



CITY OF RENSSELAER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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City Clerk's Office
Nancy Hardt
62 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144

***RE: Neighborhood Parks Improvement Grant
Funding***

Dear Nancy:

Thank you for inquiring about the details of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that was awarded to the City in June of last year. Please see below for more details on the project!

Rensselaer CDBG #974PF87-22

Funding Source	NYS Office of Homes and Community Renewal
Award Amount	\$1.927 million
City Match	0%, this project is 100% grant funded
Project Description	The City will use \$1.927M of CDBG funds to revitalize four (4) parks that currently serve the City's lowest income and highest density neighborhoods. This funding was pursued in response to the Covid-19 pandemic as part of the federal CARES Act, but was awarded as standard "Public Facilities" grant in order to allow the City an extra year to complete the project. CARES Act funding was required to be fully implemented within one (1) year of award while Public Facilities grants allow two (2) years to implement the project. The project was proposed in response to the overwhelming demand for the splash pad during the pandemic. By improving other neighborhood parks, the hope was to



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	<p>provide more opportunities for the community to enjoy the outdoors at a reasonable distance without having to rely on one single park for casual enjoyment and gathering. By replacing playground equipment and providing seating, shade, water, and grills, the hope was that residents living in dense neighborhoods, many without yards of their own, would still be able to gather in an outdoor setting within their own community.</p>
Project Scope	<p>Four (4) City parks will receive upgraded equipment, rubber safety surfacing in lieu of mulch, passive amenities, wi-fi and security cameras, bottle filling stations, hand washing stations, shade structures, tables, grills, and waste receptacles. Two (2) of the four (4) City parks will also have the basketball courts resurfaces. Details for each park are included in the tables below.</p>

IMPROVEMENTS BY PARK AND COSTS AS OF MAY 2023

Riverfront Art Park	
Total Equipment Investment*	\$396,149.52
Includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new playground equipment and rubber safety surfacing, including ADA swings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 waste bins and 13 recycling bins
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 picnic tables
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ADA picnic tables
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 grills
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 benches
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 outdoor hand washing sinks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 outdoor bottle filling stations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wi-fi equipment and security cameras**



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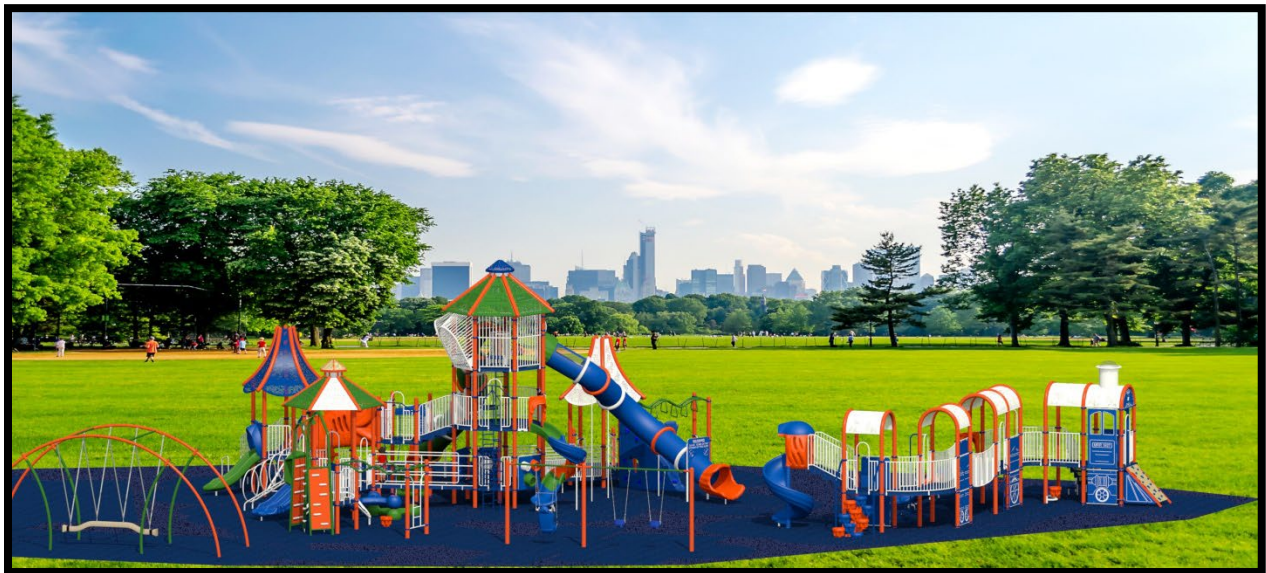


Basketball Court?	No
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**Cost TBD after project is publicly bid.

RIVERFRONT ART PARK PLAYGROUND RENDERING



Tracy Street Park

Total Equipment Investment*	\$76,931.81
Includes:	• All new playground equipment and rubber safety surfacing
	• 4 waste bins and 4 recycling bins
	• 3 picnic tables
	• 1 ADA picnic tables
	• 4 grills



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 benches
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 outdoor hand washing sinks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 outdoor bottle filling stations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 canvas shade structure
Basketball Court?	Yes**

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TRACY STREET PARK PLAYGROUND RENDERING



Plum Street Park

Total Equipment Investment*	\$ 113,208.81
Includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new playground equipment and rubber safety surfacing



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 waste bins and 6 recycling bins
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 picnic tables
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 ADA picnic table
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 grills
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 benches
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 outdoor hand washing sinks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 outdoor bottle filling stations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 canvas shade structures
Basketball Court?	Yes**

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PLUM STREET PARK PLAYGROUND RENDERING





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1st Street Park

Total Equipment Investment*	\$ 94,582.43
Includes:	• All new playground equipment and rubber safety surfacing
	• 2 waste bins and 2 recycling bins
	• 3 picnic tables
	• 3 grills
	• 4 benches
	• 1 outdoor hand washing sinks
	• 1 outdoor bottle filling stations
	• 1 pavilion and 1 concrete pad
	• Wi-fi equipment and security cameras**
Basketball Court?	No

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1st STREET PARK PLAYGROUND RENDERING





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The estimated timeline for this project to begin installation is late summer 2023. Work is required to be completed by June 2024.

If you have any additional questions, please email me at ketura.vics@rensselaer.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Ketura Vics

Director of Planning and Development
City of Rensselaer