

**Town of Greenville**  
SCHEDULED TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
**July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**  
*This meeting will be held in person at Pioneer Hall.*

Approval of minutes

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Rescue Squad
- b) Highway
- c) Buildings and Grounds
- d) Code Enforcement
- e) Sewer
- f) Water
- g) Recycling
- h) Assessor
- i) Planning Board
- j) Dog Control Officer
- k) Beautification Committee
- l) Greg Davis, District #4 County Legislator
- m) Events

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Bike Trail Discussion
- b) Girl Scout Gold Project
- c) Organizational Amendments Resolution
- d) Surplus 97 International
- e) BAR Appointment
- f) Mower
- g) Misc.

**OPEN MEETING**

Supervisors Report

Bill paying/audit of bills

OFFICIAL MEETING TIMES, ONCE MOVED UPON, CAN BE FOUND IN THE MINUTES, ON THE  
OFFICIAL SIGNBOARD AT TOWN HALL AND POSTED IN THE OFFICIAL TOWN NEWSPAPER AS IS  
REQUIRED BY TOWN LAW

# Town of Greenville

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 7:00pm

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00pm at Pioneer Hall. Supervisor Bensen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor John Bensen  
Councilman William VonAtzingen  
Councilman Paul Macko  
Councilman Richard Bear  
Councilman Travis Richards  
Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jessica K. Lewis (attended remotely)  
Department Heads: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley  
Planning Board Chair/Town Historian Don Teator  
Other: Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea  
Colin Augstein from Buildings & Grounds  
Bill VonAtzingen of CPOG  
& 4 guests

**Meeting Minutes:** *Clerk-Collector Jessica Lewis stated that there were no minutes prepared to be approved at this meeting.*

### Old Business

The following monthly department reports were given:

**Rescue** – No representation from Greenville Rescue Squad Inc. present at this meeting.

**Highway** – Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley read the attached report. Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to advertise blacktop bids in the soonest publication to be opened on Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 11am at Pioneer Hall. Carried 4 ayes

**Building & Grounds** – Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley and Colin Augstein covered the activity of B&G in his attached report. No motions made

**Code Enforcement** – CEO Mark Overbaugh read the attached report. No motions made

**Planning Board** – Planning Board Chair Don Teator read the attached report. Mr. Teator then mentioned as Town Historian that there was an article in Porcupine Soup featuring Bryant's. No motions made

**Water/Sewer** – Sarina from North Dome read the attached report. No motions made

**Beautification** – Bill VonAtzingen reported a successful park clean-up day, mentioned the spring concerts coming up. There is still no start date for work at Prevost Hall at this time.

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**New Business**

**Equipment Surplus**— *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to list Gradeall on Auctions International*      *Carried 4 ayes*

**Teamster Negotiations** — *The current Highway Departments Teamsters contract expires on 12/31/2026. Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman Richards to solicit Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP to represent the Town in the upcoming Teamster negotiations for the Highway Department. Carried 5 ayes*

**Local Law #4 of 2025** — *Town Attorney read through SEQRA that must be completed to adopt Local Law #4 of 2025. Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to adopt Local Law #4 of 2025 MODIFYING THE ZONING LAW TO DISCONTINUE PRE-EXISTING NON-COMFORMING AND NON-PERMITTED USES.*      *Carried 5 ayes*

**Executive Session** — *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to go into executive session at 7:48 to discuss a matter of employment.*      *Carried 5 ayes*

**Regular Session** — *Councilman VonAtzingen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to return to regular session at 8:37pm.*      *Carried 5 ayes*

**There being no further new business this meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.**

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Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

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Supervisor Bensen

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Councilman Macko

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Councilman VonAtzingen

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Councilman Bear

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Councilman Richards

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Councilman William VonAtzingen  
Councilman Richard Bear  
Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jessica K. Lewis  
Department Heads Present: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley  
Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh  
Other: Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea  
Sarina from North Dome/Event Planner  
Colin Augstein Building and Grounds  
And 65 guests

**Meeting Minutes:** *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to approve the meeting minutes as presented for the March 17, 2025 Town Board Meeting and the March 26, 2025 special meeting. Carried 4 ayes*

**Henderson/Smiley's Property Concerns** – There were many members of the public that attended this meeting to express their concern with the RVs bordering the Henderson property. Attorney Tal Rappleyea advised that the Board should refrain from making comment as this issue is in litigation on the County level and that unfortunately there is no timeline for any resolution. The Board welcomed the public's comments and discussion and reported that the next steps will be advised by County Court.

**Old Business**

The following monthly department reports were given:

**Rescue** – Clif Powell read the call amounts from the month of May.

**Highway** – Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley read the attached report. No motions made

**Building & Grounds** – Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley and Colin Augstein covered the activity of B&G in his attached report. No motions made

**Code Enforcement** – CEO Mark Overbaugh read the attached report. The new dental office in front of Vanderbilt Park is aiming for a December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 completion date. No motions made

**Planning Board** – Planning Board Chair Don Teator read the attached report.

**Water/Sewer** – Sarina from North Dome read the attached report. No motions made

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**Assessor** – Councilman Macko read the attached memo. No motions made

**Dog Control** – The attached report was read by Supervisor Bensen.

**Beautification** – Bill VonAtzingen reported that the Spring Concert Series went over well. Signage is posted for the Summer Concert Series—8 shows total, 4 new bands included.

**District #4 Legislator** – Greg Davis reported that the Justice Center should be completed soon, new visitors center will have a grand opening on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Mr. Davis reported there is grant money available for NYS realtors.

**New Business**

**Blacktop Bids**— Blacktop bids were opened on June 10, 2025 at 11:00am in Pioneer Hall. Councilman Macko, Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, recording secretary Jessica Lewis and 5 guests were present. The bids received were as follows:

KCK - \$84.74/ton

Cobleskill Stone - \$88.90/ton

Peckham Road Corp - \$102.25/ton

Colarusso - \$81.35/ton

Heidelberg - \$84.10/ton

Delsignore - \$100.16/ton

Callanan – \$81.62/ton

*Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to award the 2025 blacktop in place bid to Colarusso for \$81.35/ton. Carried 4 ayes*

**IT Supplier** – Edmunds Govtech will be eliminating their IT services on 12/31/2026.

**Countywide Ambulance** – *Councilman Macko reported that the County-wide ambulance meetings have been going well. The State is going to be signing legislation deeming EMS as essential services. While nothing is finalized it has been discussed that the County will be picking up the costs they are asking the Towns to not spend the savings and instead allow the taxpayers to save money. This process will be done in phases. These EMS workers would be County workers and will get benefits.*

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**Standard Workday Resolution** – *The following resolution was passed:*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Greenville hereby establishes the following as a standard workday for elected and appointed officials who do not participate in the employer time keeping system and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body:

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS 6 HOUR STANDARD WORK DAY**

The following are newly elected/re-elected officials who are participating in the NYSLRS but do not participate in the employer's time keeping system:

### **APPOINTED OFFICIALS 6 HOUR STANDARD WORK DAY**

The following employees participate in the NYSLRS but do not participate in the employer's time keeping system:

Code Enforcement Officer	Mark Overbaugh	1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
Bookkeeper	Nicole Dooley	1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
Assessor/Building Dept Clerk	Hope Nugent	1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025

RESOLUTION MOTION MADE BY COUNCILPERSON  
SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON

ROLL CALL:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT/OTHER</u>
Supervisor Bensen	X		
Councilperson Macko	X		
Councilperson Richards			X
Councilperson VonAtzingen	X		
Councilperson Bear	X		

CARRIED.

**Teamster Negotiations** – *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to sign the engagement letter received by Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP to represent the Town in the Highway Department Teamsters negotiations. Carried 4 ayes*

**BAR Appointment** – *Douglas Overbaugh wrote a letter to the Town Board to suggest Alexis Aloisi be appointed to a vacancy on the BAR. Councilman Bear motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to appoint Alexis Aloisi to the Board of Assessment Review. Carried 4 ayes*

**Highway Surplus Equipment** – *Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to surplus the 1997 International 4700 Crew Cab. Carried 4 ayes*

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**Pavilion Bathrooms** – *Councilman VonAtzingen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to hire Myhra to complete the bathrooms at the Ingalls Memorial Pavilion for \$65/hr for 4 weeks plus the material costs.*

**There being no further new business this meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.**

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Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

\_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor Bensen

\_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Macko

\_\_\_\_\_ Councilman VonAtzingen

\_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Bear

**Town of Greenville  
Building Department  
Monthly Report**

Month of JUNE, 2025

Building Permits: 15

Inspections: 33

Title Searches: 6

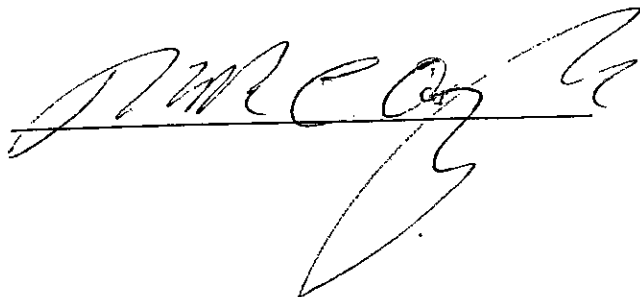
Septic Permits: 1

Sign Permits:           

Fire Calls: 1

Violations: 3

Notes





07/01/2025  
19:19:19  
Jessica Lewis

Town of Greenville  
**Miscellaneous Cash Report**  
For Transaction Type: Permits  
For: All Fee Types  
Date Range: 06/01/2025 to 06/30/2025

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<u>Transaction Type</u>	<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>Receipt #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
Permits	CO Search		06/03/2025	Hudson-valley-law,	1	\$50.00
Permits	Building		06/03/2025	Smpr, 50 Chapel Street Albany, NY 12207	1	\$50.00
Permits	CO Search		06/11/2025	Kcs, 9 Mohawk Place Amsterdam, NY 12010	1	\$50.00
Permits	CO Search		06/11/2025	Kcs, 9 Mohawk Place Amsterdam, NY 12010	1	\$50.00
Permits	CO Search		06/24/2025	Smpr, 50 Chapel Street Albany, NY 12207	1	\$50.00
Permits	Building		06/30/2025	Hunter-windham, Abstract 6193 Main Street Po Box 908 Tannersville, NY 12485	1	\$50.00
Permits	Building	B25-026	06/03/2025	Kowalski, William 10C Griffin Circle Albany, NY 12203	1	\$713.50
Permits	Building	B25-027	06/03/2025	Brewer, Jason A 315 King Hill Rd	1	\$112.50
Permits	Building	B25-028	06/03/2025	Tobin, Andrew 637 Cr401 Westerlo, NY 12193	1	\$250.00
Permits	Building	B25-029	06/11/2025	Paffi-laxmi li, Inc 6047 Rt 23 Acra, NY 12405	1	\$56.00
Permits	Building	B25-030	06/23/2025	Carew, John 52-13 72nd Street Maspeth, NY 11378	1	\$100.00
Permits	Building	B25-031	06/23/2025	Coads, Carrie 4328 State Rt 81 Greenville, NY 12083	1	\$50.00
Permits	Building	B25-032	06/23/2025	Solomon, Jack 1201 Sandy Plains Rd Leeds, NY 12451	1	\$90.00
Permits	Building	B25-033	06/23/2025	Greenvilleleand, Llc 150 Ingalside Rd Greenville, NY 12083	1	\$480.00
Permits	Building	B25-034	06/23/2025	Bown, Josh L 74 C R 75 Greenville, NY 12083	1	\$50.00
Permits	Building	B25-035	06/23/2025	Stanger, Pauline 11281 State Rt 32 Greenville, NY 12083	1	\$100.00
Permits	Building	B25-036	06/23/2025	Faulkner, Ray 3909 Rt 81 Greenville, NY 12083	1	\$120.00
Permits	Building	B25-037	06/23/2025	Miracle Mountain, 18 Esti Cir Lakewood, NJ 08701	1	\$50.00

