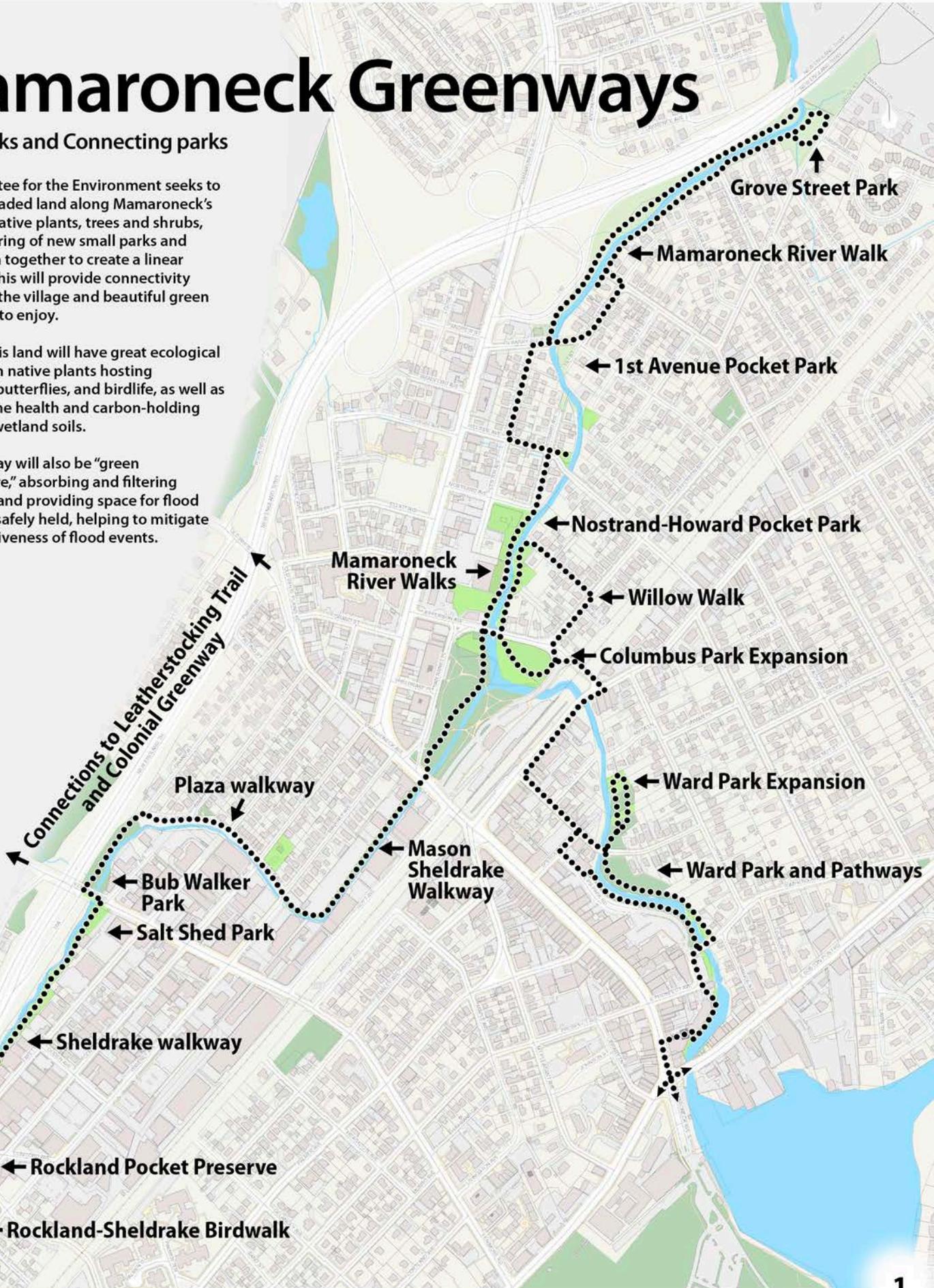
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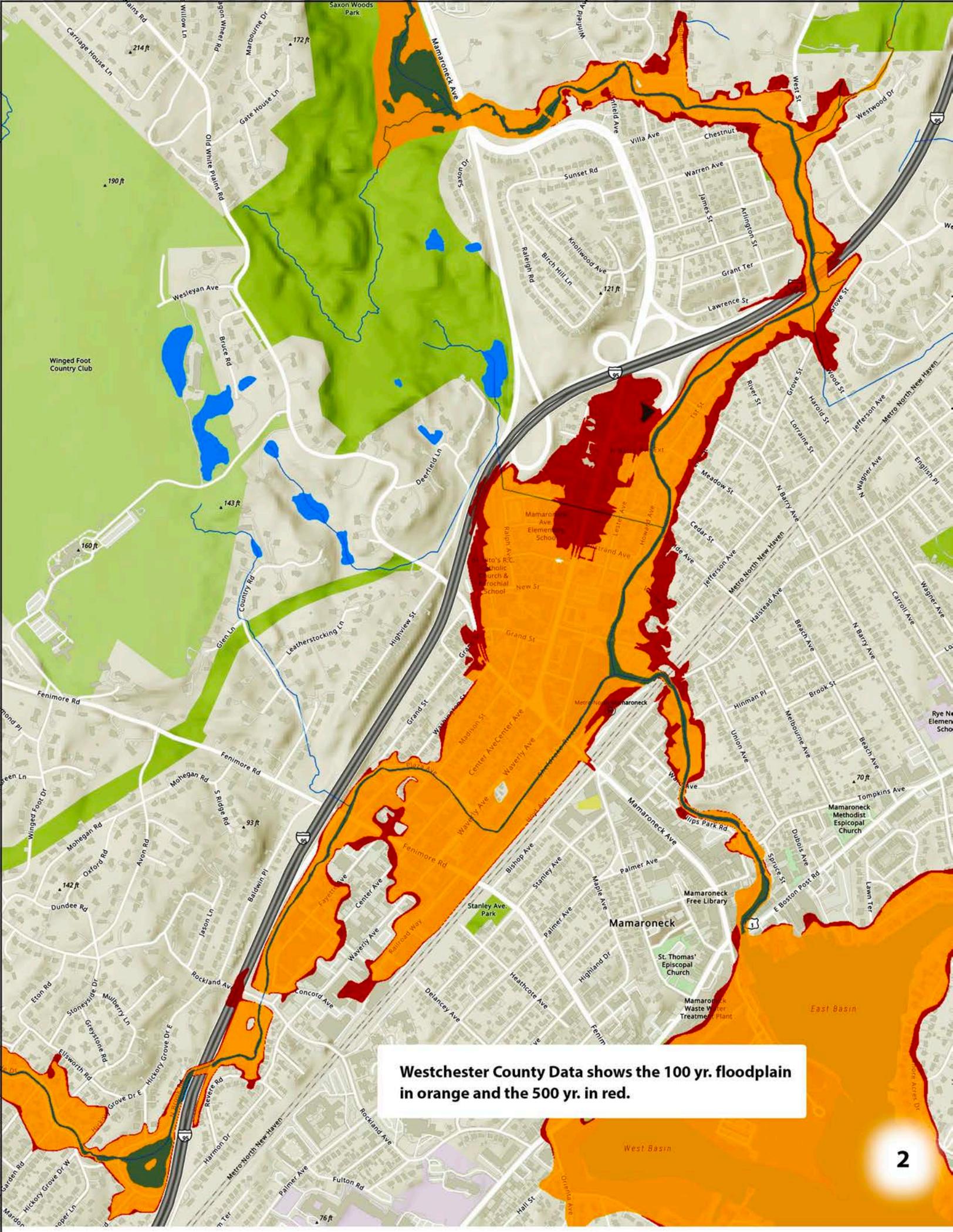
River Walks and Connecting parks

The Committee for the Environment seeks to restore degraded land along Mamaroneck's rivers with native plants, trees and shrubs, creating a string of new small parks and linking them together to create a linear Greenway. This will provide connectivity throughout the village and beautiful green space for all to enjoy.

