



Swallow Union Elementary School Field Renewal Project

Committee Presentation to the Community

26 April 2017





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Project Rationale

- Create a focus area in the center of town for family recreation
- Current playground location is not ideal for teachers or students
 - Visibility of students limited, safety issues, equipment age (+20 yrs), landscaping out of date and not maintained
- Create a modernized playground compliant with modern safety and access standards design to last
- Current playground location on reserve school leach field and too near Fire Station parking lot





Project Scope

- Replace and relocate existing Swallow Union Elementary School playground equipment
- Plan:
 - Remove current basketball court
 - Install new playground equipment in existing basketball court location
 - Redo basketball courts on smaller scale
 - Landscape area with bark mulch with perimeter framing
 - Plant 11 trees for shade and maintain rural character of area



Current Playground Equipment





Current Equipment & Buddy Bench



Current Swing Set



Stairs to Playground Level



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Current Basketball Court and Shed





Projected Playground Location

Fire
Dept.
Parking
Area



Playground Conceptual View



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Playground Conceptual View



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Use of CPA Funds

- Apply CPA funds to outdoor recreational facilities:
Swallow Union Elementary School
- Playground committee proposed using a portion of the undesignated balance (\$224,656. After Articles, before Revenue per Town Meeting, May 9, 2016) to renovate the existing school playground and basketball courts at Swallow Union
- Playground Committee met with CPC on March 15, 2017
 - CPC unanimously voted to concur with request





Anticipated Costs

Greenscapes, Inc. Estimate	Cost
- Install new basketball court	
- Install playground perimeter	
- Install new stairs from parking lot to lower level	
- Plant new shade trees	
Total Est. Cost	\$97,868.00
O'Brien & Sons Estimate	Cost
- Provide New Playground Equipment	
- Provide new Basketball poles & backboards	
- Install new playground equipment	
- Landscape new playground ground cover	
Total Est. Cost	\$128,788.00
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	<i>\$226,656.00</i>





Project Comparisons

- New Bedford, MA – Large Playground (planned 2017)
 - Equipment-- \$440,000
 - Rubberized Surface -- \$225,000
- Belchertown, MA – ‘Average’ Size Project (2015)
 - Equipment -- \$ 275,000
 - Rubberized Surface -- \$175,000





Project History & Schedule

- Nov 2016 – Formation of Playground Committee
- Mar 2017 – Present to Community Preservation Committee for use of CPA funds
- Apr 2017 – Open Meeting on Project
- May 2017 – Town Meeting Approval
- Jun-Aug 2017 – Bid, Award, Construction
 - Project completed prior to start of school year





Questions or Comments?

Thank-you for your time!



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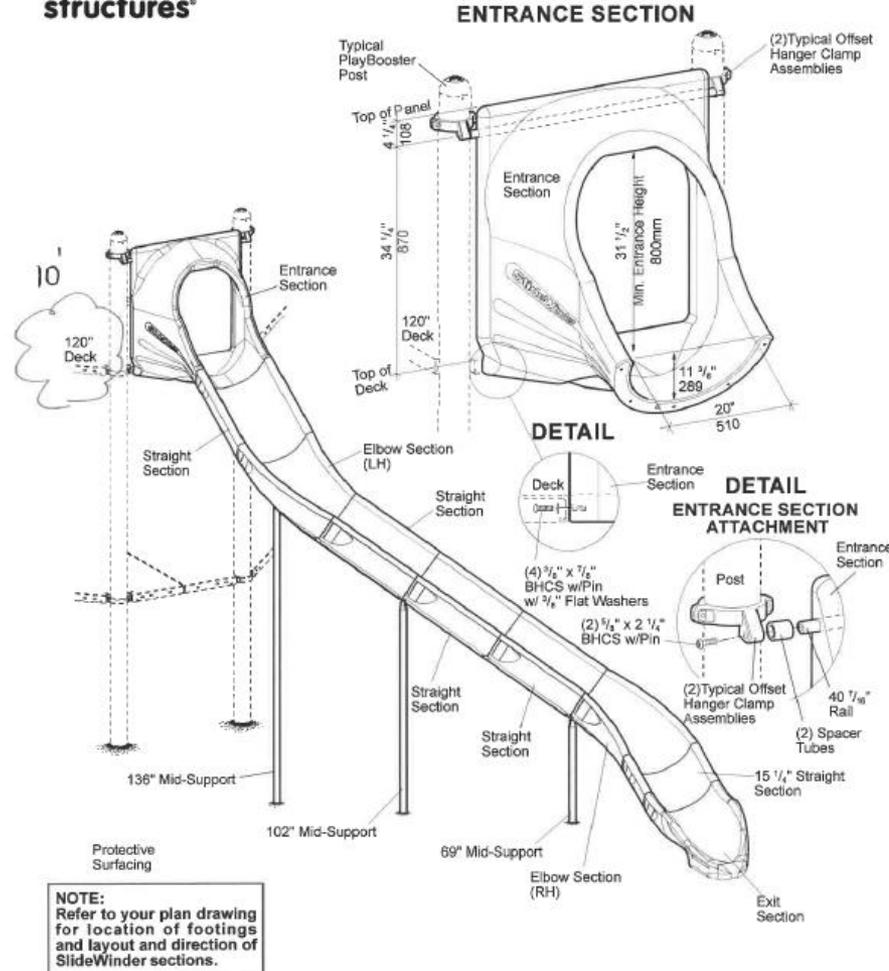


Hill Slide



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Choose a protective surfacing material that has a Critical Height Value of at least the height of the Highest Accessible Part/Fall Height of the adjacent equipment. (Ref. ASTM F1487)

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