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Town of Westerlo
933 County Route 401
Westerlo, NY 12193

2024 Albany County Municipal Park Improvement Initiative 2nd Grant Application

Town of Westerlo



Applicant Organization

Town of Westerlo

Applicant Organization Address

933 County Route 401

Applicant Organization City

Westerlo

Applicant Organization State

NY

Applicant Organization Zip Code

12193

Project or Event Applicant Organization County

Town of Westerlo Veteran Memorial Park

Type of Organization

Municipality

Fed. Tax ID Number

14-6002503

A list of letters of support

Attached

Project Information

Improvement/Replacement

Project County

Albany

Project Municipality

Westerlo

Project Site Addresses

950 County Route 401

Project Site City

Westerlo

Project Site State

NY

Project Site Zip Code

12193

Senate District

Senate District 44

Assembly District

Assembly District 102

Congressional District

Congressional District 20

Does the project require a permit approval or funding from any governmental agency (federal, state or local)?

No

Applicant Grant Contacts

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518-956-0552

Lisa DeGross, Confidential Administrator
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Estimated Timeline Start Date

October 2024

Estimated Timeline End Date

October 2024

Applicant Signatory Name

Matthew Kryzak

Application Signatory Title

Town Supervisor

Signatory Address

933 CR 401, Westerlo, NY 12193

Signatory Phone

518-956-0552

Signatory Email

Supervisor@TownOfWesterloNY.com

Board Resolution Included

Yes

Park Information

The Town of Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park is located on the south end of the Hamlet of Westerlo on County Route 401, north of the main tributary of the Basic Creek. The park features a large pavilion with picnic tables, barbecue area, electricity, public restrooms and water hookup

Recreation: Recreational activities in the park include fishing, hiking trails with geocaches, snowmobile trails, basketball court, large playground, 2 tennis courts, a little league baseball diamond with concession stand, and one practice backstop. There is a volleyball net, adolescent sized play equipment, and horseshoe pits for party goers as well. The park is open daily until 10 pm and can be rented, for a fee, by both Town residents and nonresidents.

Activities: The BKW Little League calls the park their home and is often busy with Little League games throughout the season. The Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park plays host to a number of local events held in the park. These events are sponsored by the Town of Westerlo, Town of Westerlo Volunteer Fire Company and various local organization. The park is also busy with residents of Albany County renting the park for weddings, showers, birthdays, graduations, family reunions and other private events.

Park Projects Summary

In 2023 the Town of Westerlo established a Citizens Committee for Park Improvement. The committee has met regularly to identify items in Veterans Memorial Park and Blaisdell White Memorial Park that are in need of repair, replacement, updating and items to be added to both parks.

As a result of the committee, over 50 items/projects have been identified and presented to the Town Board. The committee also works together with the Highway Department who oversees the park employees. With the approvals from the Town Board and cooperation with the Highway Department over half of the identified items have been addressed. Among those completed items are: addressing a trip hazard around a pavilion, trimmed branches around a pavilion, removal of old, rusty and non-functional BBQ grills, relocate porta potty to a more discreet and safer place, remove old, rusty posts no longer in use, purchased new child and toddler swing set and slide, handicap swing, wheelchair swing, basketball nets, volleyball nets, removed broken and unsafe playground toy, remove and replace old garbage bins, added recycling bins, removed old, broken, unsightly and outdated fencing, removed overgrown shrubbery, replaced basketball backboards and fenced in the basketball court, purchased new tennis court posts and net and added pickleball posts and net, purchased soccer goals and chalk line and purchased one set of bleachers (out of 4 needed)

In addition, the committee decided to get the community involved and vested in their parks and hosted Community Park Clean Up Day in June 2024. The June day was a success with volunteers tackling most of the painting that needed to be done in Blaisdell White Memorial Park. Additional Community Park Clean Up Days will be scheduled for the spring and summer of 2025.

Many items on the identified list still remain. Some of those items are tasks that require the Town Highway Department labor, such as replacing wire protection on dugouts, replacing doors on a storage building, installing signage, adding appropriate mulch for playground areas.

All improvements will conform to any state, local and town codes as well as the safety guidance provided by insurance provider.