Restoring this land will have great ecological benefits with native plants hosting pollinators, butterflies, and birdlife, as well as improving the health and carbon-holding capacity of wetland soils.

The Greenway will also be "green infrastructure," absorbing and filtering stormwater and providing space for flood water to be safely held, helping to mitigate the destructiveness of flood events.





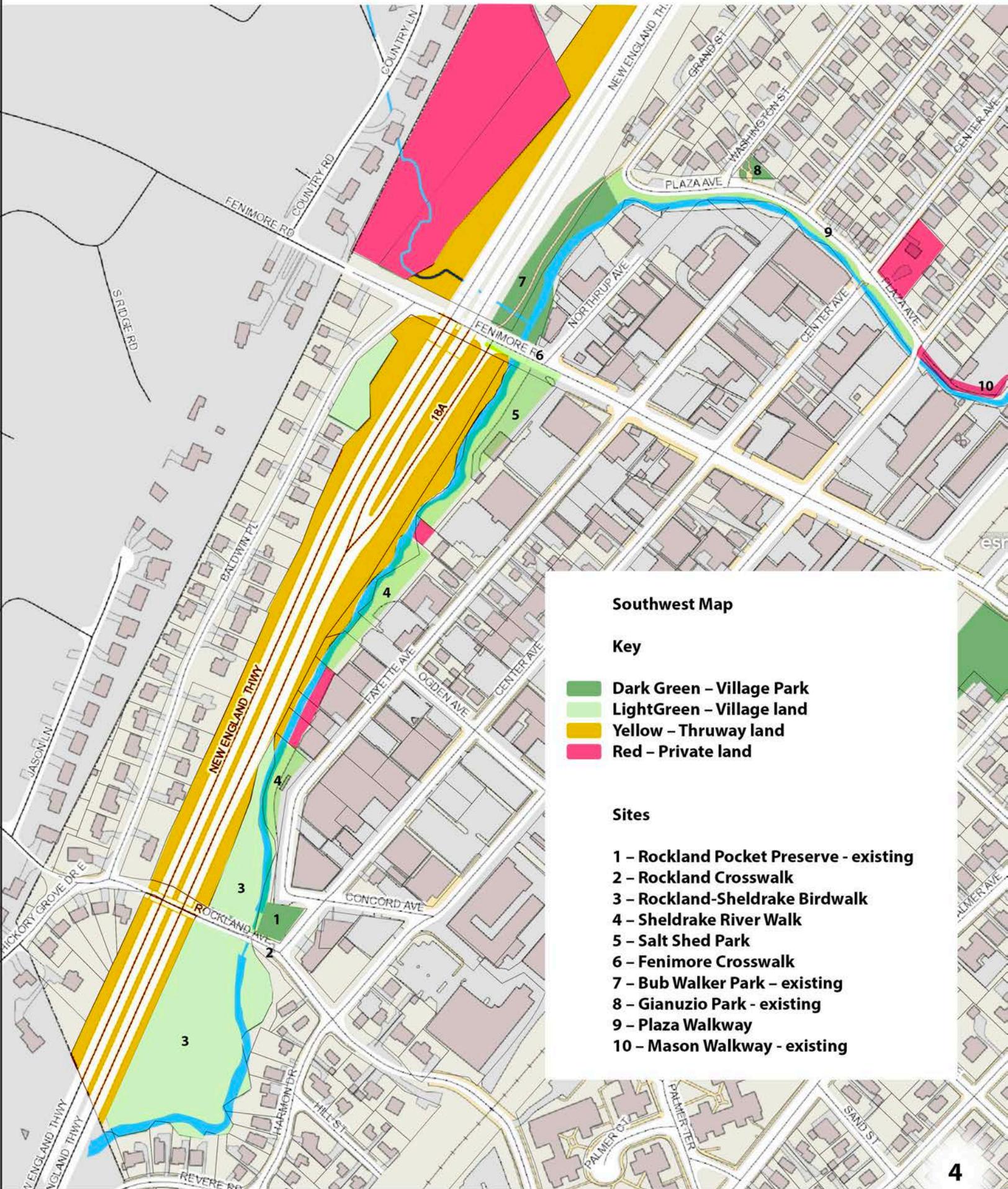
Westchester County Data shows the 100 yr. floodplain in orange and the 500 yr. in red.

This extract from NY State approved planning document provides support for the Mamaroneck Greenway concept:

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program 2017 (p93)

“Sheldrake Riverfront along Fayette Avenue. As discussed in Section II, there is currently very limited access by the public to Mamaroneck’s rivers. In particular, access by the public to the Sheldrake River is largely confined to the walking trail in Bub Walker Park. However, there are several key opportunities to expand this access using Village property. According to tax maps, the Village owns a parcel of land bound by the Sheldrake River and Fayette, Concord, Center, and Rockland Avenues, in the industrial area. This parcel, which is vacant, could provide a key gateway to the Sheldrake River for the neighborhood, which currently has no direct access to any Village park, from the key arterial of Rockland Avenue. Moving eastward, along Fayette Avenue, another Village- owned parcel of land exists along the Sheldrake in the curve of Fayette Avenue. This area is currently used as parking for the land uses in the vicinity but could provide an opportunity to continue the river access. At the intersection of Ogden Avenue with the Sheldrake, the Village-owned street end, which is currently being used for surface parking, provides an additional access point to the river. Finally, the Village Department of Public Works salt shed parcel at the intersection of Fayette Avenue and Fenimore Road and adjacent to the Sheldrake, is another possible access by the public connection to the river and is directly across Fenimore Road from the exiting Bub Walker trail, creating an opportunity for a linkage. With these key Village-owned lands as a foundation, Mamaroneck should pursue full ownership of the Sheldrake riverfront between Rockland Avenue and Fenimore Road. Some of these waterfront lands appear to be owned by Westchester County, and easements may be sought from private owners for water access. Both the 2012 Comprehensive Plan and 2016 Industrial Area Plan envision this area along the Sheldrake River as publicly accessible parkland. In addition to providing key access by the public to the Sheldrake River that connects with the existing Bub Walker Park, this effort could also provide an opportunity to clean up the overall area around the Sheldrake and resolve the nonconforming use of Village land for surface parking.