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Permits	Building	B25-038	06/23/2025	Nguyen-hageman, Phoebe 131 Westchester Dr N Delmar, NY 12054	1	\$2,357.00
Permits	Building	B25-039	06/23/2025	Powell Jr, Clifton S 5630 Route 81 Greenville, NY 12083	1	\$50.00
Permits	Building	B25-040	06/30/2025	Sigda, Jacquelyn 62 Sunny Hill Acres Greenville, NY 12083	1	\$50.00
Permits	Sewer	SP25-07	06/03/2025	Mcaneny, Frederick J 5951 Rt 81 Norton Hill, NY 12083	1	\$50.00
					<b>Total Quantity:</b>	22
					<b>Grand Total:</b>	\$4,979.00



NORTH DOME OPERATIONS, INC.  
PO BOX 303  
CATSKILL, NY 12414

John Benson,  
Town of Greenville  
11159 Rt 32  
Greenville, NY 12083

June 16, 2025

Re: May 2025 Operations Report  
The following report cover's facility operations of the water and waste water treatment systems.

**WTP: COMPLIANCE WAS MET FOR THE MONTH OF May 2025.**

- Performed all daily process control testing and all monthly DOH mandated testing.
- Average Daily Flow to Distribution System: 32,200 gpd.
- GCS will be quoting us a new computer
- Trying to get GCS on site to investigating well #2 faulting issue

**WWTP: COMPLIANCE WAS MET FOR THE MONTH of May 2025.**

- 10,000 gallons of sludge was removed for the month of May
- GCS onsite to address Aeration tank #1 level transmitter for a scaling issue
- Aeration tank # 1 is in the process of being dropped cleaned and inspected.

Please call me with any concerns or questions,  
Joe Myers, Cell (518) 528-8842



17 Corporate Circle  
Albany, New York 12203  
Phone: (518) 270-8045 Fax (518) 270-8042  
[www.generalcontrolsystems.com](http://www.generalcontrolsystems.com)

## QUOTE

QUOTE NO: SQ24-2292

Rev: 0

DATE: November 20, 2024

Quotation Valid for 30 DAYS

To: Greenville WWTP  
Attn: Zach McGrath

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of: 1

Ref: Greenville WWTP Transmitter

Ph: (518) 947-4698  
Fax:

Email: [zmcgrath@villageofcatskill.net](mailto:zmcgrath@villageofcatskill.net)

SALES PERSON	JOB	SHIPPING METHOD	SHIPPING TERMS	DELIVERY DATE	PAYMENT TERMS	DUE DATE
MM	N/A	Best Way	Pre-Pay & Add	N/A	NET 30	N/A

Line Item	Qty	Description	Unit Price	Line Total
1	1	Liquiline CM442 Dissolved Oxygen Transmitter	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
		Note: Parts Only. No Labor Included		
Subtotal				\$1,750.00
Sales Tax				
Total				\$1,750.00

This quotation prepared by: Maria Mangini

To accept this quotation, sign here and return: **X** \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

# Office of the Assessor

**Gordon W. Bennett, IAO**

Ph: 518-966-5055x3

Fx: 518-966-4108

[gwb81560@gmail.com](mailto:gwb81560@gmail.com)

July 21, 2025

*RE: July Monthly Report*

## ***Final Roll 2025***

The Final Tax Roll has been completed. The totals are as follows:

	<u><b>2024</b></u>	<u><b>2025</b></u>
<i>Total Assessed Value</i>	<i>\$317,786,621</i>	<i>\$319,319,532</i>
<i>Town Taxable Value</i>	<i>\$268,537,290</i>	<i>\$269,138,303</i>
<i>Number of Parcels</i>	<i>2,472</i>	<i>2,477</i>
<i>Wholly Exempt Parcels</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>72</i>
<i>Equalization Rate</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>43%</i>

\*Totals are subject to change based on small claims cases or correction of errors.

Planning Board report to Town Board – July 2025  
July 2, 2025

The Planning Board met with five members and PB Clerk Nugent present, and Town Attorney Rappleyea was available on conference call. Also present were agenda reps, a dozen community members, and Town Board member Will Von Atzingen.

The agenda held two items.

A public hearing was held for 11281 SR 32 (Austin Nevins, house next to Irving house). A half dozen people spoke about concerns about allowing a nail spa in a residence in that community.

The PB review ensued, with issues of parking, traffic, lighting, hours of operation, safety, etc., raised. This hearing and review was one of the more intense ones overseen by this PB in recent years.

The application was approved, with a start date likely at the new year, with a six month review to be presented.

The second item was a solar development, Greenville Solar, on the Freehold Flats. Two company reps gave an overview and the engineer spent forty minutes presenting the details of the project. No further action was taken.

It was agreed that, given the time it takes to generate an escrow account and the need for both parties to review/update the application and details, it would probably be September for the next meeting for further review.

Please find attached a letter emailed to the PB about a community member's concerns about event places clustering on Rt 26.

The minutes of June 2025 were approved, followed by adjournment at 9:30, another long meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Teator  
PB Chair

June 18, 2025

Jim SanEmeterio  
3931 County Route 26  
Greenville, New York 12083

Planning Board  
Town of Greenville  
11159 Route 32  
P.O. Box 38  
Greenville, NY 12083

**Re; Event venues**

Dear Mr. Chairman;

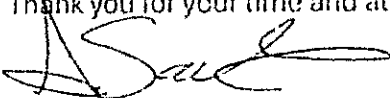
I am concerned about the ever increasing "venues" that seem to be popping up throughout our town. As a resident along Route 26, I have a special concern regarding the increase of venues along Route 26. For several years now, the *Woodhouse Lodge* has been hosting weddings and other events with operations seemingly getting larger and larger. Just recently it was discovered that the property, only a few hundred yards further down the road from the Woodhouse at 3725 Route 26, is opening as a luxury venue, "L'Orangerie". With the recent For Sale offering of the Stevens properties, also on Route 26, my concern is that someone could purchase part, or all, of the property to develop yet another venue. At what point in time does too many venues become too many venues?

As the speed of vehicles along Route 26 often exceeding the posted 45 MPH limit is an issue in itself, increased traffic, especially on weekends, likely would only add to the problem. In the case of the Woodhouse Lodge, those events almost always seem to run late into the night with the venue pushing the limits of the noise ordinance requiring music to end at 11 p.m. On several occasions the party has gone well past that point. As a neighbor to that venue, the distant thumping of music for several hours into the night certainly detracts from the "quiet enjoyment" of my property that I am entitled to. And while I may be the closest neighbor to the Woodhouse Lodge, the disturbance of the parties can still be heard beyond. My concern, now that "L'Orangerie" is opening and that there is the *potential* for the Stevens property to become another venue, this problem is only going to get worse for our neighborhood.

Zoning along Route 26 east past Route 26A is Low Density Residential. According to the current allowable uses under the classification, Hotels/Inns, Motels and Resorts are permitted. There is no mention of "venue" as a permitted use and I would contend that the allowance of them would certainly be open for interpretation as to how they conform to any of the permitted uses. This also holds true for the Hamlet district of which the Stevens property is located within.

In closing, I would simply like to ask the Board to look at, and consider, if limitations on the number of venues within the community are necessary, if certain distance requirements from competing venues might be prudent, and if more monitoring of them is required so as to not impact the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

Thank you for your time and attention.



Jim SanEmeterio  
(518) 929 5263  
Jimsan1968@gmail.com

## Jessica Lewis

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**From:** Donald White Dog Control Officer <dcodonaldwhite@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 6, 2025 8:46 PM  
**To:** Jessica Lewis  
**Subject:** Dog Control Report June 2025

June 2025 Report

DCO Donald White

6/6/25- Received a message about a Dog that went missing from Ingalside Rd in the town of Greenville- She has a collar with a Apple Air tag but its not connecting- Posted on facebook to attempt to locate the dog- Dog has been located

6/13/25- Received a call from Greene county public health requesting assistance with locating a individual who's dog was involved in a Dog bite on West Rd in the town of Greenville- drove to the address provided and could not locate- went back to the address and found the owner of the dog and collected information for public health

6/13/25- Received a call about a raccoon that is in someone's attic- i called back and informed them to call a local wildlife rescue or DEC to assist

6/15/25- Received a call about a Pyrenees Dog that was found in the area of Route 32 and route 67 in Freehold- i drove to the location and picked the dog up and scanned for a microchip but found nothing- checked a few nearby houses after i posted on facebook and got some leads of where he could belong- Did not find the owner and i transported the dog to SPCA in Hudson

6/15/25- Received a message about a missing chocolate Lab from the area of Sunset Rd and North Rd in the town of Greenville- posted the information on facebook to locate the dog- received word that someone found the dog and another DCO from a neighboring town posted on facebook- got in communication with everyone and Dog was picked up by its owner

6/16/25- Received a Report of two missing German Shepards from the area of Mackey rd and route 75 in the town of Greenville- posted the information for both dogs on facebook to locate them- one dog returned home by itself and the other was still missing- got word from someone that the second dog was seen in a field nearby the area of route 75 by the sharp turn- owner went to location and was able to find/ Retrieve the Dog



6/23/25- Received a call about a missing Great Dane from the Greenville area- called back and got no answer- have not heard or seen any updates about this dog

6/24/25- Received a call about a dog that was laying outside at the end of a driveway on Plattekill rd in the town of Greenville- the caller was concerned about the dog because of the weather and no one being home- i drove to the location and found the dog wandering in the yard but found no one home they also had a goat on the property- i looked around and found that there was a open section of the garage outfitted with hay and shade for the animals and a few large bowls full of water- animals appeared to be in good health and everything seemed to be okay

Total Milage for June 99.6 miles

**Date:** June 17, 2025

**Prepared by:** Sarina Augustine

**Subject:** Event Planning Update

### **Yard Sale Weekend**

I'm gearing up to begin advertising early for the upcoming Yard Sale Weekend scheduled for September 26–28, and interest is already building. Two households have signed up so far, and inquiries are starting to come in.