Westerlo Parks Improvement Projects

Project	Description	Notes
Asphalt and striping for tennis and pickleball courts Veterans Memorial Park. Install new posts and nets.	Removal of existing asphalt surface and replaced in kind with new asphalt, sealer and striped for both tennis and pickleball. Install new posts and nets for paly.	The current court is unsafe for any play due to numerous cracks and weeds. Repairs unsafe and cracked asphalt, replaces 2 tennis courts with 1 tennis court and 1 much requested pickleball court
Fenced Basketball Court Blaisdell White Memorial Park	10' high chain link fence with gated entry	Will prevent loose basketballs entering parking area and Basic Creek
Fenced Playground Town Hall	4' high chain link fence with gated entry	Assists parents with children with disabilities keep children safely secured in a fenced area, free from running into parking lot, roadway and Basic Creek
3 sets of bleachers Blaisdell White Memorial Park	3 low rise, four row standard aluminum outdoor bleacher with single foot plank, 40 seat capacity, 10" wide non-skid seat planks, galvanized steel under structure	Adds needed bleachers to main and 2nd ballfield.
2 sets of bleachers Veterans Memorial Park	2 low rise, four row standard aluminum outdoor bleacher with single foot plank, 40 seat capacity, 10" wide non-skid seat planks, galvanized steel under structure	Replaces old bleachers at current ball field

Estimated Costs of Projects

Professional Services Provided by Vendors	Amount
Asphalt, sealer and striping of tennis/pickleball court	\$50,000.00
Install fence basketball court - Blaisdell White Memorial Park	\$16,300.00
Install fence for playground - Town Hall	\$8,360.00
5 sets of bleachers	\$13,500.00

Matching Services Provided by Westerlo	Amount
Labor to remove old tennis net posts	\$120.00
Labor to install new tennis and pickle ball posts and nets	\$190.00
Balance of cost of asphalt, sealer and striping for tennis and pickle ball courts	\$31,000.00
Labor to assemble and deliver 3 sets of bleachers	\$510.00

Projects - Budget

Project Cost	Funds Requested	Match	Total
Asphalt and striping for tennis and pickleball courts Veterans Memorial Park	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 31,310.00*	\$ 50,310.00
Includes removal and re-installation of posts and nets			
Fenced Basketball Court Blaisdell White Memorial Park	\$ 16,300.00	\$ -	\$ 16,300.00
Fenced Playground Town Hall	\$ 8,360.00	\$ -	\$ 8,360.00
3 set of bleachers Blaisdell White Memorial Park	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 306.00	\$ 8,406.00
2 sets of bleachers Veterans Memorial Park	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 5,604.00
Totals	\$ 57,160.00	\$ 31,820.00	\$ 88,980.00

* Estimated - Actual contribution may vary based on costs at time of project.

Park Projects - Benefits

Tennis and Pickleball Courts

- Addresses the need to repave the courts for safety reasons. Courts currently have deep and wide cracks that make it hazardous for play. Court has since been closed until it can be repaired.
- Addresses numerous community requests for updating of tennis courts and adding a pickle ball court.

Basketball Fences

- Fenced in basketball courts will keep children and adult players safe from chasing balls into parking lots, oncoming cars and the Basic Creek.
- Will encourage more players to have an updated, well kept and safe place to play.

Bleachers

- Safe sturdy seating for all spectators at all baseball fields. Will encourage more attendance and participation in Little League. The beautification and upgrades to the parks will also encourage the growth of the Little League programs.

Town Hall Playground

- Safe fenced in playground for families with children who have disabilities to run freely in a confined, safe space without fear of running into the parking lot, road or Basic Creek.

Overall

- Repair/replacement/upgrading/additions to both parks serve not only the residents of Westerlo but also those in neighboring in Towns in Albany County who often use the parks for recreation or secure them for private parties.

Project Need for Assistance ~ Grant Request - \$19,000.00

Westerlo is a small rural community with just over three thousand residents. The operating budget is small compared to other towns and cities in Albany County. Most of the square footage of the Town is rural land or farmland. There are only a handful of businesses with Hannay Reels being the largest. The tax base does not boast a large revenue stream of real property taxes. Therefore, with rising costs and the need to keep expenses at a minimum for tax payers it is necessary to seek alternative methods of securing revenue.

Veterans Memorial Park is usually reserved every single weekend from Spring to Fall and sometimes week nights. Residents enjoy weddings, showers, birthdays, graduations etc. in our pavilion and make use of the other facilities available for their guests, such as the playground, volleyball, horseshoes, tennis and the basketball court.

Since Veterans Memorial Park is the most used park in Westerlo, the best use of the Albany County Municipal Park Improvement Initiative Grant would be to repave and restripe our tennis court and repurpose one court into a pickleball court. The condition of the courts is currently hazardous and poses a safety risk to residents. The court has established large cracks, grooves, buckling, faded markings and damaged/old nets. We have shut down the courts to public use until they can be repaired. There has been a growing, vocal interest from Westerlo and surrounding Towns for the establishment of a pickleball court. Pickleball appeals to all ages and abilities. It is a low impact activity very suitable for older adults who are in need of staying active. The sport is also a very affordable sport in a time where everything is so costly. Offering this activity to our community will help promote an active and healthy lifestyle for young and old alike. Further, it may enhance an interest in other activities and amenities the park has to offer. The Town of Westerlo has already purchased new posts and nets and is on board to fund the remainder of the cost for repaving and restriping the court.

