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PRESS RELEASE

Recreation Department Seeks State Funds to Renovate Yorktown Park

North Kingstown, RI — A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager, and Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs, Recreation Director, received the recommendation and support of the Town Council this week to seek state funding for the renovation of Yorktown Park.

With this approval, the Recreation Department will apply for a Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Green Space Outdoor Recreation Grant with the capacity to fund up to 80% of construction costs to benefit outdoor community recreation projects; it is anticipated that Capital Reserve Funds coupled with in-kind services will complete the Town's 20% match. Grant awards will be announced in Spring 2024, and will not exceed \$400,000.

Preliminary plans for Yorktown Park include extensive renovations and upgrades to the playground area such as tree work, relocation and replacement of playground equipment and fitness station, installation of permanent cornhole boards, ping pong tables, picnic tables, and a community information board.

"These improvements are very much needed at Yorktown Park, and I think the plans are well aligned with the grant's intentions to use the Green Bond to increase a community's access to outdoor recreation spaces and benefit people of all ages," says A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager. "If our application is not successful, we will continue to pursue other viable avenues to aid us with the revitalization of Yorktown Park."

The Town of North Kingstown was last successful as a Green Space Grant applicant in 2020, with an application that helped achieve the significant improvements at the Town Beach to include accessible walkways, modern play structures, landscaping, parking, and more.

Please contact Kate Glass, Executive Assistant, at kglass@northkingstownri.gov with any questions.

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