### **Greenville Day**

Greenville Day planning continues to progress steadily. All entertainment has been scheduled, with two out of three music slots confirmed. I'll be reaching out to The Tailgate Band to secure the final performance spot. Inflatables and other attractions are also booked and confirmed.

With entertainment in place, the current focus has shifted to recruiting additional vendors to ensure a fun and diverse event. Flyers have been distributed to promote vendor and volunteer sign-ups, and several returning vendors have already submitted their applications.

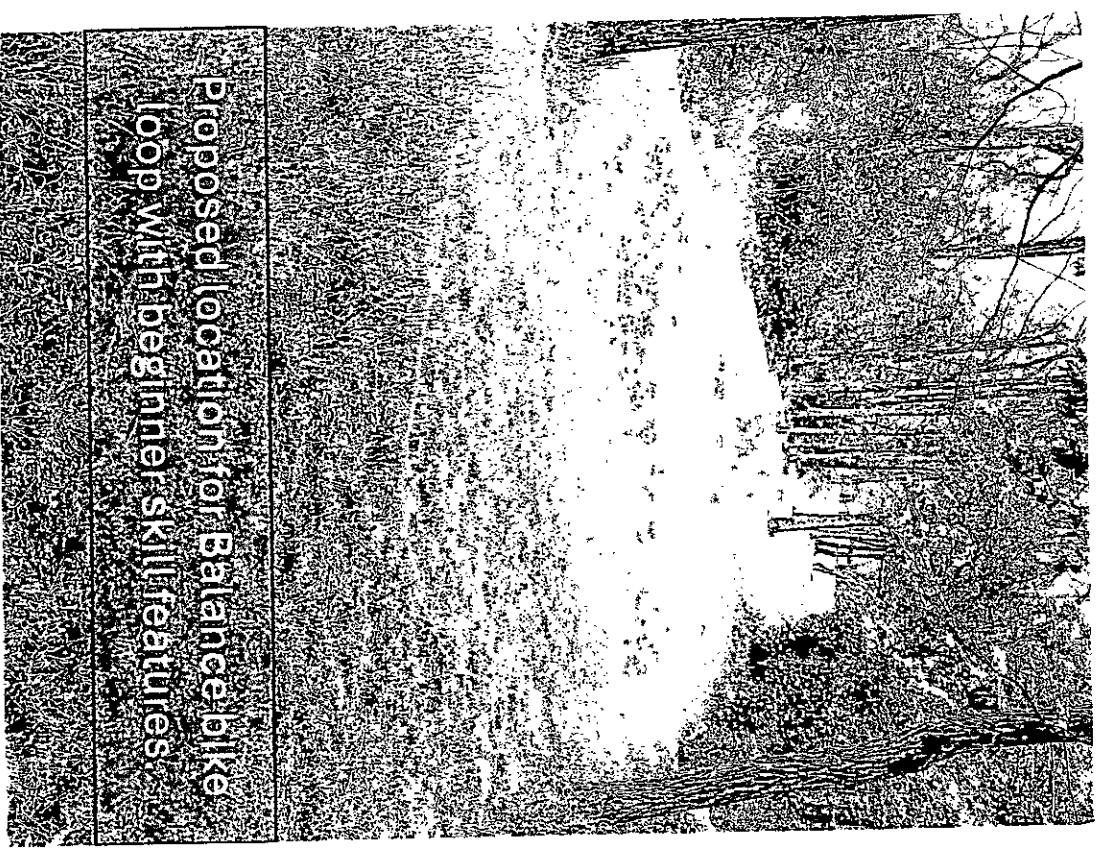
I am currently preparing a volunteer sign-up sheet and will resume outreach to the school prior to the start of the academic year to explore student or group involvement.

Most logistical vendors are secured, including tents, lighting, and portable restrooms. The only remaining item is golf cart rental, which I am in the process of finalizing.

In preparation for next month's promotional push, I'm also working on a detailed timeline of the day's events to include in advertising and social media outreach. This will help inform attendees of what to expect and build anticipation throughout August.

# Estimated Costs (Phase I, beginner area)

Sod Cutter 1 Day Rental: \$128  
Material (4x4, 2x4, 2x6, deck Screws, etc): \$1200  
Bark Chips: Use existing supply?  
Rock: \$0 (relocate existing stone)  
Tree Stumps/sections: \$0 (relocate existing cut tree sections)



# Other features...



Don't get it?



MTB features



A flow trail, no rocks or large roots

# Local Examples

Other towns have built such skill parks on their property and have them open to the public. These include:

## North Bethlehem Town Park

North Bethlehem, NY  
 11022-1700

Thacher State Park  
Voorheesville, NY

11/22/2018 12:30 PM 28/01/2018 15:28

Gurney Lane Mountain Bike Trails  
Queensbury, NY

<https://recreation.queensbury.net/outdoor/mountain-biking/>

## Wheelerville Trails

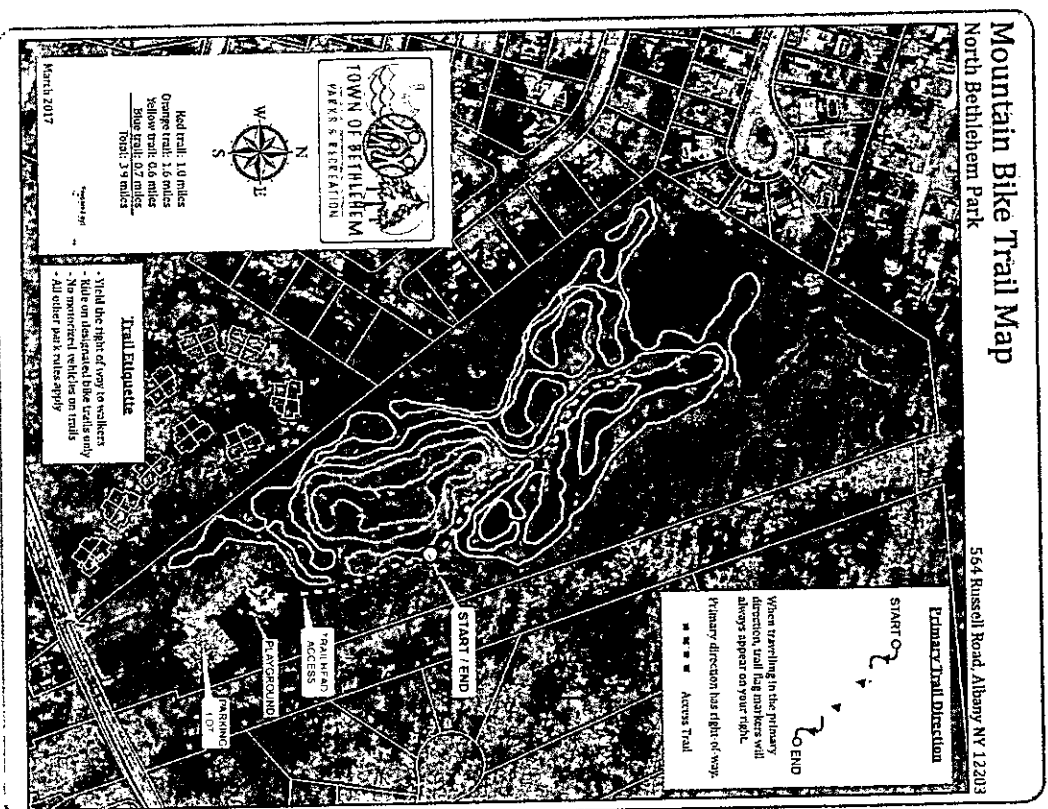
Caroga Lake, NY

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## Wilmington Bike Park

Wilmington, NY

<https://www.whitefaceregion.com/recreation/biking/wilmington-bike-park>



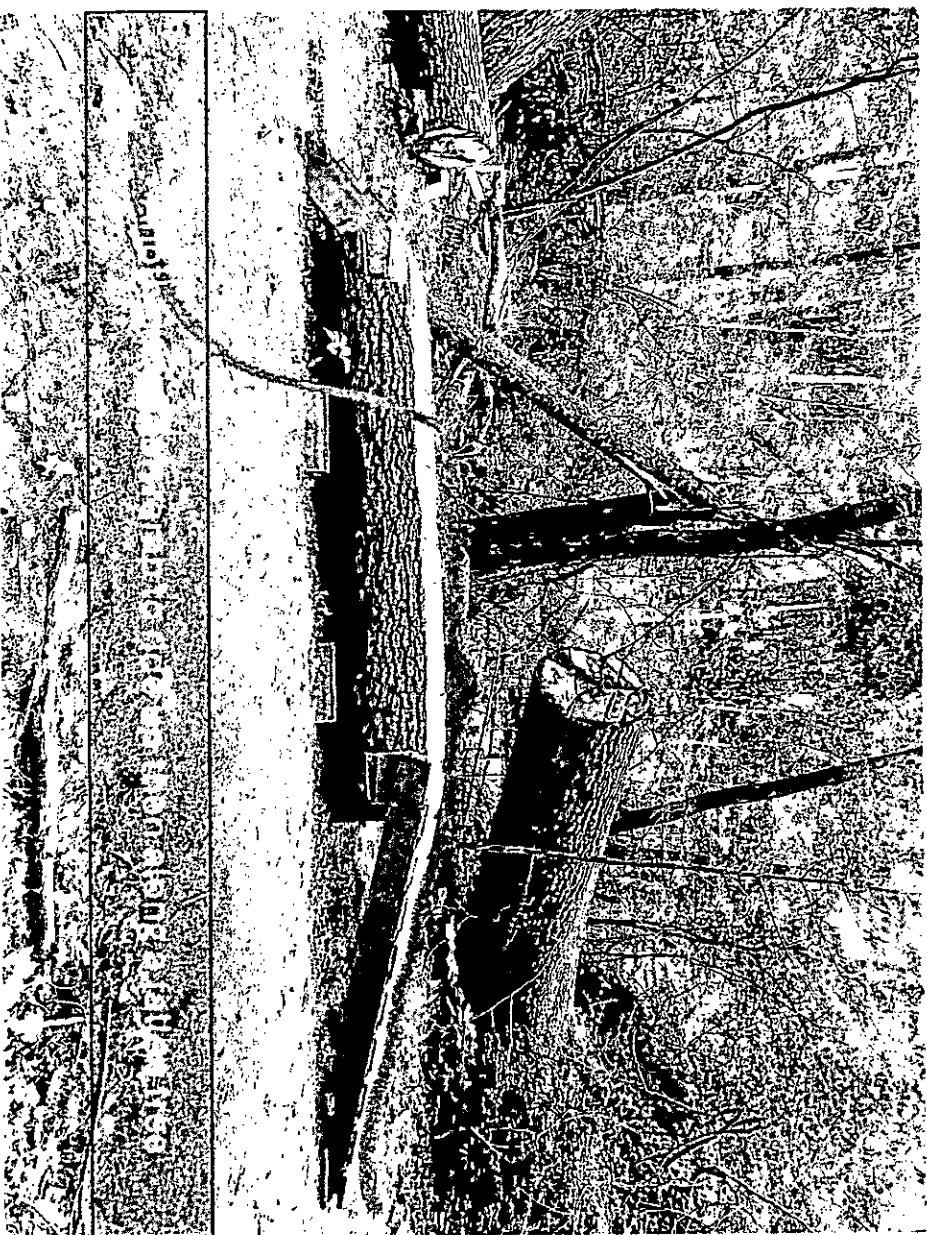
# What it is not...

