

Fern Park Master Plan Process

Committee Mission: To present the collective vision of the community as a tool for building upon the current assets of Fern Park.

1. Timeframes stages / timeframes (goals and when... “work plan”)

2. Current State:

- a. Good / Not So Good
- b. Opportunities / Brainstormed Ideas
- c. Known Information / Previous Versions
- d. Coming Critical Factors:
 - i. Snowmobile Trail Reroute
 - ii. Septic => Upgrade vs Hookup to Plant (existing is fine / for future considerations)

3. Wants & Desires:

- a. Blue Sky
- b. Relative Importance / Other Factors

4. Survey & Group Discussions (for 1 & 2)

5. Quick / Near Term Wins (*along the way*)

6. Brainstormed Ideas / Suggestions

- a. Food Truck/Wagon => Rentable ?
- b. Self Guided Nature Walk
- c. Signage / Naming / Branding (Marketing our asset)
- d. ... Start/maintain master list (Ted's etc)....

7. Weigh & Prioritize (*Can't be all things to all people*):

- a. Criteria / Scoring
- b. Cost (1x & ongoing)
- c. Pro's / Cons (not just \$'s)
- d. Risk if not done
- e. Capability or ties to other items

8. Fern Park Master Plan (*What does it look like => tbd!*):

- a. Process & key findings synopsis
- b. Vision for the Park / Opportunities
- c. Action items / by timeframe or criticality
 - i. Relative cost considerations
 - ii. Other factors
 - iii. Potential Funding Sources
 - iv.

Nuggets / Categories of Stuff

1. Information Available:

- a. 1998 Survey Questions / Results
- b. Town Master plan => Fern Park Items
- c. 2004 Fern Park Master Plan
- d. 2017 Fern Park Assets Update
- e. Blue Sky / Ideas from previous discussions
- f. HamCoMaps.net
- g. Arrowhead Master Plan *Action: Mitch to check on what exists/access*
- h. Town Master Plan – Recreation section minus lake

2. Groups That Matter (Stakeholders):

- a. Taxpayers (Residents / Seasonal)
- b. Visitors:
 - i. 1x
 - ii. Returnee's
 - iii. Never Been Here
- c. Inlet School
- d. Town Officials / Maintenance Personnel
- e. CAP21
- f. Volunteers
- g. Neighbors
- h. Users (Current / Prospective)...Parents /Kids (age groups)
 - i. Playground
 - ii. Pavilion
 1. Ice
 2. Hoops
 3. Other
 4. Events
 - iii. Hikers/walkers
 - iv. Skiers
 - v. Skaters
 - vi. Snowshoers
 - vii. Basketball Players
 - viii. Bikers
 - ix. Dog Walkers
 - x. Open Space:
 1. Kite Flyers
 2. Golfers
 3. Drones
 - xi. Softball
 - xii. Little league Practice
 - xiii. Events (Town & Private)
 - xiv. Parking

3. Funding Sources:

- a. Town (1x / Ongoing)
- b. Grants (CAP-21 help)
 - i. NY
 - ii. Fed
 - iii. Private
- c. Other:
 - i. BFC
 - ii. Cycle ADK 2018
 - iii. Fundraising

4. Labor Sources:

- a. Town (Existing or Hire)
- b. Hire for Project
- c. Volunteer
- d. SATA (Southern Adirondacks Trails Alliance)
- e. BFC (Black Fly Challenge)
- f. CASART (Central Adirondack Search and Rescue Team)
- g. Adirondack Mountain Club
- h. NYS DEC
- i. Barnstormers

5. Housekeeping:

- a. Central Location for Documents / Sharing
- b. Listing of Peoples / (email)
- c. Documentation/Process Rules (for funding potentials) => Yes...TBD

6. Quick Wins:

- a. **Cycle Adirondack and Black Fly Challenge Grants:**
 - i. **Action: Mitch / Ted Estimates (have to use prevailing wage...new law):**
 - 1. **Carnival Electric => looking more like \$8-9 k**
 - 2. **Outside Water / Fountain => \$1,200 ? / using in-house labor?**
 - 3. **Picnic Grills and Tables (area) => Hold ...location TBD**
 - 4. **Covered Pavilion => Hold...Location TBD Master Plan**
- b. **GPS Existing Trails Action: Mike Bartolotti => Devlin/Ted ...90% done Have not seen / Need to follow up => need to push for the Short term (existing-ish)**
 - i. Temp Map (handout / for Board)
 - ii. Signage
- c. Trail Maintenance (ongoing/big stuff done for now)
- d. Trail Issue Feedback Loop
 - i. White Board / Web
 - ii. **See it / tell us sign up in the park**
- e. Hamilton County Cycling Strategy => Ted to Follow-up

7. Action Items:

- a. Quick Wins (Who's in play)
- b. Survey
 - i. Adele / Ray to create update for 3/20 Meeting Review
 - ii. Lynn to work on cover letter
 - iii. Delivery and Return Vehicles and Process (TBD)
 - iv. Costs and who's \$ (budget etc).....
- c. Process Facilitation (Ray)
- d.
- e.
- f.