

March 24, 2017

Our community has a wonderful opportunity before us. The Lincoln Community School has been awarded a grant of \$100,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund of Vermont towards the rejuvenation and development of the Potato Hill Park and Playground to be built on the school grounds. This is a matching grant. Our goal is to raise the match of \$100,000 by April 28, 2017. We will combine this with resources on hand to approach the project goal of \$260,000. Most of the construction will be completed this summer.

Potato Hill Park and Playground will be a community resource that offers a diversity of outdoor and recreational opportunities for *all* community members and visitors to our mountain town.

It will include:

- An accessible walking trail that follows the river through fields and woods to a beaver pond;
- A timber-frame pavilion for gatherings and outdoor learning;
- Circular decking for sitting and climbing, blended with an ornamental and kitchen garden;
- A baseball field and a soccer field with shade trees and spectator seating;
- A stage for rehearsed and impromptu performances with stone amphitheater seating;
- An older children's climbing structure with elevated platforms and components to build strength and agility;
- A younger children's play structure and an open area to encourage imaginative play and build strength, coordination and balance;
- A community vegetable garden with existing greenhouse and toolshed; and
- Ornamental, shade, hedge, and edible plantings throughout the site.

Potato Hill is the original name for Mount Abraham. By so naming this project, we're honoring Lincoln's historical roots. "Park and Playground" signifies the diversification of the grounds to be more than just a school playground and to meet the broader needs of our present community. We envision Potato Hill Park and Playground as a place where extended families and friends can explore the New Haven River and walking trail, play soccer and baseball on new fields, climb custom-built play structures, and picnic by the gardens.

Please join us in creating Potato Hill Park and Playground for our entire community. Donations can be made by mailing the enclosed form or on the Friends of LCS website, www.friendsoflcs.org.

We look forward to hearing from you by April 28.

With thanks,

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