Not a BMX race track or pump track.

Not for motorized vehicles.

Not a jump line or jump park. All features can be "rolled" or ridden without the bike leaving the ground.

Features will be designed around learning riders, not for advanced or expert level riders.



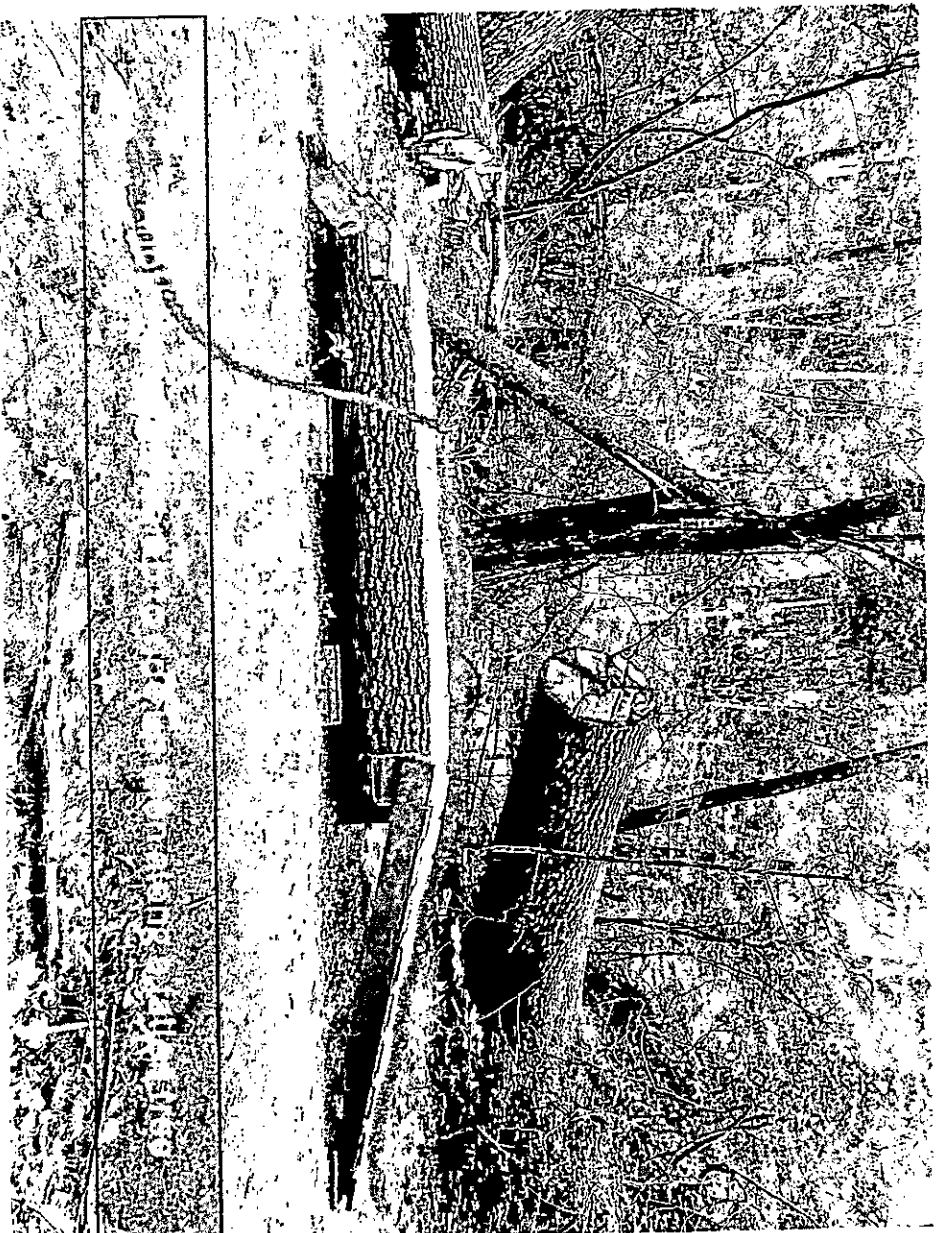
# What will it cost?

Labor will be free for most of the work.  
Town employees may need to help.

Several volunteers are machine  
operators and can provide help with  
any machine building needed.

Material costs would be very low and  
likely sourced from downed trees in the  
park or paid via donations.

Fats In the Cats (local MTB non-profit)  
has expressed interest in helping to  
fund this project.



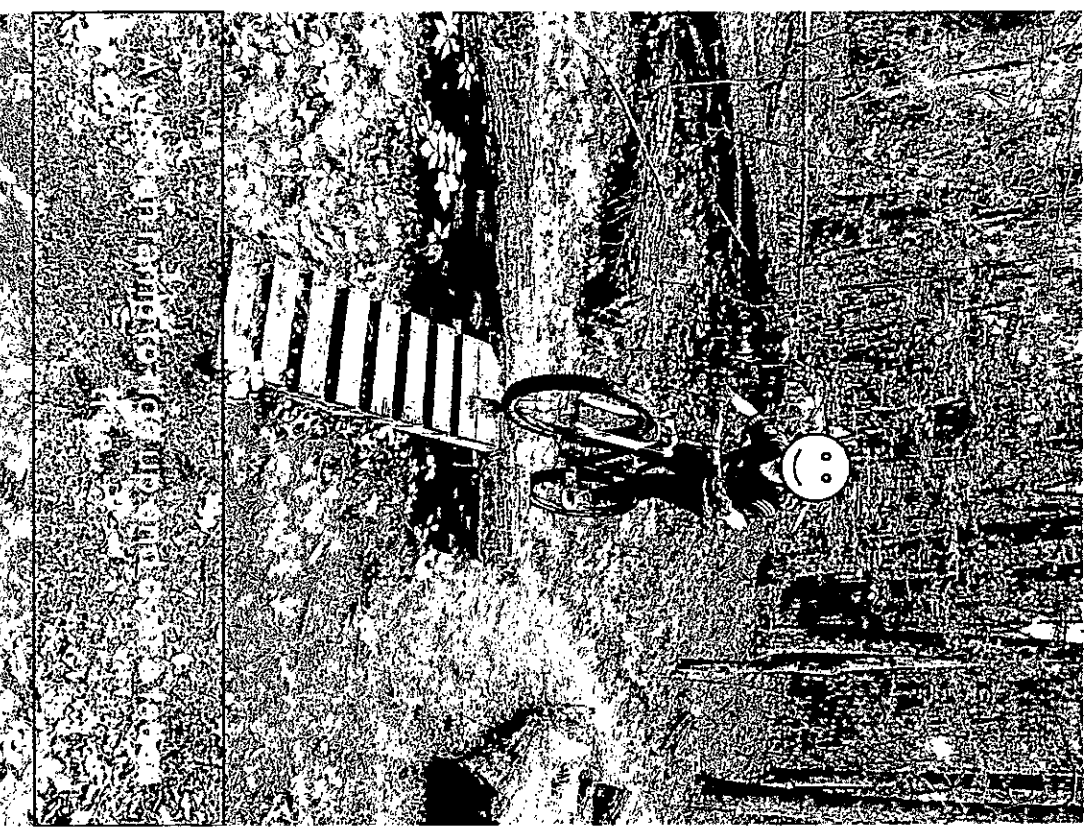
# Who will do this?

There are several local families who are avid cyclists and have kids aged 2-10 who ride.

Flow Riders, Fats in the Cats, and other local MTB groups have expressed interest in helping.

Some drainage work is needed and some trail building could be coordinated with that work.

Like the disc golf course, the MTB community loves to help get community projects like this built.





# What are "features"?

Features are built structures that teach a skill or develop technique and are fun to ride.

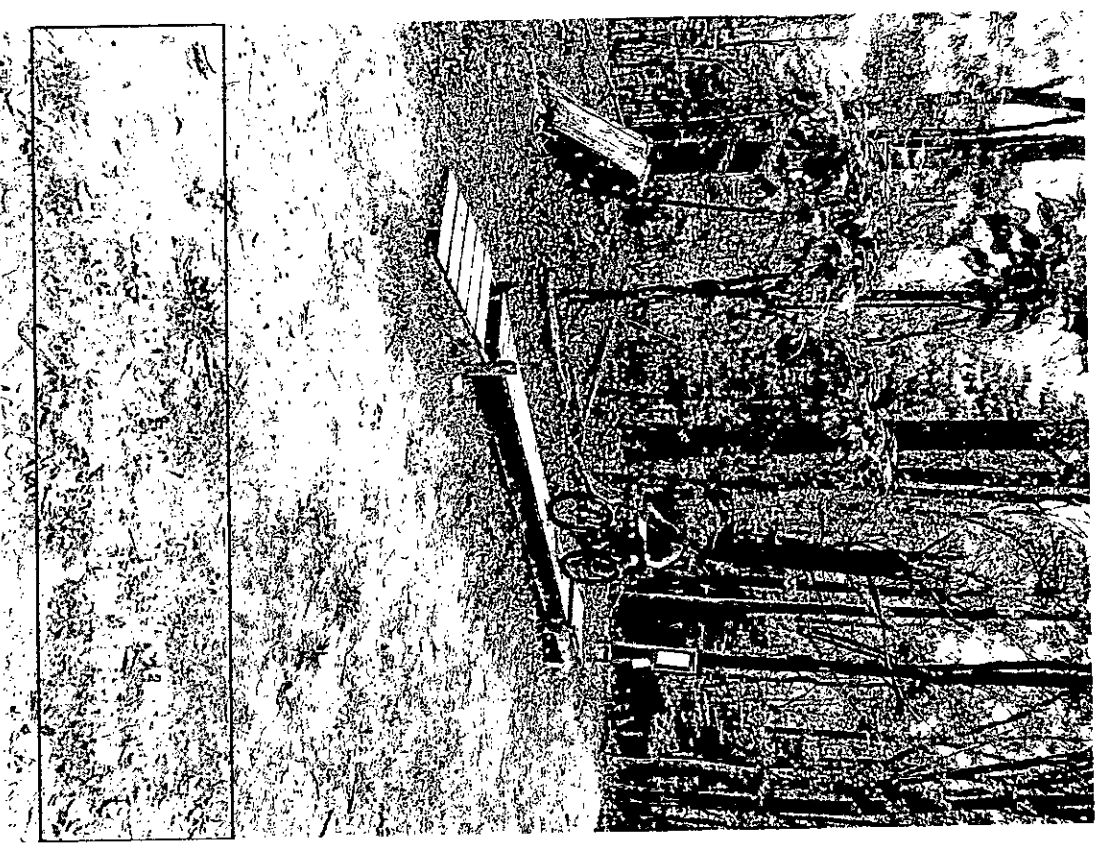
They can be things like long narrow planks, wood ramps, teeter totters, berms, small drops, tree stumps lined together, rocky sections designed for riding on, or other such designs.

