



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



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THE VISION FOR TIVERTON TOWN FARM

Tiverton Town Farm is an outdoor community center that has provided recreational activities for area residents for over 30 years. Located on approximately three-square miles, it houses tennis courts, a softball field and baseball fields. Until recently, it also housed a wooden playground which had been maintained via dedicated town funds and volunteer support.

During the summer of 2018, the primary playground structure was removed due to age and structural concerns, leaving a substantial void where a vital resource once existed.

The Recreate Town Farm Project seeks to replace that playground with one that provides play areas for children aged 2-5 and 5-12 and adds two additional recreational elements for older groups. Specific focus will be given to using sustainable and eco-friendly materials as part of the construction. Additionally, we also would incorporate accessible equipment and sensory elements to create a fully inclusive environment that will be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities.



The first additional element would be a fitness park at the south end of Town Farm, adjacent to the tennis courts. This location is ideal as the lighting located at that location can be turned on at any time, providing opportunities for exercise at any hour of the day or night.

The second additional element would be the modification of two of the four existing tennis courts into six full-time pickleball courts. There is already an active pickleball community in Tiverton and while pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country, the availability of permanent facilities is limited. It is our expectation that this resource would be utilized by residents from other communities as well.

THE "WHY" OF THIS PROJECT

According to the Aspen Institute's 2018 State of Play report, children from lower-income homes face increasing participation barriers. Twenty-two (22%) percent of kids aged 6 to 12 in households with incomes under \$25,000 played sports on a regular basis, compared to 43% of kids from homes earning \$100,000 or more.

In Rhode Island, children from a two-child household with a yearly income of less than or equal to \$27,014 are eligible for free school meals. This is relevant for Tiverton residents as 25.97% of the students enrolled in Pocasset Elementary school qualify for free or reduced cost meals.

Additionally, less than 5% of adults participate in 30 minutes of physical activity each day and only one in three adults receive the recommended amount of physical activity each week. Only 35 – 44% of adults 75 years or older are physically active, and 28-34% of adults ages 65-74 are physically active. The intent of including a fitness park in this application is to provide free access to high quality equipment that can support multiple demographics. The Town Farm location is ideal as it is equipped with lights that can be turned on during evening hours, thereby extending the timeframe available for workouts.

BUILDING A PLAYGROUND WITH A "WOW" FACTOR

Target completion date: Spring/Summer 2021

One of the main goals of the playground is to create a place where children of all abilities can have fun. Thankfully KOMPAN, our playground designer, shares that view. They design products to be used universally, and to accommodate activities that are relevant for all children. As you review the elements of this project you will find universal design integrated throughout.

KOMPAN has six principles for universal, inclusive, design:

- Accessible
- Multifunctional (when possible)
- 360° design (play from all sides)
- Equipped with diverse play opportunities
- Clear in color and design signals
- Special solutions for special needs when relevant

The proposed playground includes a play area for children aged 2-5 and one for children ages 5-12. The design was chosen based on feedback from a town-wide survey and opinions provided by local school children.

The design focuses not only on providing "fun" but also developmental value for children. The following information, which was provided by KOMPAN, addresses how various pieces of equipment address the physical, social and emotional, cognitive and creative needs of the users. The following represent the specific areas that are addressed throughout their designs.



PHYSICAL

Experiencing the joy of movement: motor skills, muscle development, strengthening cardio and bone density [also stimulating the vestibular system and training proprioception].



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL

Joy of being together: teamwork, tolerance, and sense of belonging [also building social skills and emotional self regulation, and assessing risk].



COGNITIVE

Joy of learning: curiosity, understanding of causal relationships, and knowledge of the world [Cognitive Skills, Executive Functioning, Object Permanence, Theory of mind, Counterfactuals, Language Skills].



CREATIVE

Joy of creating: co-creation and experimenting with materials.

AN OUTDOOR FITNESS PARK FOR THE COMMUNITY

Target completion date: Summer/ Fall 2022

A diverse outdoor recreation system contributes to community capital by providing a high quality of life for residents. With increasing urbanization, communities are continuously seeking new ways to provide outdoor spaces and activities to residents, and outdoor exercise is one ideal option. Outdoor Fitness Parks can be located by new and existing recreation centers, allowing users to exercise while enjoying natural and designed landscapes in an open air environment.

In a 2019 resident survey, 88% of residents said that they would visit Town Farm more frequently if there was a fitness park. Additionally, 52% of people indicated that they would be interested in an organized fitness/workout program and 46% said they live within 3-5 miles of Town Farm.

Situated on the south side of Town Farm next to the existing tennis courts (and future pickleball and tennis courts), **the proposed design will provide equipment built with graduated challenges so there is an activity for every skill level.** The design includes seven workout stations for circuit training or competition and a free app from Kompan loaded with workout suggestions. KOMPAN's outdoor fitness equipment reflects the performance value of indoor gym equipment, while offering even more. Every piece of fitness equipment has been approached from a fresh angle, de-constructed, re-imagined and built to match demanding physical training goals. KOMPAN's outdoor fitness equipment is designed to be customized and adjusted to meet the needs of the individual, ensuring a valuable workout regardless of fitness level or ability.

