

Policy Adoption Fact Sheet: Implementing Actions Recommended for Thompson-Mazzarella Park

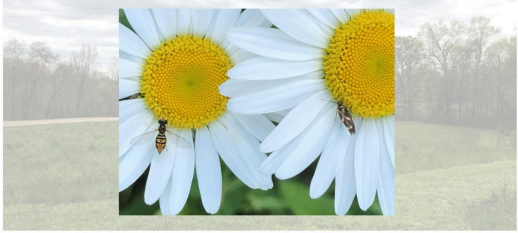
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Why is this action important? Thompson-Mazzarella Park (TMP) is one of the most accessible and valuable assets to Rhinebeck. Centrally located close to the Village and Starr Library, the Park is a prime place for recreation, sports, and wildlife observation, and is also home to the Community Garden.

Even so, improvements in its amenities can and should be made in accordance with a [July 2020 plan](#) drawn up by the Conway School of Sustainable Landscape Planning and Design for TMP. The plan includes avenues for reducing the prevalence of invasive species in the park, using the park's land more sustainably, planting fruit trees in the Community Garden, and providing more opportunities for education and communication in the park. and increase its accessibility to seniors and differently abled members of the community.

How is this action implemented? With the myriad options included in the sprawling plan, the Village and Town would need to discuss with the public which aspects of the report—building new trails, enhancing pollinator habitat, etc.—would be the most valuable to pursue. Following this, selected projects for TMP would be implemented using sustainable materials, local talent, and ideally members of Rhinebeck's youth community.

A Resilient Future for Thompson-Mazzarella Park:
Strategies for Humans, Pollinators, and Educating Rhinebeck's Next Generation of Climate Stewards



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TMP resiliency project quick facts:

CSC points: 2-13, depending on the scope of future work

Benefits to Rhinebeck: new amenities, fewer invasive species, carbon sinks, opportunities for agriculture, and a more enjoyable communal outdoor space

Cost: medium to high

Relevant agencies: Joint Environmental Committee, Parks Committee, schools

What does the Comprehensive Plan say about it? The Town's 2009 Comprehensive Plan mentions Thompson-Mazzarella Park many times, and the Park is a major focus in the Plan's discussions of Rhinebeck's character and community.

What departments will it involve? The Town Board is the lead agency for the park, and the Village Board will also be involved. The Joint Environmental Committee, and naturally, the Thompson-Mazzarella Park Development Committee would be involved in selecting and executing projects from the Conway School's report.

What will it cost? Depending on the scope and number of projects selected from the report to pursue, costs could be moderate or very high. However, costs would likely be spread out across a long span of time and be durable enough to provide benefits to the Park and its users for a generation.