They mimic conditions found on trails, but are purpose built for learning.

All features will be well built, safe, sustainable, and durable.

They will be designed with safety as a priority.

Most will be built with natural material like logs from fallen trees.



# What ages?

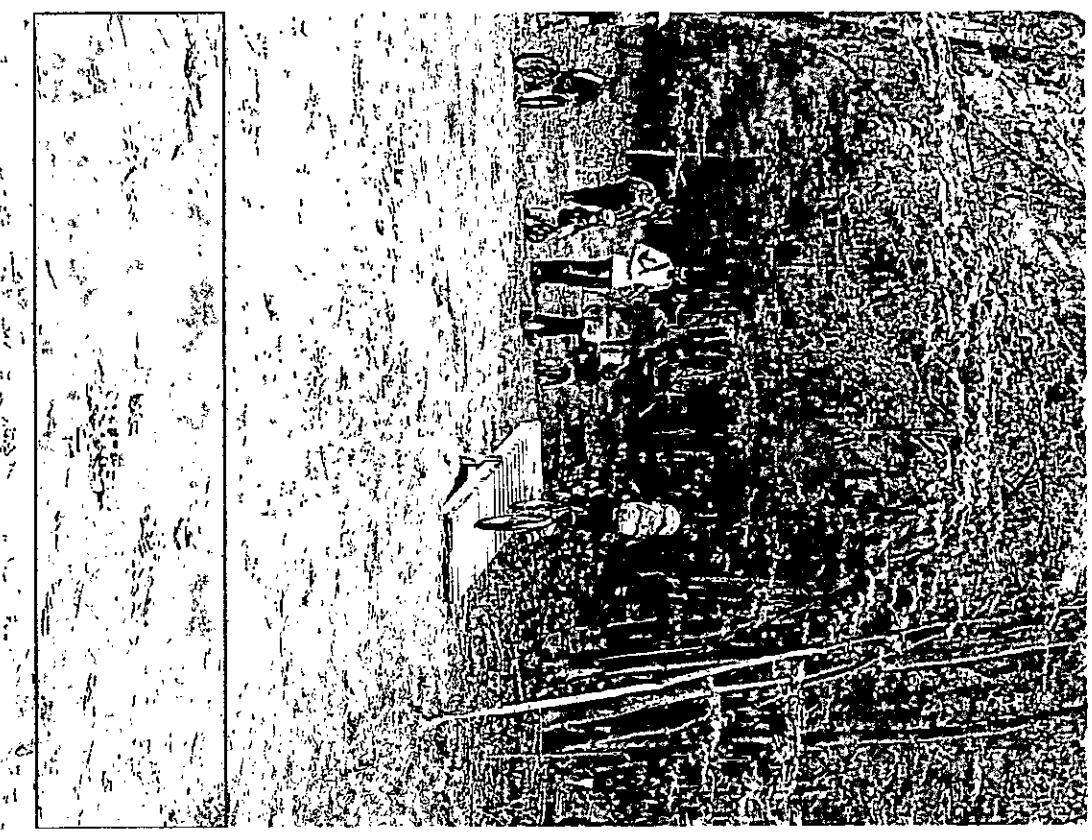
Kids under 2 ride balance bikes and would be able to safely enjoy the balance bike loop.

The trails and features will be “Progressive”. This means as kids get older and their skills develop, they can continue to challenge themselves.

While this is intended for kids, “Kids” of all ages could enjoy the trails and features.

The trails and features would provide a way to keep kids riding bikes as they get older, keeping them in a healthy activity vs looking for other ways to entertain themselves.

All features will be built strong enough for adult riders, but tailored to young learners.



# Why Vanderbilt Park?

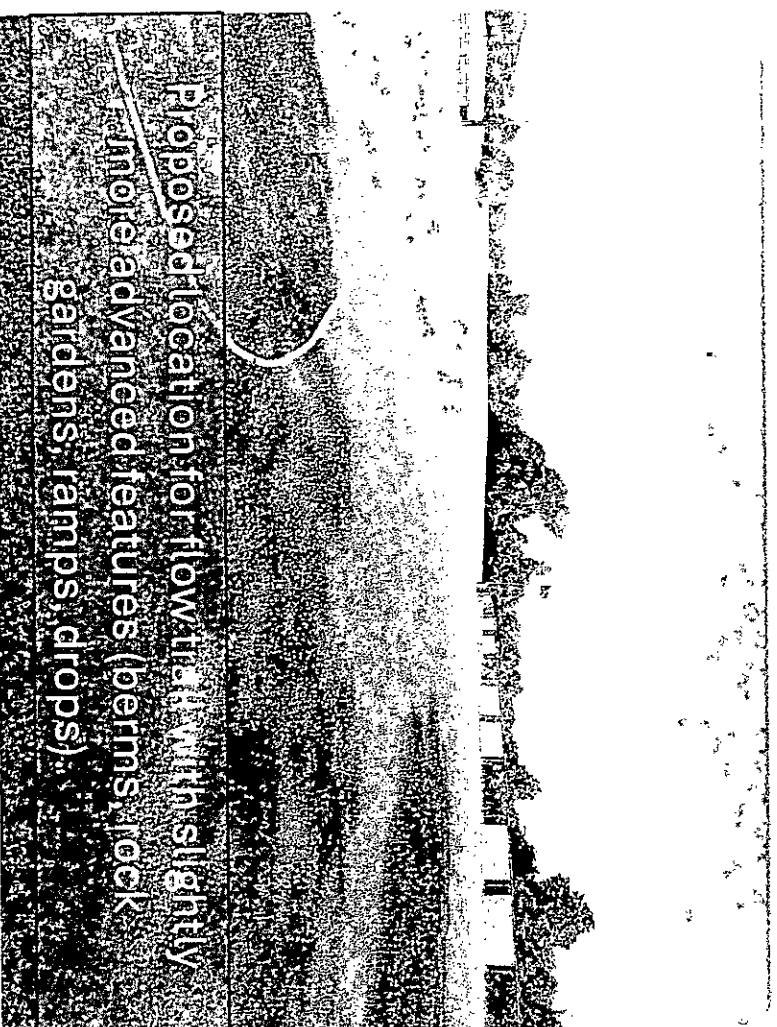
The nearest option that is kid friendly is 40 minutes away by car (North Bethlehem Town Park).

There are several unused areas that are not good for much else (one is will be for drainage and not level).

Proximity to 5+ miles of other trails and paths in the park and school campus for extended rides, exercise, and access for students.

Proximity to other recreational opportunities at the park, something for everyone.

Draw people from outside the area who are likely to visit local businesses while here.



Proposed location for flow that with slightly more advanced features (berms, rock gardens, ramps, drops).

# Why bikes?

Cycling is one of the fastest growing, safe, and healthy recreational activities for people of all ages.

Mountain biking is the fastest growing youth sport.

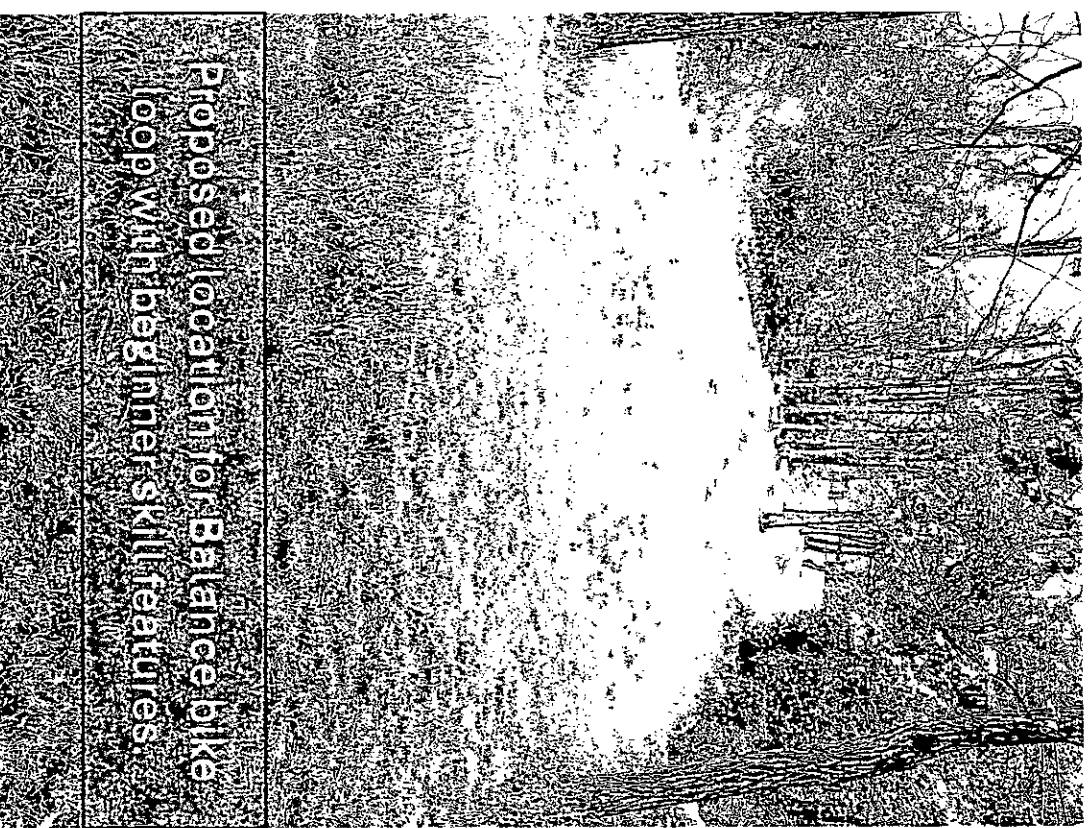
Most kids have a bike and learn to ride.