The Tiverton Recreation Commission intends to offer a variety of activities for people of all ages and abilities. The fitness park will also be positioned to allow accessibility by someone in a wheelchair.



PICKLEBALL: THE FASTEST GROWING SPORT IN THE UNITED STATES

Target completion date: Spring/Summer 2023

One of the fastest growing sports in the country, Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Two or four players can play this fun and exciting sport on a court the size of a badminton court with rules very similar to tennis. Our Clubs are now offering lessons, clinics, and parties for all to enjoy. Pickleball has had a 650 percent increase in numbers over the last six years, according to USA Pickleball Association (USAPA). The biggest subset of that growth is not in the over-60 crowd, but the younger set.



Pickleball was invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, a short ferry ride from Seattle, Washington. Three dads – Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum — whose kids were bored with their usual summertime activities — are credited for creating game. Pickleball has evolved from original hand-made equipment and simple rules into a popular sport throughout the US and Canada. The game is growing internationally as well, with many European and Asian countries adding courts.

A pickleball court is the same size as a doubles badminton court and measures 20×44 feet. In pickleball, the same court is used for both singles and doubles play. The net height is 36 inches at the sidelines and 34 inches in the middle. The court is striped similar to a tennis court with right and left service courts and a 7-foot non-volley zone in front of the net (referred to as the “kitchen”). Courts can be constructed specifically for pickleball or they can be converted using existing tennis or badminton courts.



This aspect of the project focuses on replacing our existing tennis courts with two new ones and also adding six new pickleball courts. The placement of these two new resources will allow for someone in a wheelchair to transition from the parking lot, to the courts and then onto the outdoor fitness area without any issues.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Help us recreate Town Farm by becoming a project sponsor! You can provide a contribution that support the project as a whole, one specific area or covers a specific piece of equipment. Every dollar goes directly to the project and is tax deductible.

PLATINUM (\$20,000+)

- Platinum level recognition on Town Farm donors sign for the lifetime of the playground
- Two (2) 8x8 customized pavers
- Custom plaque commemorating your contribution
- Recognition on website and on social media
- Press Release recognizing donation

DIAMOND (\$10,000 - \$19,999)

- Platinum level recognition on Town Farm donors sign for five years
- Two (2) 8x8 customized pavers
- Custom plaque commemorating your contribution
- Recognition on website and on social media
- Press Release recognizing donation

GOLD (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

- Gold level recognition on Town Farm donors sign for five years
- Two (2) 8x8 customized pavers
- Custom plaque commemorating your contribution
- Recognition on website and on social media

SILVER (\$2,000 - \$4,999)

- Two (2) 4x8 or one (1) 8x8 customized paver customized paver
- Silver level recognition on Town Farm donors sign
- Recognition on website and on social media

BRONZE (\$500 - \$1,999)

- One 4x8 customized paver
- Bronze level recognition on Town Farm donors sign
- Recognition on website and on social media

SUPPORTER: Any donation

- Recognition of donation on website and on social media

*If you are interested in naming rights for any aspect of the project ,please contact:
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INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS BY PROJECT

PLAYGROUND (Total project costs - \$136,500)

Red Barn	\$ 40,000
Bloqx	\$ 20,000
Explorer	\$ 20,000
Zipline (2)	\$ 15,000
Swings	\$ 12,000
Supernova	\$ 10,000
Tractor	\$ 10,000
Custom Spica spinner	\$ 4,000
Swan	\$ 2,500
Puller Complete	\$ 1,500
Spinner Bowl	\$ 1,500

OUTDOOR FITNESS PARK (Total project costs - \$88,000)

Poured in Place surfacing (for increased accessibility)	\$ 45,000
Magnetic Bells	\$ 19,000
Combi 4 Pro Climbing Apparatus	\$ 8,100
Vertical Net and Wall	\$ 6,500
Balance Board	\$ 3,500
Balance Beam	\$ 2,550
Flex wheel	\$ 1,750
Orange steps (2)	\$ 1,600



Donation Form

Donor Information

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL (FIRST/LAST)	
NAME OF COMPANY (if applicable)	
STREET ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP
EMAIL	PHONE

Anonymous Donation

Please keep my donation anonymous.

Mailing List

Please provide me with updates about the Recreate Town Farm Project!

Donation Description

CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK (Made out to "TOWN OF TIVERTON" WITH "TOWN FARM" in memo line)	
AMOUNT	DATE

PLEASE INDICATE WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR DONATION APPLIED:

- PLAYGROUND
- PICKLEBALL/TENNIS COURTS
- FITNESS PARK
- WHERE NEEDED

Please mail/return this form along with your cash or check to:

Tiverton Town Hall

Attn: Town Farm Renovation Committee
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Questions? Please contact

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