

Pawling Community Foundation Update Part II

BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

In early October 2020, the Pawling Town Board voted unanimously to authorize PCF to reconstruct the dirt pile at Lakeside Park. As soon as we were given permission, PCF designated funds to hire Amaxx to move 2,500 cubic feet of soil (a third of the pile), which went to improve parking near The Inn at Lakeside Park. The remaining 2/3 of the pile (the amount needed for the final project) has been reshaped and seeded for use in the park. Once the grass grows, the fence will be removed, and the hill can be used for sledding, playing, and watching sports games. The town will mow the hill and tend to it during this transition.

One Community. One Park will not only restore the Great Lawn at Lakeside Park but will also address priorities from our community. Projects at Murrow Park include an off-leash dog park, community gardens, rehabilitation of the natural amphitheater and band shell, and potential partnerships with other organizations for a nature center. Lakeside Park further

development includes improved nature trails, featuring paths linking Murrow and Lakeside parks, and repurposing the site of the Old Inn.

The Pawling Community Foundation is grateful for the support that has been given by the Pawling Town Board, Trinity-Pawling School and local residents and businesses. By working together, we will reach our goals for improving our beautiful parks. The pace may be a little slower than we all would like, but the PCF wants you to know that we hear you, and we are moving forward. Now more than ever, our community is finding some much-needed relief through our lovely parks and green spaces. The PCF is proud to be a part of helping the community we all love.

PCF's past projects include the \$1.5M construction of the Village Green, a centerpiece of Pawling's events and a contributor to the town's economic vitality. Grants have been given to the Pawling Public Library, Pawling Public Radio, and the ArtEast Studio tour.



Lakeside and Murrow Park Trails. Image courtesy PCF

PCF is currently working on a map of trails that can be enjoyed at Lakeside and Murrow Parks. Please visit pawlingfoundation.org and follow the Foundation on Instagram and Facebook to learn more.

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