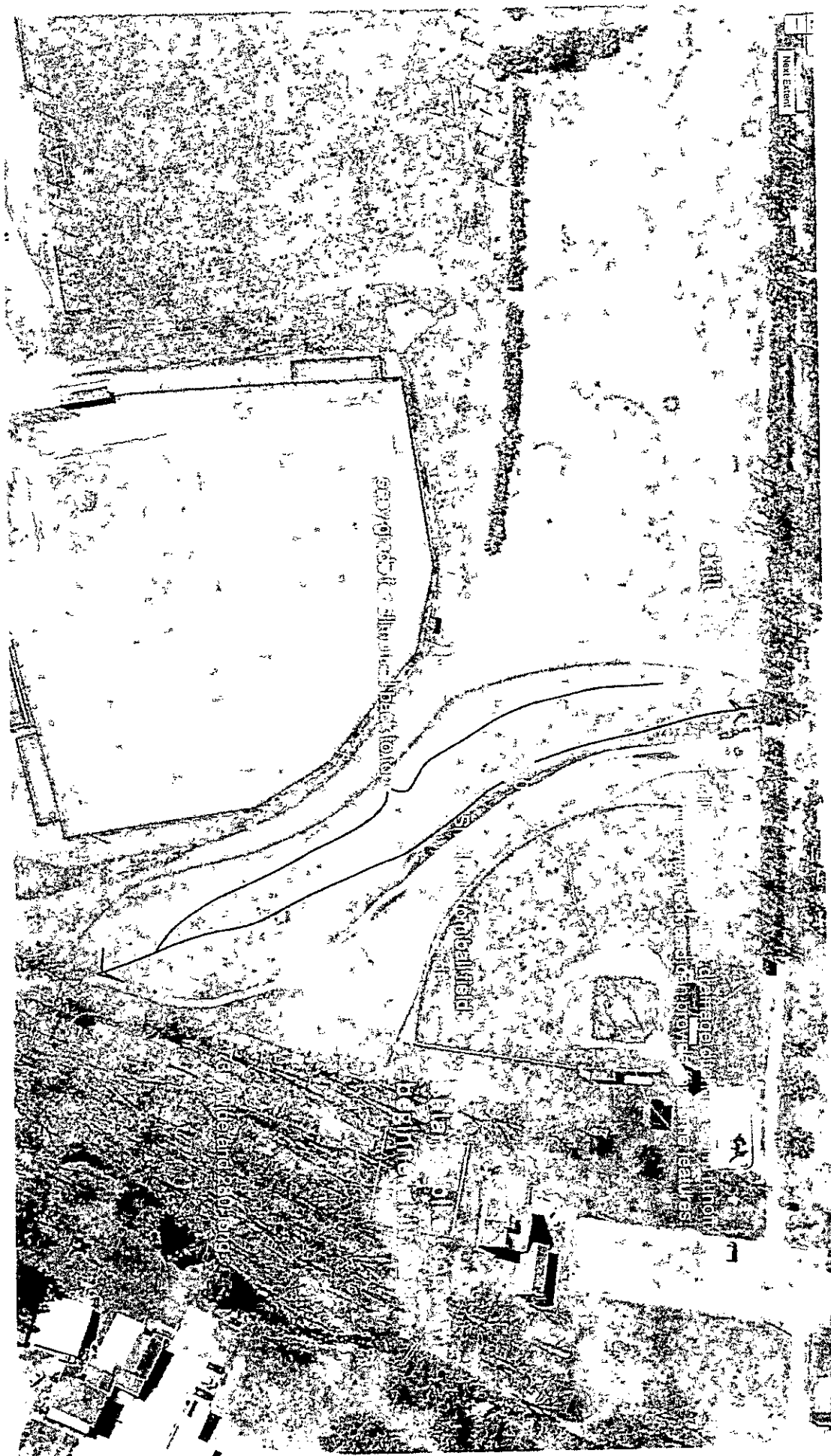
It is an activity that people of all ages can do together.

It does not take a formal program or organization to provide kids with ways to "play bikes".

Many kids don't play formal school sports and can fall out of good health without alternatives.

The impact on other park users and park resources is minimal, but the benefit to the community is very good.



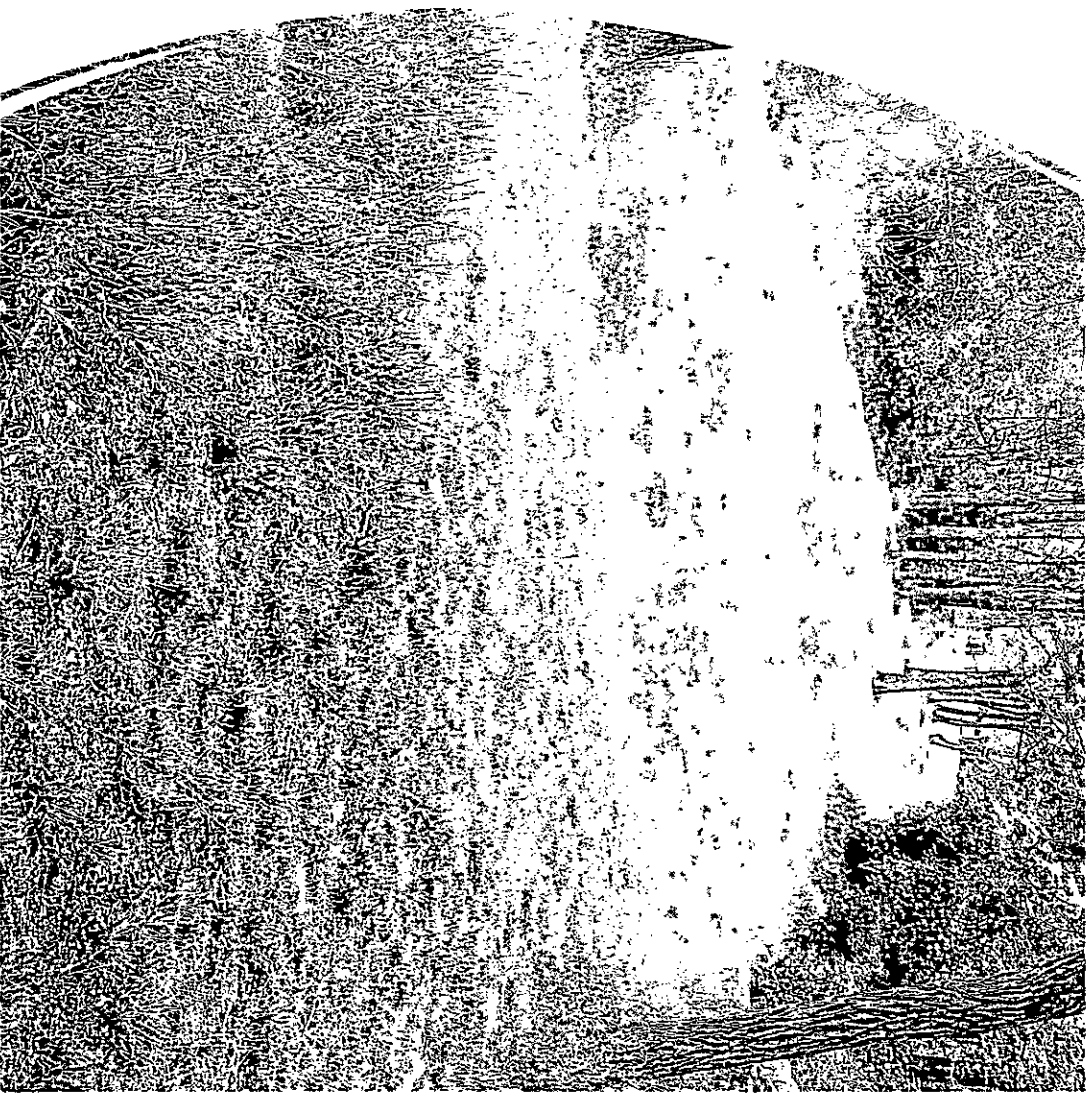


# Vanderbilt Park Kid Friendly Bike Improvements

**\*\*Updated July 2025\*\***

Cycling is one of the most safe, healthy, accessible, and popular outdoor activities for children. However, they are not able to progress their skill and participation due to a lack of safe, local, and beginner friendly trails.

Vanderbilt park has some unused terrain in the park that isn't suitable for much else yet is perfect for kid friendly bike trails and skill features. They would be located next to existing child play areas to make supervision and access very easy even for those who do not ride a bike.



# Town of Greenville

## RESOLUTION AMENDING 2025 ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

**WHEREAS** the Town of Greenville Town Board held its organizational meeting on January 2, 2025 and made certain resolutions with respect there too; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Greenville Town Board now wishes to make certain amendments to some of those resolutions.

### **NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**

That the Town board of the Town of Greenville hereby makes the following amendments to the organizational meeting minutes and resolutions:

#7: that Hope Nugent be appointed Deputy Clerk-Collector at \$23.23 per hour for up to 125 hours per year

#55: that Sarina Augustine be appointed Event Planner/Coordinator for \$21.00/hour for up to 1,040 hours per year

#56: (investment policy)

Resolution offered by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_, and carried.

### VOTING:

AYE

NAY

ABSENT/OTHER

SUPERVISOR BENSEN

COUNCILMAN BEAR

COUNCILMAN MACKO

COUNCILMAN VONATZINGEN

COUNCILMAN RICHARDS

CARRIED.

Adopted: July 21, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Bensen

Town Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica K. Lewis

Town Clerk-Collector

-- Standard Features --

-- Custom Options --



ZD1200 Series

ZD1211L-3-72

\*\*\* EQUIPMENT IN STANDARD MACHINE \*\*\*

**DIESEL ENGINE**

3 Cylinder, Kubota Model #  
D1105

23.8 Gross HP @ 3000 rpm

68.5 cu. in. Displacement

12v 430 Amp Hr. Battery

14 Amps Charging Output

**TRANSMISSION**

Hydrostatic Drive

(2) HST w/Gear Reduction

Brake - Wet Multi Disks

Forward Speeds 0 - 10.6 mph

Reverse Speeds 0 - 5.3 mph

**STEERING / MOTION**

**CONTROL**

(2) Hand Levers, Adjustable

Hydraulically Damped,  
Adjustable

**POWER TAKE OFF**

Hydraulic Independent PTO

Shaft Drive Mower Deck

Wet Disk Clutch

**FLUID CAPACITY**

Fuel Tank 13.1 gal

Engine Coolant w/ Recovery

tank 3.96 qts

Crankcase w/ Filter 4.1 qts

Transmission Case and Axle

Gear 12.8 qts

+ Manufacturer Estimate

**TIRES AND WHEELS**

Front 15 x 6.0 - 6 Flat-free

Rear 26 x 12.0 - 16 Turf, Low Profile

**SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

Electric Key Shut Off

Control Lever Safety Switch

Parking Brake Safety Switch

Foldable ROPS

Seat Safty Switch

**DIMENSIONS**

Height 78.7"

Length 93.7"

Width Overall 85.8"

Wheelbase 61.4"

**OPERATING FEATURES**

Zero Turn Radius

Adj. Front Axle: Rigid/Oscillating

Dual Element Air Filter

Deluxe Suspension Seat w/

Kubota Exclusive Seat Design

Hands-free Hydraulic Deck Lift

Hands-free Parking Brake

Cup Holder

**SIDE DISCHARGE MOWER**

60" and 72" Kubota PRO Deck

w/ACS

8 Gauge, 6" Deep Deck

1-5" Cut Height, Adjustable

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3 Blades

ZD1211L-3-72 Base Price: \$21,699.00

Configured Price: \$21,699.00

Sourcewell Discount: (\$4,773.78)

SUBTOTAL: \$16,925.22

Dealer Assembly: \$0.00

Freight Cost: \$262.50

PDI: \$400.00

Total Unit Price: \$17,587.72

Quantity Ordered: 1

Final Sales Price: \$17,587.72

**Purchase Order Must Reflect Final Sales Price.**

To order, place your Purchase Order directly with the quoting dealer

\*All equipment specifications are as complete as possible as of the date on the quote. Additional attachments, options, or accessories may be added (or deleted) at the discounted price. All specifications and prices are subject to change. Taxes are not included. The PDI fees and freight for attachments and accessories quoted may have additional charges added by the delivering dealer. These charges will be billed separately. Prices for product quoted are good for 60 days from the date shown on the quote. All equipment as quoted is subject to availability.