In addition to the areas discussed above, there may be other potential opportunities to create public waterfront access in the Village, including in connection with any waterfront redevelopment projects. In general, while the creation of new access by the public along the Village’s two major rivers is difficult because Mamaroneck is largely built out and much of the riverfront property is privately owned, every opportunity should be taken to secure such access. These opportunities may be developed through coordination and negotiations with private property owners and neighborhood associations that abut the water, particularly as part of site plan or subdivision applications to open up views and where possible provide for walking trails, seating areas and other active and passive access by the public.”



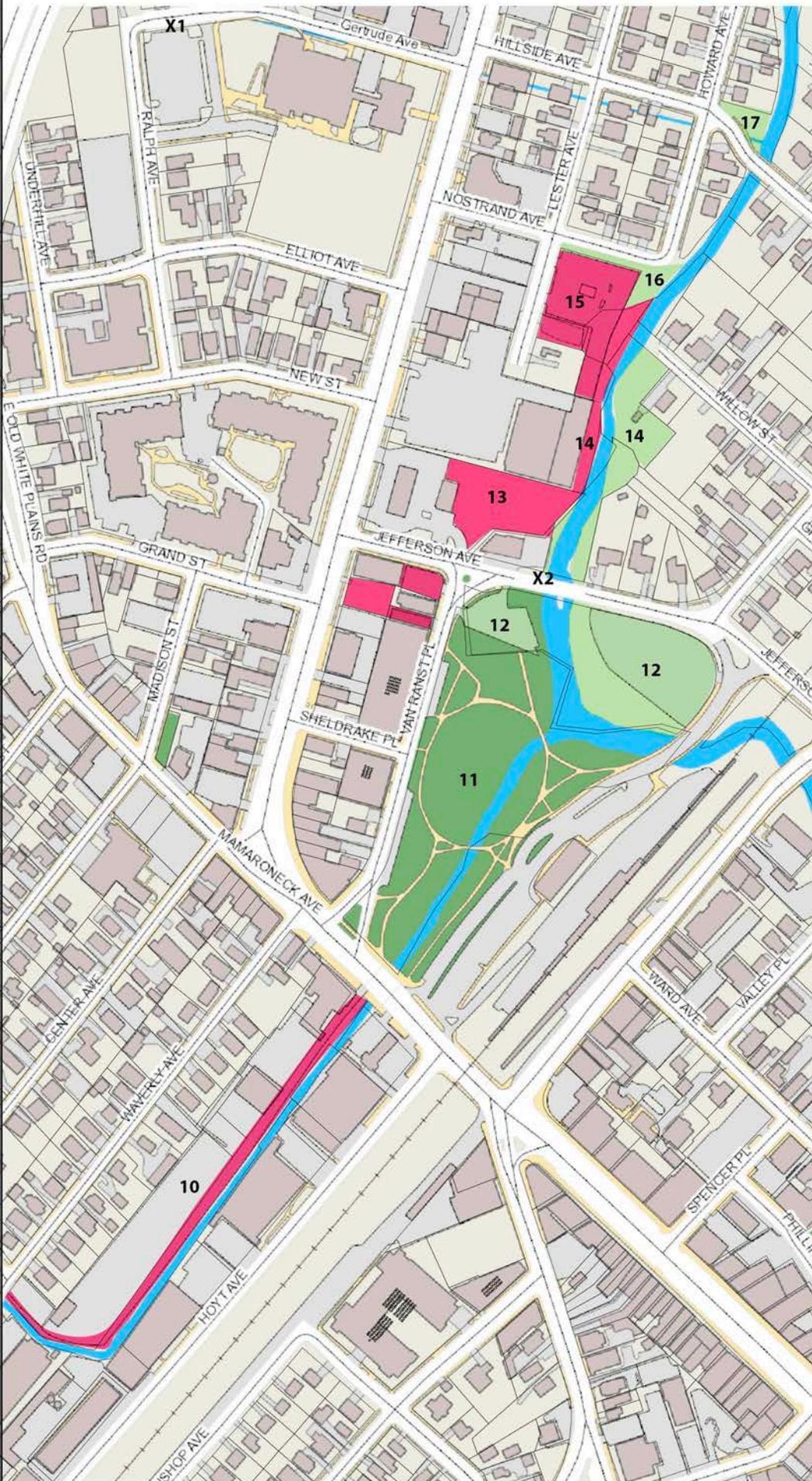
Southwest Map

Key

- Dark Green - Village Park
- LightGreen - Village land
- Yellow - Thruway land
- Red - Private land

Sites

- 1 - Rockland Pocket Preserve - existing**
- 2 - Rockland Crosswalk**
- 3 - Rockland-Sheldrake Birdwalk**
- 4 - Sheldrake River Walk**
- 5 - Salt Shed Park**
- 6 - Fenimore Crosswalk**
- 7 - Bub Walker Park - existing**
- 8 - Gianuzio Park - existing**
- 9 - Plaza Walkway**
- 10 - Mason Walkway - existing**