Cost to re-pave and stripe two courts in Veterans Memorial Park is \$50,310.

Grant Application Submission

The Town of Westerlo hereby submits its application for Albany County Municipal Improvement Initiative Grant - August 2024.

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this grant application and appendix are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



08/29/2024

Matthew A. Kryzak
Westerlo Town Supervisor
518-956-0552
Supervisor@TownOfWesterloNY.com

Date

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Before you begin, For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see Purpose of Form, below.

1 Name of entity/individual. An entity is required. For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.

Town of Westerlo

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.

3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.

Individual/sole proprietor S corporation Partnership Trust/estate

LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership)

Other (see instructions)

3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC," and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check the box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions.

4 Example: If you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check the box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions.

5 Address (number, street, apt. or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code.

6 City, state, and ZIP code.

7 EIN (see instructions)

8 Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, if you are your employer's identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see how to get a TIN, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also What Name and Number To Give the Requester for guidelines on whose number to enter.

9 Social security number

10 Employer identification number

11 Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest, or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA codes entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Corporation instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part B, later.

Signature of U.S. person

Date: 08/29/2024

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/form945.

What's New

This 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of the owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

Purpose of Form

Information required on this form (W-9) is given to the IRS by the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Town Board Grant Resolution

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A NEW ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONS GRANT

I, Matthew Kryzak make the following resolution and move to adoption,

WHEREAS: the Town would like to apply for a grant through Albany County Department of Parks and Recreations for the improvement of the Town of Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park, specifically funds to be allocated to the paving, sealing and re-striping the tennis court for both tennis and pickleball, be it hereby

RESOLVED: The Town Board approves the submission of the application for the Albany County Department of Parks and Recreations Grant for the purpose of utilizing the funds for improvements to the tennis courts.

AYES: Town Supervisor Matthew Kryzak, Council Members Lorraine Pecylak, Amie Burnside, Peter Mahan, Joshua Beers

NAYS: None

Resolution was thereby duly adopted.

Letters of Support

Town of Westerlo
933 CR 401
Westerlo, NY 12193

August 26, 2024

To Whom This May Concern,

My name is Lana Marrone and I am writing on behalf of the passionate pickleball enthusiasts within the Town of Westerlo. We are truly grateful for the town's continuous efforts in providing recreational facilities that promote an active and healthy lifestyle for our community. I'm writing to share my strong support for the grant application being submitted to Albany County from the Town of Westerlo for the upgrade of our town park. We need this funding support in making essential repairs to the town tennis court, so that it may be repurposed and utilized as a pickleball court.

As you are well aware, pickleball has swiftly gained popularity nationwide, offering a fun and inclusive sport suitable for people of all ages and physical abilities. The sport's low-impact nature and modified rules make it an excellent choice for our older residents, who seek enjoyable ways to stay active while prioritizing their well-being. We have a considerable number of pickleball enthusiasts in Westerlo, and their numbers continue to grow.

Currently, the condition of our Westerlo tennis court are in need of crucial repairs to ensure its safe and proper functioning. Issues such as cracks on the playing surface, faded markings, and damaged nets hinder the court's usability for tennis and pickleball alike.

By repurposing the existing tennis court for pickleball, the Town of Westerlo can provide an affordable and inclusive recreational space that caters to the interest of a broad spectrum of our community. It will not only enhance physical health, but also promote social interactions and a stronger community bond.

Sincerely,

Lana Marrone

Lana Marrone
269 Tan Hollow Road
Westerlo, NY 12193

August 26, 2024

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the application the Town of Westerlo submitted for funding to install pickleball courts in our town park. As a small town in a rural area with limited recreational activities, this addition would be a valuable enhancement to our community's well-being.

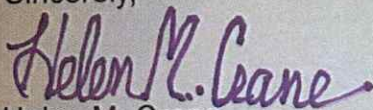
This initiative not only expands our recreational offerings but also represents a strategic investment in fostering a healthier community. Pickleball, a sport that has seen exponential growth across the country, offers numerous benefits. It is accessible to individuals of all ages and fitness levels, and its low-impact nature makes it an ideal form of exercise that promotes physical activity in an enjoyable way. This could play a key role in encouraging more residents to embrace a healthier lifestyle.

Furthermore, this proposal is in alignment with the objectives of New York's "Get Offline, Get Outside" campaign, which encourages families and individuals to disconnect from digital devices, engage in outdoor activities, and prioritize both their mental and physical health. By providing a dedicated space for pickleball, our town would be actively supporting the campaign, offering residents an opportunity to engage in meaningful recreation and social interaction in a natural setting.