# Greenville Town Court

Hon. Lou Kraker  
Town Justice

11159 Route 32  
P.O.Box 38  
Greenville, NY 12083  
GreenvilleTownGreene@nycourts.gov

Hon. Kevin Lewis  
Town Justice

Phone: (518) 966-5055 x6

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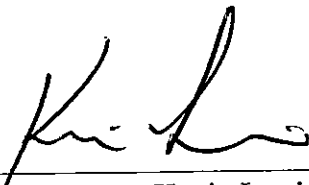
Greenville Town Board  
11159 Route 32  
Greenville, NY 12083

July 21, 2021

**RE:** Application for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program

Dear Board Members,

The Greenville Town Justice Court is requesting authorization from the Town Board to apply For funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program during the upcoming cycle. One required component of that application is a Resolution from the Town Board authorizing the Town Court to Apply for this funding.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Hon. Alois Kraker  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Hon. Kevin Lewis

## John Bensen

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**From:** Elayne G. Gold <EGold@rwgmlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2025 11:07 AM  
**To:** John Bensen; Mike Dudley; Jessica Lewis  
**Cc:** Rayanne L. Sheehan  
**Subject:** RE: Highway Negotiations-RWGM File # GREETO 250252  
  
**Importance:** High

And if you happen to see Paul perhaps you can verify his availability...I just called and his phone does not pick up. Thanks, Elayne

Elayne G. Gold, Esq.  
**Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP**  
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Albany, New York 12203  
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**Roemer Wallens**  
**Gold & Mineaux LLP**  
Counsellors at Law

**From:** Elayne G. Gold  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2025 11:04 AM  
**To:** Supervisor@townofgreenvilleny.com; 'mdudley@townofgreenvilleny.com' <mdudley@townofgreenvilleny.com>; 'Jessica Lewis' <TownClerk@townofgreenvilleny.com>  
**Cc:** Rayanne L. Sheehan <RSheehan@rwgmlaw.com>; Elayne G. Gold <EGold@rwgmlaw.com>  
**Subject:** Highway Negotiations-RWGM File # GREETO 250252  
**Importance:** High

Good Morning:

I have spoken with Union rep Degano as to dates for the commencement of bargaining. I will call Paul as to these date options, but I do need to hear back from Supervisor Benton and Superintendent Dudley as you both indicated you will be joining the Town bargaining Team. The offered start dates are :

- Tuesday July 29 (at 10AM)
- Monday August 11 (at 10AM)
- Tuesday August 12 (at 11 AM).

Please get back to me at your earliest convenience.. Thank you and have a great day. Elayne



601 S 23rd St, Fairfield, IA 52556-4212

Phone: (641) 472-2824

Remittance Address: 601 S 23rd St, Fairfield, IA 52556

**Bill to:**

Town of Greenville  
Prevost Hall 11199 State Route 32  
Greenville, NY 12083

**Invoice date:** Jul 11, 2025

**Invoice ID:** 33770-06

**Amount due:** \$9,509.73

**Due date:** Jul 18, 2025

**33770 Prevost Hall Greenville NY: Final Invoice**

Items	Price	Taxable
Field Installation 3202402 - Field Operations	\$9,509.73	Non-Taxable
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$9,509.73</b>	

<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,509.73</b>
<b>Total tax</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total price</b>	<b>\$9,509.73</b>



601 S 23rd St, Fairfield, IA 52556-4212

Phone: (641) 472-2824

Remittance Address: 601 S 23rd St, Fairfield, IA 52556

**Bill to:**

Town of Greenville  
Prevost Hall 11199 State Route 32  
Greenville, NY 12083

Invoice date: Feb 27, 2025

Invoice ID: 33770-05

Amount due: \$17,553.72

Due date: Mar 13, 2025

**33770 Prevost Hall Greenville NY: Progress Invoice**

Items	Price	Taxable
Relead zz301570 - Sales Repairs	\$16,691.83	Non-Taxable
Add Support Bar zz301570 - Sales Repairs	\$861.89	Non-Taxable
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$17,553.72</b>	

Subtotal	\$17,553.72
Total tax	\$0.00
Total price	\$17,553.72



601 S 23rd St, Fairfield, IA 52556-4212

Phone: (641) 472-2824

Remittance Address: 601 S 23rd St, Fairfield, IA 52556

**Bill to:**

Town of Greenville  
Prevost Hall 11199 State Route 32  
Greenville, NY 12083

**Invoice date:** Feb 5, 2025

**Invoice ID:** 33770-04

**Amount due:** \$10,825.99

**Due date:** Feb 19, 2025

**33770 Prevost Hall Greenville NY: Progress Invoice**

Items	Price	Taxable
Relead zz301570 - Sales Repairs	\$10,401.48	Non-Taxable
Add Support Bar zz301570 - Sales Repairs	\$424.51	Non-Taxable
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$10,825.99</b>	

Subtotal	\$10,825.99
Total tax	\$0.00
Total price	\$10,825.99



601 S 23rd St, Fairfield, IA 52556-4212

Phone: (641) 472-2824

Remittance Address: 601 S 23rd St, Fairfield, IA 52556

**Bill to:**

Town of Greenville  
Prevost Hall 11199 State Route 32  
Greenville, NY 12083

**Invoice date:** Jan 24, 2025

**Invoice ID:** 33770-03

**Amount due:** \$12,172.35

**Due date:** Feb 7, 2025

**33770 Prevost Hall Greenville NY: Progress Invoice**

Items	Price	Taxable
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<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$12,172.35</b>	

Subtotal	\$12,172.35
Total tax	\$0.00
Total price	\$12,172.35

Details for Order #113-9552160-3697020

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Order Placed: July 16, 2025  
PO number: library  
Amazon.com order number: 113-9552160-3697020  
Order Total: \$230.86

Not Yet Shipped

Items Ordered

2 of: AIKE UL Approved Compact Jet Hand Dryer Hard-Wired Friendly, 1350W 120V Brushed Stainless Steel Model AK2803D

Sold by: AIKE Direct (seller profile)

Supplied by: Other

Business Price

Condition: New

Price

\$115.43

Shipping Address:

Town of Greenville  
11159 STATE ROUTE 32  
GREENVILLE, NY 12083-5126  
United States

Shipping Speed:

FREE Prime Delivery

Payment information

Payment Method:

Visa ending in 9666

Billing address

Town of Greenville  
PO BOX 38  
GREENVILLE, NY 12083-0038  
United States

Item(s) Subtotal: \$230.86  
Shipping & Handling: \$0.00

Total before tax: \$230.86  
Estimated tax to be collected: \$0.00

Grand Total: \$230.86

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One-Day

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Order within 1 hr 41 mins. [Details](#)

Deliver to Town - Greenville  
12083

In Stock

Buy more, get it as low as  
\$1,851.55

Quantity: 1

Buying in bulk?

Add to Cart

Buy Now

Secure transaction

Ships from and sold by Jacks Small  
Engines.

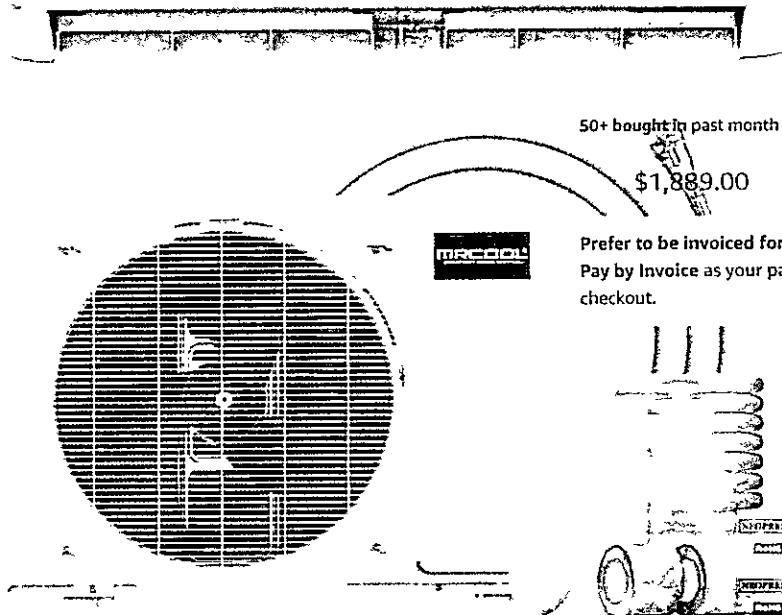
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889 certification, Classified Small  
Business - SBA Standard

Return policy:

30-day refund/replacement

Add to List

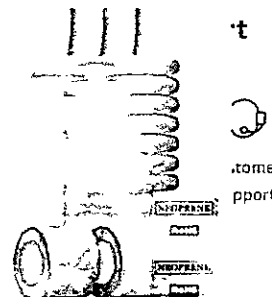


50+ bought in past month

\$1,889.00

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	PLAN & ZONE	Site Plan Review	1	400.00
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		<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$17.50</b>
A 2130	MISC. FEES	Recycling	12	4,416.50
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A 2555	CO Search	CO Search	4	200.00
	PERMIT FEES	Building	17	4,729.00
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A 2590	PERMIT FEES	Sewer	1	50.00
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A1603	Registrar Fees	Certified Copies	14	140.00
		<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$140.00</b>
A2410	Rental Fee	Ingalls Pavilion Rental Fee	1	125.00
		<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$125.00</b>
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	11	99.00
		Female, Unspayed	1	17.00
		Male, Neutered	9	81.00
		Male, Unneutered	5	85.00
	Late Fee	Late Fee	1	25.00
	Seniors, 65 and older	Seniors, 65 and older	5	-15.00
		<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$292.00</b>
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		<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$200.00</b>
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Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation			23.62
Amount paid to:	Refundable Deposit			25.00
Amount paid to:	State Health Dept. for Marriage Licenses			22.50
<b>Total State, County &amp; Local Revenues:</b>		<b>\$10,681.50</b>	<b>Total Non-Local Revenues:</b>	<b>\$109.12</b>

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk, Town of Greenville during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Supervisor

Date

Town Clerk

Date

# Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

June 2025. Issue 335

Hay Press: Hilscher & Palmer

An early wet and cool June day awaited the audience that filled the extra twenty chairs borrowed from the smaller community room. Paul Augstein, Linda Berger, Frank Potter, Ted Hilscher, Stephanie Ingalls, Jonathan Palmer, Janet Nelson, Ron Teator, Jeff Pellerin, Chuck Heyer, Judy Starr, Tom Nevins, Elaine Nevins, Jake Low, Ed Volmar, Marie & Glenn Hardin, David

Tschinkel, Lew Knott, Jane Masterson & Stewart Wagner, John Earl, John Garofalo & Peter O'Hara, Johanna & Robert Titus, Flip Flach, Tom Sweeney, John G Snider, Jack Van Auken, Anita Orsini, Leanne & Charles Dietrich, Joyce Chase, Maryann Morrison, Sunnie Kim- & Liam Tiernan, Mary Lou Nahas, Debra & Don Teator and another half dozen who eluded my sheet and mental clasp.