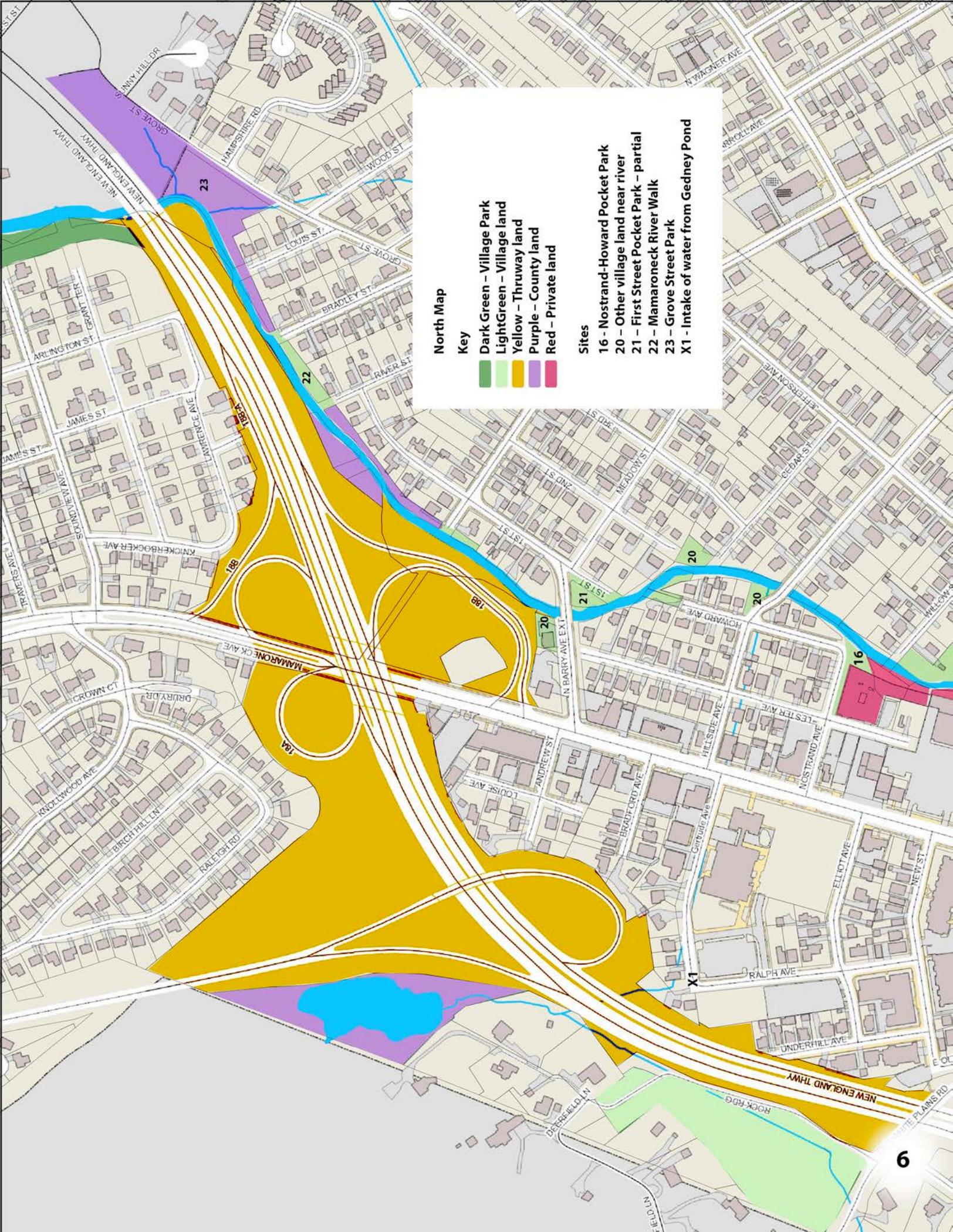
Central Map

Map Key

- Dark Green – Village Park
- Light Green – Village land
- Red – Private land

Sites

- 10** – Mason Walkway – existing
- 11** – Columbus Park – existing
- 12** – Jefferson Ave. Parking
- 13** – Gas station property with Mamaroneck River Frontage
- 14** – Mamaroneck River Walk
- 15** – Private parking & land adjacent to Mam’k River
- 16** – Nostrand-Howard Pocket Park – in progress
- 17** – Land next to Hillside Bridge
- 18** – Ward Avenue Park – existing
- 19** – Enlargement of Ward Park with walkways north, & south to Tompkins Bridge
- X1** – Intake of water from Gedney Pond
- X2** – Discharge of Gedney water



North Map

Key

- Dark Green – Village Park
- Light Green – Village land
- Yellow – Thruway land
- Purple – County land
- Red – Private land

Sites

- 16 - Nostrand-Howard Pocket Park
- 20 - Other village land near river
- 21 - First Street Pocket Park – partial
- 22 - Mamaroneck River Walk
- 23 - Grove Street Park
- X1 - Intake of water from Gedney Pond

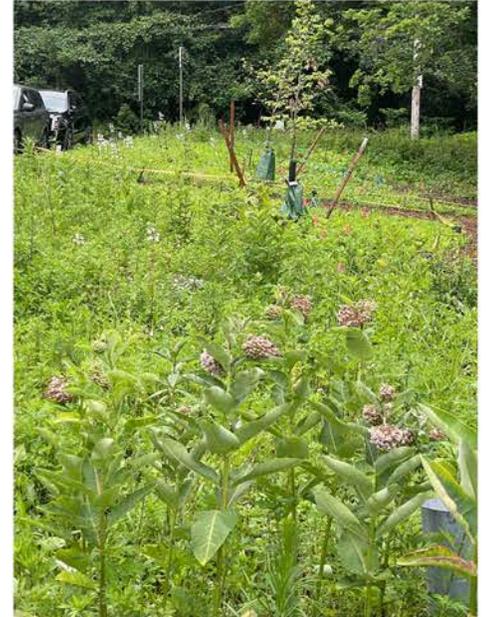
The Rockland Pocket Preserve

A ~10,000 sq. ft. village park dedicated in January 2023.

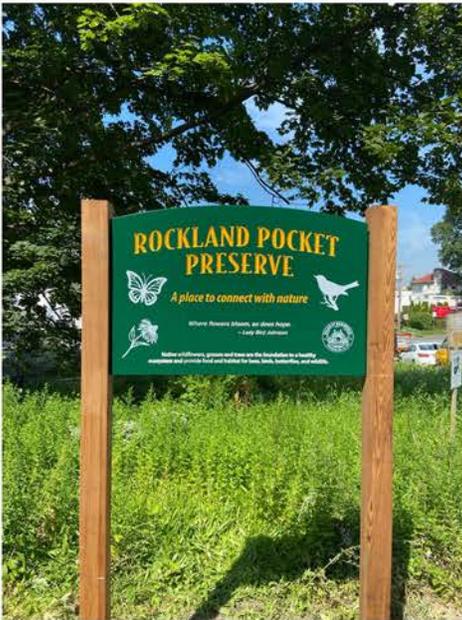
A quiet refuge next to the Sheldrake River and an entry point to the Mamaroneck Greenway.



Left The village-owned site was overgrown with invasives and full of garbage and broken glass. Beginning in October 2022, it was restored by over 100 volunteers donating dozens of days of work.

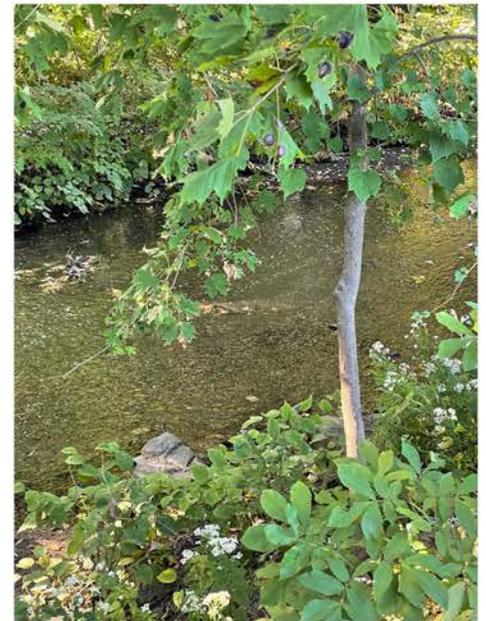


Right (Spring View) The village planted oak, willow, and American cherry trees. Volunteers donated, planted and tended gallons of native seed, dozens of native shrubs and 1,000 native plants.



Rockland Pocket village-installed sign

Right View of the Sheldrake from the Rockland Pocket



Left Bottom Volunteers made beautiful paths with wood chips and found rock. 2 donated benches were installed with room for 2 more. Girl scouts decorated a "Give one, take one" nature library.



