Gaysville Riverfront Park: Proposed Site Improvements

Summary for Town Meeting: March 5, 2019

Town Meeting vote:

Article 10: "Will the Town vote to approve the proposed plans for development of the former Gaysville Campground property?"

Property overview:

The Gaysville Riverfront Park includes approximately 30 acres of public land downstream of the Gaysville Bridge. The proposed park site is comprised of 2 adjacent parcels:

- The former Gaysville Campground property, which was purchased by the town after Tropical Storm Irene using FEMA funding = ~20 acres
- The former Hull property, which was donated to the town to be incorporated into the proposed park in honor of the Alcorn/Hull families = \sim 9.5 acres

Riverfront Park improvement goals:

- 1. To create a park for all members of the Stockbridge community to use and enjoy.
- 2. To maintain a natural place with ample opportunity for outdoor recreation and river use.
- 3. To develop a park that is sustainable and not a financial burden to the town.

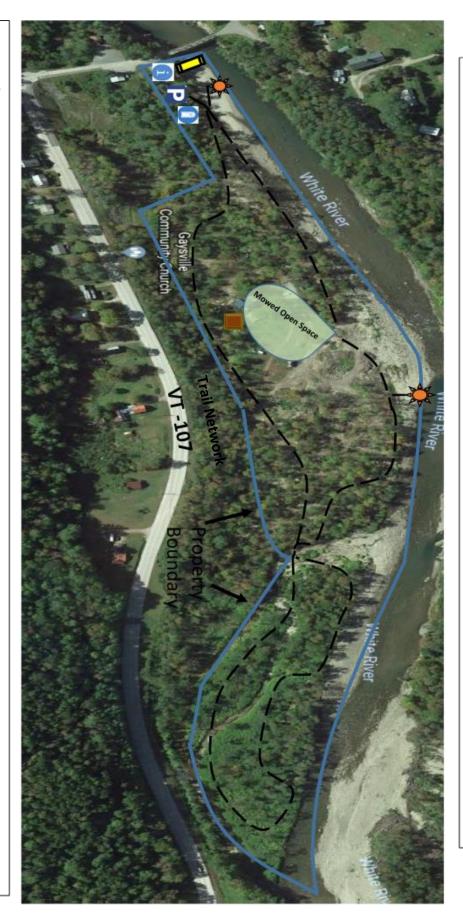
Proposed site improvements:

- Select a name for the park for signs and maps
- Clean-up site remove downed trees, thorny brush, and trash
- Improve access to the river in 2 locations for boating, fishing, and swimming access
- Build walking trails for passive, non-motorized recreation; trails will be dog-friendly
- Maintain open field for recreation would need to be mowed on somewhat regular basis
- Install signs wayfinding sign at entrance and informational signs on property
- Install a gate to limit access to site at desired times
- Design & build parking lot would prefer parking lot to be visible from road to discourage illegal activity
- Construct enclosure for portable toilet near parking lot instead of permanent restroom facility
- Build open-sided pavilion for picnic tables, events, etc
- Install picnic tables and BBQ grills near the pavilion
- Develop an ATV Trail to connect existing trails on either side of the property

Get involved:

- ✓ Help us pick a name for the park: write your ideas on the sheet next to the site map
- ✓ Join the group of community members who are discussing site improvements and next steps: write your e-mail address on the sheet next to the site map

Gaysville Riverfront Park – Preliminary Design Map





- River Access

- Open Sided Pavilion



- Access Gate- Parking Lot (6 -10 spaces)



Informational Signage

- Enclosed Portable Toilet