DRI Project Profile

Enhancing Pugsley Park

Enlivening a convenient downtown greenspace to encourage both events and passive enjoyment

Example of park improvements like climbable sculptures drawing visitors and fostering community ([DRI Strategic Plan (2020)](#))

Project Sponsor: City of Peekskill

Related Work: [Enlighten Peekskill](#), [Making Connections](#), [Public WiFi](#)

DRI Strategies: Make improvements to an important downtown pocket park for greater visitor enjoyment, more programming, and improved pedestrian and cyclist accessibility.

Project Description

Pugsley Park is a pocket park located in the center of Downtown Peekskill providing residents with an escape from the urban setting and a link to downtown from the Howard Street neighborhood. Currently, the park serves as a "pass-through" space rather than a destination. DRI funding would support improvements to activate the space and invite residents and visitors with extra time between engagements downtown to have a picnic or bring a coffee from a nearby café. The park will feature free public wi-fi and the proposed improvements will be designed to coordinate with planned public art installations (see Related Work above).

Downtown Peekskill has limited green space, so revitalizing Pugsley Park provides a great opportunity to encourage outdoor gatherings and events as well as informal get-togethers.

Key Improvements

- Creation of a new plaza and seating areas
- Additional pedestrian-scaled lighting
- Small-scale play areas for children
- Additional trash receptacles
- Additional trees, shrubs, and flowers
- Artistic banner installation (related project)
- Free wireless internet (related project)

Example of new seating areas ([DRI Strategic Plan (2020)](#))

Project Benchmarks

NYS funding contract signed	6/17/2022
Design consultant hired	8/15/2022
Public meetings/workshops held	_____
Final design presented and approved	_____
Construction documents prepared and permits obtained	_____
Construction contract awarded/construction begun	_____
Project completed	_____