Right Bottom A secure crosswalk such as this one in Rye is proposed for hikers crossing Rockland Ave. to walk in the Rockland-Sheldrake Birdwalk.



Rockland-Sheldrake Birdwalk

3.8 acres of restored wetland



Rockland-Sheldrake Birdwalk

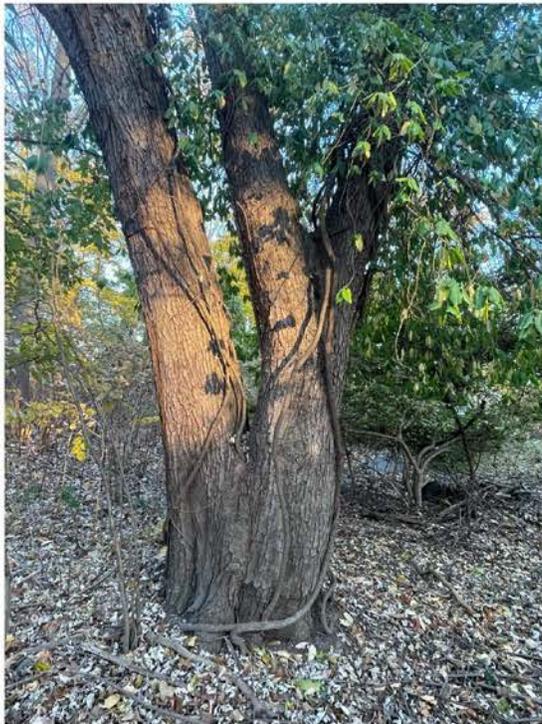
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View of the Birdwalk from across the Sheldrake in the TOM where it leaves Garden's Lake and flows under I-95. Lowering the bank here will allow floodwaters to more easily flow into the interior wetland space to be absorbed there, providing some downstream protection.



The interior wetland space—invasive multiflora rose, vines, and knotweed would be removed and replaced with native wetland plants to support native insects and birdlife.



Example of a mature tree whose life will be cut short by an invasive vine.

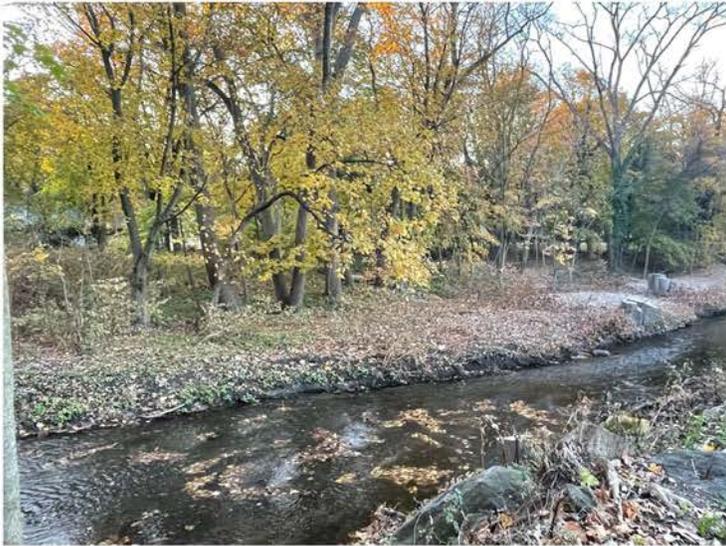
Trees are an important part of flood control. A mature willow can absorb 100 gallons a day. New trees will be planted as part of the restoration and existing trees protected.



During a Dec. '22 site visit with the president of Bronx River Sound Shore Audubon, wood ducks and a blue heron were spotted, validating the value of the site for wildlife and Audubon's interest as a future partner.

The Sheldrake River Walkway

Research has shown that if people have access to public land and can enjoy it they come to "take ownership" of it and care for it. We have seen this in the short time the Rockland Pocket Preserve has been in existence.



View from the proposed walkway along Fayette Ave., looking across the Sheldrake to village-owned land with stands of mature trees.



The same location during the 9/29/2023 flood. Trees and wetland plants are working hard to absorb flood water alongside asphalt acres of I-95.



The LWRP envisions the village-owned street end of Ogden Ave. as a pocket park and part of the Sheldrake Walkway. A restoration would eliminate erosion into the river and environmental degradation here. A small riverside park would be an amenity for local workers and residents.



Village-owned land adjacent land along the Sheldrake is further degraded by truck parking and storage.

Salt Shed Park



Safe crossing
for pedestrians

Vegetated berm with beach plum,
virginia roses and other salt tolerant plants.

Bioswale Rain Garden
Lowered flood plain with wetland
plants holds and absorbs flood water.

Sheldrake Walkway

Sheldrake flood waters have nowhere
to go. This village-owned parking
could become a flood plain park with
a vegetated berm to trap and filter
salt and vehicle pollution.

Salt Shed Park



Village owned property containing a large salt shed is sited very close to the Sheldrake River.



During floods, the location could be beneficial as a flood plain shelf/vegetated bio-swale to retain and absorb flood water.



On Sept. 29, 2023 water can be seen leaching salt into the freshwater stream, along with vehicle pollution, dirt and gravel.



Redesign of parking area can yield critical green infrastructure.



I-95 exit at Fenimore on 9/29/23. Excess floodwater in this area needs somewhere to go. Re-siting this facility, or at a minimum using part of the parking lot for flood mitigation would be an appropriate use.



With Waverly Bridge under construction and the Center Ave. Pedestrian Bridge slated for demolition, Bub Walker Park is the only means for pedestrian access between the 2 neighborhoods separated by the river. A proper cross walk at this dangerous intersection is a necessity.

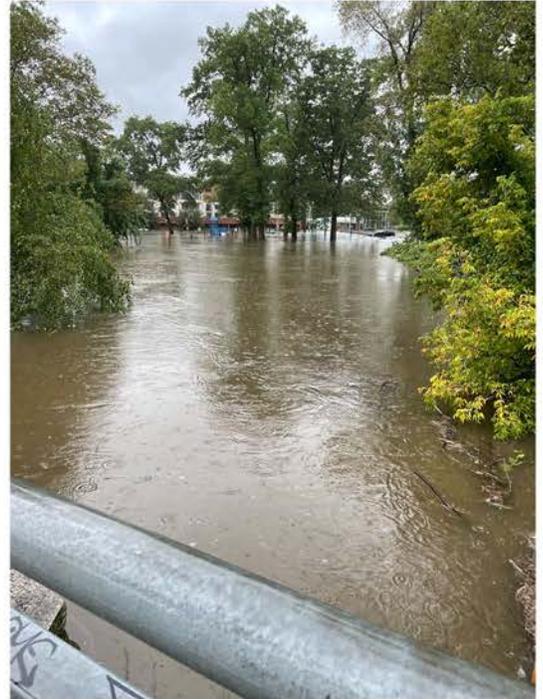
Plaza Walkway to Columbus Park

Any open greenspace in this part of town, especially close to the rivers should be considered for acquisition to become rain-garden pocket-parks. Codes should reflect the flood hazard here and across the heavily developed floodplain to create more permeable surfaces.