The origins of the evening's program was my query to Ted Hilscher if he had an idea that he might share with the GLHG. The idea of the hay press and his new book sparked immediate interest.

Ted offered Jonathan Palmer's participation and the idea was off and running. How to organize this program was left to these well-known historians. And thus we came to program night.

Ted's book-in-progress is about the role of agriculture and rural culture in Greene County. It is a big topic and we Greenvillers are pleased someone is willing to write about it.

As a prelude, the Greenville Town Historian took five minutes to note that his transcription of the 1910 Federal and the 1925 NYS censuses showed the dominant influence of farms in those two listings. Thirty to fifty percent of homesteads were then involved in agriculture. No other occupation comes close in that time span.

Many of us sitting in the audience can recall the decline of agriculture in the local area in mid-century. Currently, only a handful of homesteads, and that may be generous, earn their major income from farming, much less dairy farming.

Ted discussed the major elements of his upcoming book, perhaps in time for a program next year. He related many activities needed for a farm's operation, from clearing the land, to adapting to Mother Nature, to arranging the sale/exchange of goods by which to earn a living, and to accepting a lifestyle that entails the constraints that farming demands.

One element of a successful farm life, even if minor, dealt with the hay press.

Ted wrote the following for this newsletter:

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"In the 1800's and early 1900's, the most valuable export for many Hudson Valley farmers near the river or a railroad line was hay.

There were 130,000 horses in Manhattan in 1900. If each one ate 30 pounds of hay a day, 1650 tons of hay was needed daily.

"In order to sell hay, farmers needed to be able to transport it, and in order to transport it, baled hay was highly preferred to loose hay. Before the modern hay baler, there was the hay press. An example of one of the best-selling hay presses of its day has been installed at the Bronck Museum in Coxsackie. It is shown here with Ted Hilscher and the hay press donor, Lynn Vanderzee Christie. Originally in use on the Vanderzee farm in New Baltimore, this press dates from about 1870, is 17 feet 11 inches high and made bales weighing 200 pounds. (dt: this might explain why Ted did not bring one to show this evening!)

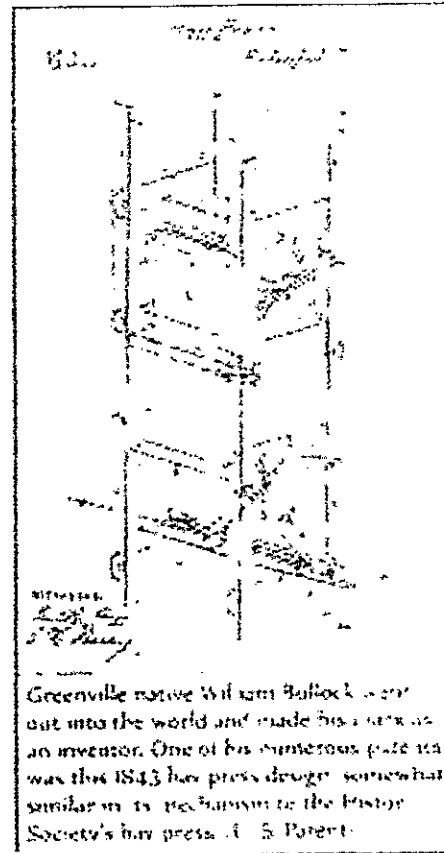
"This press is powered by horse tethered to a capstan. As the horse walked in a circle, turning the capstan, a chain winds around the base of capstan. The other end of the chain is connected to a lever in the hay press. The hay is pressed from below. As the chain is shortened, pulling one end of the lever, the other end of the lever moves the floor of the hay chamber upwards, pressing the hay into a bale." (see photo, contributed by Ted Hilscher)

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At this point, Jonathan led the rest of the program with a PowerPoint. Although my lack of good notes will preclude an accurate and balanced representation of Jonathan's talk, some of the major points can be supplied.

Jonathan noted the headstone of one Catskill resident whose epitaph noted the deceased's accomplishment in hay press invention and sales. In the Catskill Village Cemetery lies "William C. Van Hoesen, b. 1802, d. 1878, original Inventor of the Lever Hay Press" (from Hasenkopf transcription). Jonathan reminded us to imagine what we would want on our headstone. WCVH boasted of that hay press. Later notes would reveal a hotbed of innovation and invention regionally and nationally.

Another interesting close-to-home historical footnote was that of William Bull-

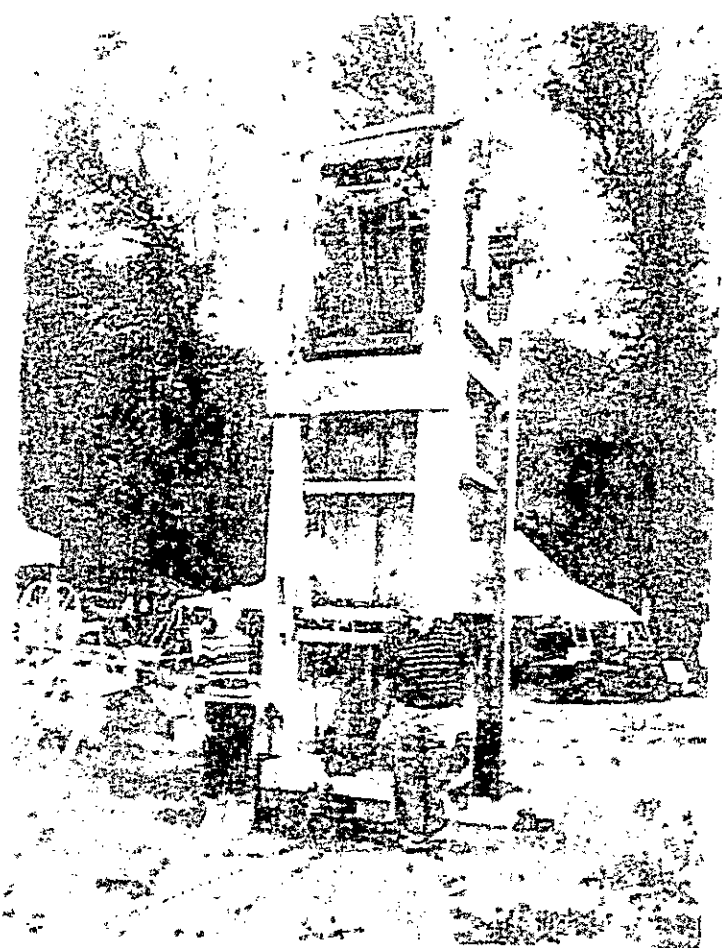


ock. The photo will tell you most of that story.

Jonathan also noted that the production of goods was influenced by the ability to harness power beyond human limits. Although sailboats were fastest on the Hudson River for some time, the ability to make a steam engine to power river-craft allowed sailing time to shorten. And that trend was true for every part of everyday life, including the hay press.

As Ted pointed out, as long as there were horses in NYC, there was a need for hay. When machine powered contraptions, those pesky automobiles, came along, that demand dropped precipitously.

But, before that decline, many an upstate farmer, including many in Greene County and in Greenville, if their farm operations could handle it, would take in their loose hay in the summer and then use the animal powered hay press on an "indoor day," often wintertime. (Many of you are correctly guessing



Lynn Vanderzee Christie, family hay press, Ted Hilscher

that the hay baler would supplant that in the early 20th century.)

Notes about the hay press, with some borrowing from Google:

The first hay presses were invented in the mid-19th century to compress hay into manageable bales for easier handling, storage, and transportation. These early presses were stationary, three-story structures powered by animals like horses or mules, utilizing a pulley system and a large screw to compress the hay. (much like Ted's account)

**Other notes:**

- Early hay presses were stationary:
- Unlike modern balers that move through the field, these early machines required hay to be brought to them.

—Animal power was common: Horses or mules were used to power the presses, often through a sweep or inclined treadmill belt.

—Large bales were the norm:

—Initial bales were quite large, often weighing over 300 pounds.

—Hay presses were crucial for making hay more manageable for storage and transportation, particularly for commercial hay production and export.

A last note: Had I thought to borrow Jonathan's notes, I would have supplied a more detailed and representative account. Should you ever see Jonathan Hay Press program advertised again, and if you were not in attendance, I urge you to see his program when you can.



The Stevens house, on Rt 26—see note below

### Notes:

From the Alcove Preservation Society. Tom Sweeney shared a Channel 10 TV Off the Beaten Path spot about restoration of the Paper Mill/Chimney Top. The link:

<https://www.news10.com/off-the-beaten-path/paper-mill-chimney-top-landmark-being-restored/>

On my computer, a side box, somewhat small, labeled Off the Beaten Path, needs a click to start. A worthy two minute video follows. Thank you, Tom, and Flip, for sharing this local history, and a landmark that has many of us asking the questions asked in the video.

The 2025 Greene County Historical Society's Home Tour in Athens was a fine representation of homes of history and/or worthy of notice – this year, concentrated in the Village of Athens. A midday downpour slowed some down but Jonathan reported an excellent turnout.

Two passings this past month elicited sighs of memory.

Bob Shaw was one of my friendly Greenville Center faces, as well as a voice for the Four Corners of Greenville, and more.

Elsie Turon had been on my mailing list

for decades, with an occasional phone call about the Alcove Reservoir and the family farm, as well as her memories of Main Street in town.

### Farewell to you both.

Thank you, Stephanie and Christine, for treating attendees the light refreshments that are promised. The culinary delight matches the socializing pleasure.

Of course, thank you, Ted & Jonathan, an off the beaten track topic but so enjoyable. Greenville always benefits with you two in town.

**July 14 program:** Flip Flach and Part V of An Extended Village Canvas. Previous programs (West, North) allowed Flip to present his memories of "ex-buildings, ex-businesses, ex-entrepreneurs" that graced and inhabited the roadways leading into Greenville's Four Corners. This program also allows for audience participation and memories. Flip will start on the town line on Rt 26 and arrive to the former Orrin Stevens house, head back to the town line on Rt 81 to arrive at Hill Street, and take turns at Highland and Rt 26A.