Village of Speculator

Application to NYS Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant Program (MPR)

PROPOSAL

**Program Description**: This program will fund the development and improvement of municipal parks and recreation sites. MPR funding is available for the construction of recreation facilities and other improvements to municipally owned recreational sites and parks. Examples include playgrounds, courts, playing fields, and facilities for swimming, biking, boating, picnicking, hiking, fishing, camping, or other recreational activities.

The primary funded activity must be construction, the grant can fund pre-development activities up to 15% of construction costs.

Maximum award: $1,000,000

10% local match requirement

**Proposal:** The Village of Speculator will improve access to the Sacandaga River for boating and fishing through the implementation of green infrastructure treatments and ADA-compliant facilities within Pathway Park. Access to the park will also be improved with an accessible footbridge, improvements to the internal pathway, and directional and educational signage. These updates will provide improved access to Speculator’s recreational amenities for seniors, other-abled individuals, and young children. Additional shade opportunities at the park’s pavilion will increase comfort for individuals seeking respite from the sun and wind and will also allow for more year-round recreational opportunities in the pavilion area. Additionally, improvements to the parking lot will also provide improved access in the winter months for snowmobilers who utilize the space for parking and as a starting point for the County’s world-class trail system.

**Cost Estimates:**

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| **Boat Launch Improvements:** | |
| 1. Green Infrastructure Upgrades | $30,000 |
| 1. ADA accessibility improvements, including ADA boat launch | $50,000 |
| 1. Footbridge | $12,000 |
| 1. ADA fishing access | $15,000 |
| **Boat Launch Improvements sub-total** | $107,000 |
| **Parking Lot Improvements:** | |
| 1. Installation of porous pavement | $810,000 |
| **Other Site Improvements:** |  |
| 1. Wayfinding and Interpretive Signage | $30,000 |
| 1. Improvements to the internal pathway | $45,000 |
| 1. Sun and Wind Screens for the pavilion | $15,000 |
| Other sub-total | $90,000 |
| **Total Construction Cost** | $1,007,000 |
| **Predevelopment Activities** | $50,000 |
| **Total Project Cost** | **$1,057,000** |
| **Grant Request** | **$951,300** |
| **Local Match** | **$105,700** |