Plaza Avenue looking towards Center from entrance to Bub Walker Park during Sept. 29, 2023 flooding.

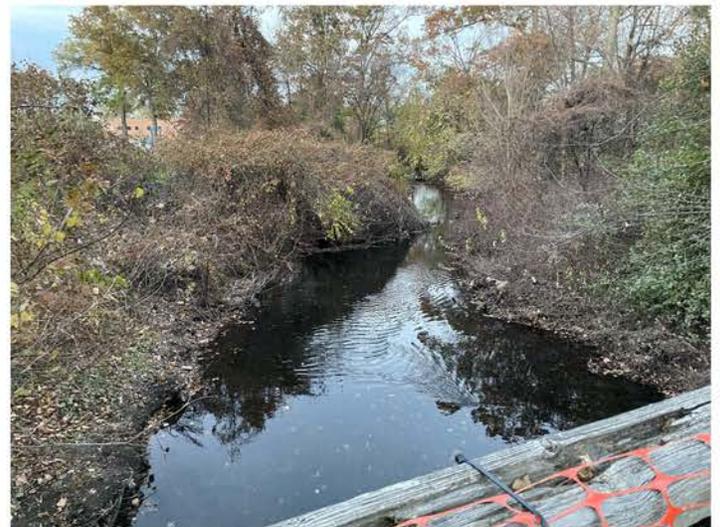
Flood mitigation plans may include turning Plaza Avenue into a one-way street which would allow for widening of the constricted Sheldrake and increased storage of floodwater. A walkway here could either follow the riverbank or use the existing sidewalk.



View is from the Station Bridge at the confluence, looking across toward Van Ranst on 9/29/23. The park doing a great job as flood plain of the Sheldrake/Mamaroneck rivers, but it's not enough.



9/29/23- Flooding on Van Ranst. Ongoing construction and creation of impervious surface in the floodplain is adding to the hazard. Protecting and creating open greenspace is critical.



View of the Sheldrake from the footbridge in Columbus Park. Invasive vines on the rivers kill native plants, harm mature trees, and impede the flow of flood water. Part of the Greenway will be to develop a maintenance plan for parks and public land in the floodway.

New Park/Green Infrastructure Jefferson Ave. Parking in Columbus Park



A “tweak” to the Army Corps of Engineers plan for flood mitigation in Mamaroneck converts their proposed tunnel to an open, grass or gravel culvert. The entire area will have pavement removed and be lowered by 3.5 to 5 ft, restoring its floodplain function, improving flood control and allowing for restoration of the park, particularly the river banks. This plan has been endorsed by ACE, the DEC, and the DEC-commissioned SLR study.

An open culvert has same the carrying capacity as the underground culvert, but grass, unlike cement, allows for permeability of the channel area. An open culvert will be easier and safer to maintain, especially in heavy flood conditions and cost substantially less to build.

Lowering of parking and park area by 3½ ft. (~100,000 sq. ft. per VoM GIS map 4-1-5B1) and replacement of asphalt with porous pavers and vegetation allows for the holding of an additional +350,000 cubic ft/2,6 mm gallons of floodwater which will recharge groundwater, instead of flooding neighboring homes.

Lowering and reconfiguration of parking allows for revitalization of riverfront parkland and neighborhood access.

Expanding Columbus Park & Making Green Infrastructure



More of this for the neighborhood!



And less of this.



Paved parkland sits high and dry above the flood on 9/29/23. FMC & CFTE's ACE-sanctioned tweak to return this area to floodplain/parkland will allow for the storage and absorption of at least 2.6 million gallons of floodwater. When it's not raining, there will just be more accessible and gorgeous green space at the confluence.

Mamaroneck River Walk to Willow

Contiguous parcels of village-owned land along the south east river bank would allow for a public walkway. Opening up the area would also allow for easier maintenance of the river bank where invasive vines slow the flow of flood water and trap debris and garbage.



At the Jefferson Ave. Bridge looking north east up the Mamaroneck River, the shore is village-owned land covered with vines where a path to Willow Ave could be constructed.



Village-owned land at the bottom of Willow next to the river is given over to informal parking.



Adjacent to the Willow street end, closer to the Jefferson Avenue Bridge, village-owned land along the Mamaroneck River is overgrown with knotweed and invasive vines.



Additional village-owned land along the river closes the loop to the Jefferson Ave. Bridge, seen in the background.

Mamaroneck River Walk to Nostrand Pocket



A slice of village land on the northwest bank of the Mamaroneck River may be wide enough for a walkway from the Jefferson Ave. Bridge up towards Nostrand Avenue. As on the south side, a pathway here will also allow for easier river maintenance of invasive vines that slow the flow of water and trap debris.



The back half of the gas station property on Mamaroneck Avenue touches the river. This location would make an ideal bird sanctuary and site for passive recreation. A conservation easement with the property owner could be pursued to protect land that also absorbs floodwater in a critical location.