Beyond the health benefits, the introduction of pickleball courts is likely to significantly enhance the utilization of our park. As a sport that can be utilized by a diverse cross-section of the community pickleball has the potential to draw more residents to the park, thereby enriching the social fabric of our town. This increased usage would not only maximize the value of our public spaces but also foster a stronger sense of community and social cohesion.

In conclusion, I believe that the establishment of pickleball courts in our town park is a prudent and forward-thinking investment in the community's future. It promises to enhance both the physical, and social health of our residents, aligning with broader public health initiatives and encouraging greater engagement with our public spaces. I respectfully urge you to give this proposal your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,


Helen M. Crane

Resident, Town of Westerlo

Lisa DeGroff
Confidential Administrator
Town of Westerlo
933 County Route 401
Westerlo, NY 12193

Dear Lisa,

I am writing to you in support of a Pickleball Court^o at the Westerlo Veteran Memorial Park. As you know pickleball has become a very popular sport for people of all ages. If we would update our existing tennis court, which is in great need of repair or replacement, a new court could be used for both tennis and pickleball.

I believe this would be a great benefit to the residents. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen M. Cornell

Letter of support for grant Town of Westerlo



Paula Spahmer <westerlobaptist@aol.com>

To: Lisa DeGroot: confidentialadmin@townofwesterlo.com



Thu 5/16/2024 12:44 PM

 You replied to this message on 5/16/2024 2:01 PM.

Paula Spahmer
281 CR 406
Greenville, NY 12083
May 16, 2024

Albany County Town of Westerlo
933 CR 401
Westerlo, NY 12193

To Whom This May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the grant application submitted by the Albany County Town of Westerlo for the upgrade of our town park. As a resident of South Westerlo, I believe that investing in our community's recreational facilities is essential for fostering a vibrant and healthy environment for all residents.

One aspect of the park that I believe deserves immediate attention is the condition of the tennis courts. Currently, the courts are in a state of disrepair, with cracks and grooves in the pavement that pose safety hazards to users. These deteriorating conditions not only detract from the overall aesthetics of the park but also limit the recreational opportunities available to our residents.

Furthermore, I would like to highlight the growing interest in pickleball within our community. Pickleball is a sport that appeals to individuals of all ages and skill levels and has seen a surge in popularity in recent years. However, the lack of dedicated pickleball facilities in our town park presents a significant barrier to participation for enthusiasts like myself.

By renovating the existing tennis courts and repurposing them into multi-use courts that accommodate both tennis and pickleball, we can address two pressing needs within our community. Not only would this upgrade enhance the safety and functionality of the park, but it would also provide a much-needed recreational outlet for residents of all ages.

I urge you to consider these factors as you review the grant application and allocate resources for the park upgrade project. Investing in our recreational infrastructure is an investment in the health, well-being, and quality of life of all Westerlo residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing positive developments in our town park that will benefit our community for years to come.

Sincerely,

Paula Spahmer

*Executive Secretary, First Baptist Church of Westerlo
Church # 518-797-3927 Mobile # 518-337-3155
Church Address: 618 SR 143 Westerlo, NY 12193
Email: westerlobaptist@aol.com*

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to on behalf of the town of Westerlo and our Grant Request.

I have been a Town councilwoman for 9 years now and for the first time we have a supervisor that has our town of the right path. He has done as much as possible with the funding we have however as we all know funding is hard to come by these days.

We have had some

Residents form committees and have clean up days or apply some fresh paint to our pavilion and picnic tables after some Graffiti. We are now hoping to take the next step and add some new "attractions" based on what our comprehensive plan reflects. We would like to make this a better place for families to rest and play.

Please consider our town for this grant so that our residents can continue to gather here for family and sporting events and make this a place to be proud of with out the financial burden on our population.

Respectfully,

Amie Burnside
Deputy supervisor
518-396-8687

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing to you today in regard to the grant request for the Town of Westerlo.

I am a 74 year old widowed woman who lives with her daughter in Westerlo.

The park grounds are a wonderful place to retreat to when you need something time to reflect on your life or just a place to enjoy the beauty of the country. Our town is small and we have some that are well off but also many that are struggling to buy groceries on a regular basis. This funding would be extremely helpful in getting our parks back to the beauty they used to be from years gone by. We have a comprehensive plan that helps dictate what our residents would like to have for our aging population and some new things to attract some new residents for our tax base. Please consider our town for this grant so that we have a nice place visit without the financial burden to many of our residents.

Sincerely,

Elma Houck
Westerlo Ny
518-281-2187