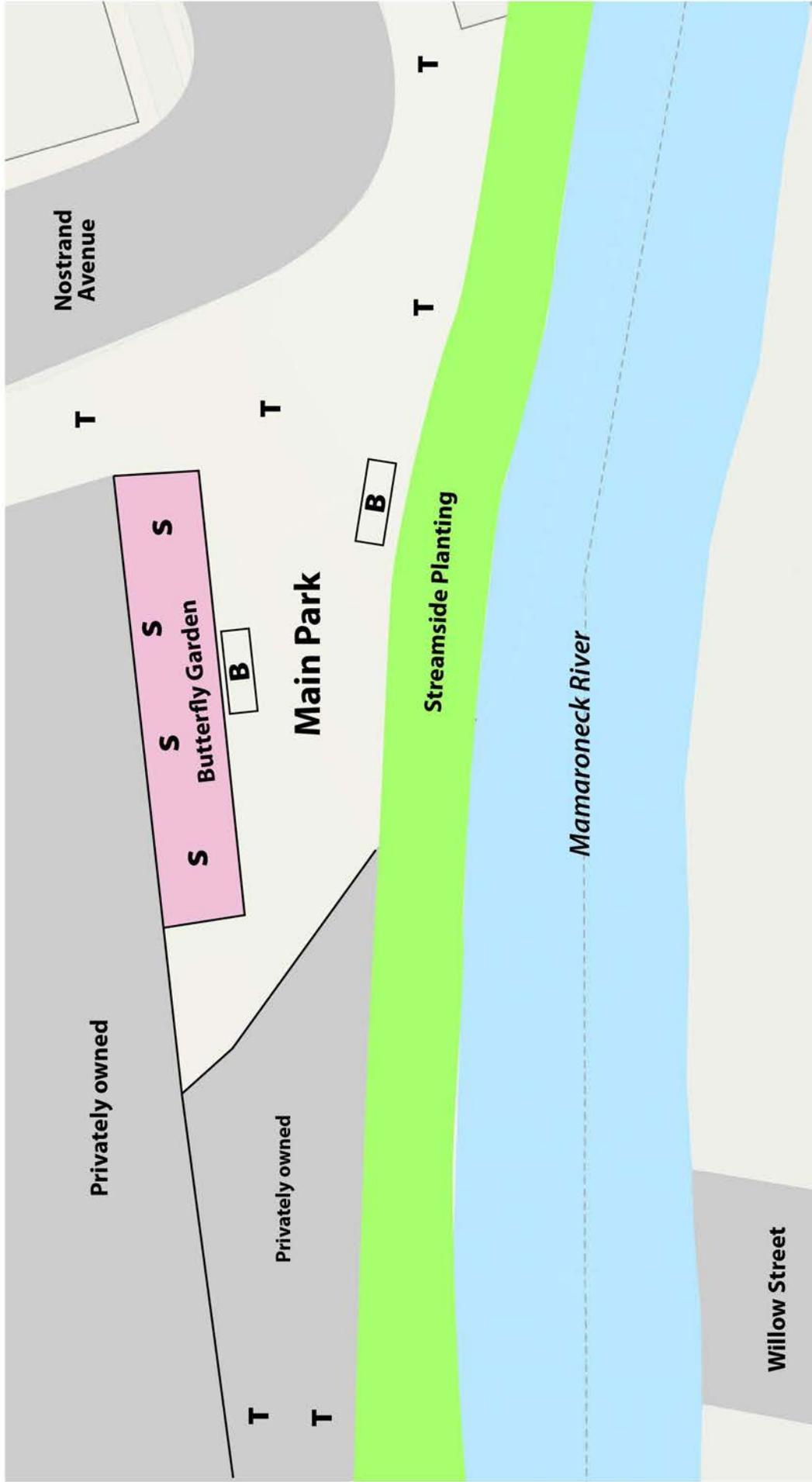


Photo of the northwest bank of the Mam'k River taken from the end of Willow shows the back of the CVS/Northshore Farms building. The village could pursue a conservation easement with 2 private corporations and Con Ed for use of forested streamside property to connect through to the Nostrand-Howard Pocket Park.



Again from the end of Willow Street, looking further up the bank towards the Nostrand-Howard Pocket Park.

Nostrand and Howard Pocket Park: Site Plan



KEY

Main Park - Contains a butterfly garden with pollinating plants, seeds and shrubs - Nov. '23. - and a flat area with sand + gravel ground, shrubs, and benches

Streamside - May '23, Invasives were cleared and DEC native streamside plants installed: Willows, Oaks, Virginia Roses, Ninebark, + 25 Pussy Willows + donated Willows + Ferns

S - shrubs were planted--Spicebush + St. John's Wort

B - village benches

T - existing trees - village planted oaks, hickory + maple

Nostrand-Howard Pocket Park

Tranquil park space in an underserved part of the village.



Kids playing near the Nostrand Pocket on a hot day.



Volunteers dug out invasive knotweed and vines along the riverbank in May 2023, then stabilized the bank with pussy willows and other streamside plants from a DEC grant, as well as donated Ostrich Ferns.



The Nostrand Pocket stream bank in fall. Further weeding and maintenance was done by volunteers, and a butterfly garden was also planted with donated native seed, goldenrod, dogwoods, spicebush and St. John's Wort.

Two privately owned sites are adjacent, a large, lightly used parking lot, and a smaller property, used for storage of landscaping equipment (#15). Acquisition of these currently unbuilt sites close to the river is strongly recommended for use as parkland and floodwater storage.

Expanding Ward Park

Creating Pathways North & South



A swath of currently overgrown village-owned land on the Rye side of the Mamaroneck River extends down to Tompkins Bridge. We propose to restore this area with native shrubs and trees and create a pathway with steps up to the bridge to allow residents to enjoy beautiful scenery all the way to Harbor Island Park.



The Army Corps work may shrink the current Ward Park area south of the bridge. Fortunately, there is significant village-owned land on the north side towards the Anita Lane Bridge, along both sides of the river. We will create pathways and expanded park land, restoring the area with wetland plants and shrubs. Apart from recreation, this work will improve the functioning of the Mamaroneck River flood plain.

First Street Pocket Park

The Mamaroneck River is tightly constricted by walls south of the Barry Ave Bridge with houses close to the river. Restoring land along the river will pay benefits during flood events as will acquiring greenspace or properties along or near it.



The existing pocket park at First Street could be made more welcoming and upgraded with native plants and shrubs.



First Street Pocket Park looking north to the Barry Ave. Bridge.



From the First Street Pocket Park looking southwest to the end of Howard Ave.



The Barry Ave. Bridge, seen from the end of Howard. Small parcels of village-owned land could conceivably be pieced together to keep the pathway near the river here. As stated previously, this will help with the maintenance of streamside vines and invasives.

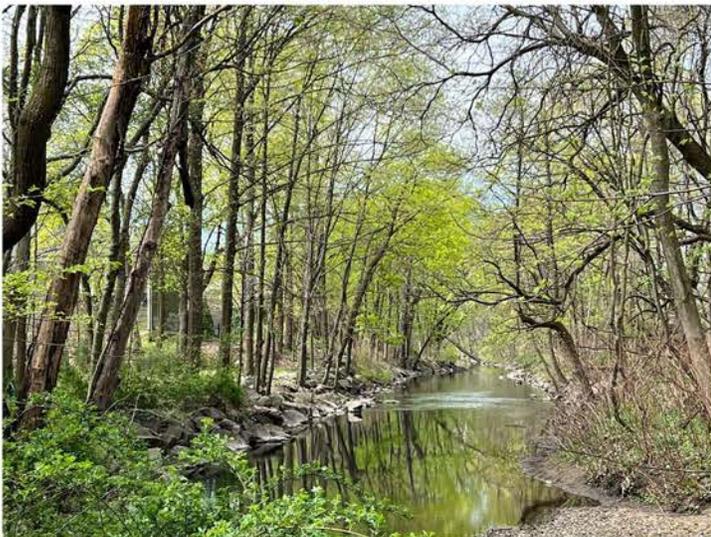
Mamaroneck River Walkway & Grove Street Park



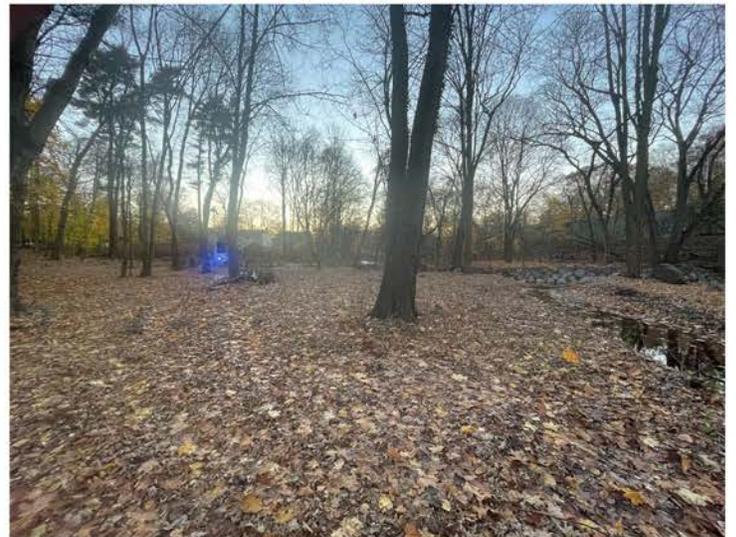
Mamaroneck River view in April near the end of River Street.



Open land on both sides of the Mamaroneck River north of the Barry Avenue Bridge is a great opportunity for passive recreation.



View of the Mamaroneck River in early spring.



The wider section of county-owned land that extends into Harrison could be designated as a park and wetland preserve much like the Rockland Birdwalk at the village's southern border.

Andrew J. Spano
County Executive

Department of Health

Joshua Lipsman, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner

August 28, 2002

The Honorable George Latimer
Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
148 Martine Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601

RE: Taylors Lane, Mamaroneck

Dear *George* Legislator Latimer:

This is in response to your memo regarding the referenced location.

The Westchester County Department of Health has been involved with this site since its declaration as an inactive hazardous waste site, through the completion of the site's remediation. The Health Department's involvement at this site has included site reviews, environmental sampling and monitoring, and analyzing and reviewing environmental laboratory results.

These site reviews have demonstrated that there are no human health and safety risks with regard to the proposed use. As a result, the Westchester County Department of Health has no objection to this site being considered by the Village of Mamaroneck for sports playing fields.

Sincerely,



Joshua Lipsman, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner of Health

JL:JFM:vag

cc: Joseph Marcogliese, P.E., Deputy Comm., Env. Health Services

Local: Mamaroneck Village

To- G. AIEZZA

From- CARLO RECA

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Erin M. Crotty
Commissioner

February 23, 2004

Carlo Reca
314 Melbourne Ave
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Re: Taylor's Lane Compost Site
Village of Mamaroneck
Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site No. 3-60-021

Dear Mr. Reca:

This letter is regarding our telephone call on February 17, 2004. You indicated that the Village of Mamaroneck wishes to convert the above referenced site from passive recreation to active recreation by constructing sports playing fields. The NYSDEC supports the conversion of the site to playing fields and will work with the Village to achieve the conversion from passive recreation to active recreation. The Village of Mamaroneck is currently responsible for the operation and maintenance (O&M) of the site and will continue to be responsible for O&M after conversion of the site. The NYSDEC will need to review plans for the construction of the playing fields, for example, the location of proposed parking areas and traffic routes over the site. The NYSDEC will work with the Village to construct the playing fields in a manner that will maintain the integrity of the landfill.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (845) 256-3153.

Sincerely,

Gianna Aiezza

Gianna Aiezza, P.E.
Project Manager

cc: R. Pergadia
G. Burke
L. Verrastro

To - MR PERGADIA
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PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL
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June 17, 2004

Mr. Ron Pergadia, PE
Regional Engineer
NYSDEC - Region 3
21 South Putts Corners Road
New Paltz, New York 12561-1696

Re: Mamaroneck Taylor's Lane Compost
NYS Site No. 3-60-021

Dear Mr. Pergadia:

Please be advised that my office has been requested by the Village's Recreation and Parks Commission to inquire into the process and feasibility of creating playing fields at the Taylor Lane site.

The lack of sufficient playing fields for organized sports, such as soccer, has been an issue and concern for several year's and all options are presently being considered by not only the Village, but also the Mamaroneck School District and the Town of Mamaroneck.

Based on public hearings conducted during the closure of the site, and the input of area residents, a passive recreation area was created on the site.

I have enclosed a summary prepared by the DEC summarizing the site closure, which will provide some background on the site.

I would like to be informed, in writing, what steps would be required if the Village wanted to amend the DEC permit closing the site, such as re-opening the public comment process.

I have a proposed layout on file that contemplated the construction of two (2) regulation soccer fields at the site.

Draft minutes from the 10/17 CFTE Meeting

D. Freeman opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Members in attendance:

David Freeman (Chair), Lou Young (Trustee), Jerry Barberio (Village Manager), Dan Kushnick, Liam Robb O'Hagan, Jen LeClair, Lindsay Reitzes, Mandy Forlenza, Christi Young, Katherine Dehais, Dinah Koehler, and Renee Crabtree. Guest: Mark Kramer, TOM Sustainability Coalition member and Anna Grimm, OCRA student.

The Committee was introduced to Ms. Anna Grimm, a sophomore from MHS in the OCRA program.

Kate, Jerry, and David met with the Thruway Authority where they made it clear that they would not undertake flood mitigation without a professional engineering study to validate the conclusions of Kate's report. Therefore, CFTE passed a resolution asking the BOT to have SLR expand its study to analyze the flood impact of I-95 specifically: the impact of 28.2 acres of impervious surface along its entire length from the TOM border to the Harrison border; and the effects of I-95's design and footprint on restriction of the detention capacity of both Gardens Lake and Gedney Pond, including the outflow stream from Gedney Pond.

Deleted: The Committee discussed areas of focus and made a motion (Kate 1st; David 2nd) that was approved to request that the Board of Trustees (BOT) fund a study of the impact on flooding in the Village of I-95, with its 28.2 acres of impervious roadway, as well as the impact of Garden Lake on flooding issues. "

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The Chair asked for the next meeting to include End of Year reports from the five subcommittees of the CFTE.

Lindsay gave a report on the Monarch Butterfly event, which was held on a rain date.

Mr. Mark Kramer introduced himself and discussed with the committee members the repair café, which was in its third year. 65 people brought objects to be repaired and the event had 30 honor students from MHS.

Other events mentioned:

1. Greenburgh Nature Center 10/21/23 FCWC
2. Fall Community Clean Up 11/4/23 or 11/5/23 HIP 9:30 a.m.
3. Rooting for Trees, Larchmont Ave Church 11/5/23 from 4-6 p.m.

Gas powered leaf blower law was discussed. OCRA was discussed and the committee is willing to have the Chair and Ellen Silver present proposals to Mr. Liberti at MHS. Mr. Kramer is a mentor for that program.

Jerry was asked to get Robert to update the website (DPW) and blast wide the Leave the Leaves information. Additional discussion included Robert as our PIO. Jerry also was asked, and agreed, to consult with Carolina about the proposed Energy Stretch Code.

CFTE members discussed Taylors Lane (Lindsay) and the inclusion of a solar array and walking path and the knotweed initiatives. Jerry is in discussions with the Town of Rye about working cooperatively on the development of this site.

There was a discussion about establishing a Mamaroneck Greenway Conservancy to promote the planning and development of the proposed Mamaroneck Greenway. The consensus was that doing so at this time would be premature.

There was no public comment. The guests/public participated throughout the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Next meeting is on November 21, 2023 @7:30 p.m., Village Hall.