

LOCAL & NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Jake's Law Playground Funding Application Form

Complete and submit application with all required attachments by February 7, 2024, through the Green Acres website. Instructions for submitting your application can be found at www.NJGreenAcres.org.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: BLACKBERRY BAY PARK ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

Project Sponsor: BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT

Project Description:

All projects must comply with the regulations established by the Department of Community Affairs at (N.J.A.C. 5:23-7.19, 7.31, 11.2, and 11.4). On a separate page, please briefly address each of the following in order. This information will be used to determine project eligibility.

1. Description of the property, including:
 - a. Physical site characteristics and features
 - b. Existing land use, including any indoor recreation facilities and/or non-recreation uses
 - c. Pre-existing and planned rights-of-way, easements, reversionary interests, or other legal rights and restrictions impacting the property
2. Please indicate if this proposal will create a new public park
3. Project scope - Please provide a bulleted list of proposed improvements, including specific facilities and general site improvements.* For each listed improvement:
 - a. Please note whether each proposed improvement is an addition to the park, a rehabilitation of an existing facility, or if the improvement will replace an existing facility
 - b. Please explain why it is needed

**If part of a larger project, please only include proposed improvements that are included in the cost estimate for this phase.*

SITE INFORMATION**Property Address:**

Street Address or Nearest Intersection	440 Port au Peck Avenue
Municipality(ies)	Oceanport
County	Monmouth

Property Lot(s) and Acreage(s) (attach additional pages, if necessary):

Block	Lot	Owned by:	Total Lot Acreage	Acreage to be Developed
1	10	Borough of Oceanport	75	Less than 1
Total Acreage to be Developed:				Less than 1

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Is the property identified as historic on the NJDEP Historic Preservation Office LUCY Online Map Viewer? (See instructions in [Tools / References](#) for how to identify if a property is a historic site.)

Yes _____ No X

Are there any structures located on the project site?

Yes X No _____

If yes, please describe the intended use of the structure(s) (must be in support of outdoor recreation) or if they will be demolished: There is a current playground that will be demolished.

Is the project site a current or former landfill site, known or suspected hazardous waste site, or adjacent to (or affected by) such sites?

Yes _____ No X

If yes, please explain:

How far away from the project site is the nearest inclusive playground?

N/A miles

There are no inclusive playgrounds in Oceanport

State Legislative District of Project Site: 13th Congressional District of Project Site: 6th

FUNDING REQUEST

Total Estimated Cost of Project (see attached [Allowable Costs Green Acres rules excerpt](#)):

Construction (including contingency)	\$441,277.55
Engineering & Construction Supervision/Inspection (Limited to 13% of eligible and completed construction costs) x 0.13=	\$ N/A
Preliminary Assessment Report (& Site Investigation Report, if necessary)	\$
Permit Fees	\$ N/A
Incidental Costs (Limited to 2% of eligible and completed construction costs) x 0.02=	\$8,360.00
Total Project Cost*	\$450,000.00

* Please round total cost up to next \$1,000.

Green Acres Funding Request:

Total Project Cost (from above)	\$450,000.00
x Eligible Grant 75%	x 0.75
= Eligible Green Acres Grant	\$337,500.00
Grant Request	\$337,500.00
Loan Request	\$

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Has this property received previous Green Acres funding (acquisition, development, or stewardship)?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please list year, project # (if known), and funding recipient (if not applicant): _____

2004 – Acquisition of Property _____

Has the applicant or partners received any funding awards from other sources for this project, or are any applications pending? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please list source, amount, and deadline to use funds: _____

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Please describe the public engagement process that led to the development of this proposal and how the public was involved. Please submit documentation of public engagement efforts and discuss how the results were incorporated into the project design. Public engagement must include outreach during the project planning stage. Please do not discuss the required public hearing in this section, as the hearing does not satisfy the application public outreach requirement.

The Borough's Recreation Committee has had discussions regarding the need for the current playground at Blackberry Bay Park to be reconstructed and was aware of the Jake's Law legislation. When they heard that there was a possibility for funding this year, receiving input from the public was generated at this year's Summer's End Festival which is held at Blackberry Bay Park. The project was well received and there was even more enthusiasm generated when the residents learned that this would be the first all-inclusive playground in the Borough of Oceanport.

Attached are the Recreation Committee minutes.

The Borough has a Facebook page and the proposal was included as a post. The public comments received are attached. We also created a notice (attached) that was posted in Borough Hall, Oceanport Library, the Old Wharf House, the Oceanport Hook and Port Au Peck Fire Departments.

POST-DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

Please give a detailed breakdown of anticipated operation and maintenance costs:

The Borough does not anticipate any operation costs. Maintenance costs will be minimal and should only be the costs incurred for the Borough's Department of Public Works to check on the playground to ensure that there are no equipment issues and power wash the playground equipment when necessary.

Are these costs greater than current site costs? If so, by what amount?

Costs are not greater than current site costs.

What will be the source of funds for the operation and maintenance costs?

Borough of Oceanport

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Project Sponsor:

Name of Local Government	Borough of Oceanport
Street Address	910 Oceanport Way, P.O. Box 370
City, State, Zip	Oceanport, NJ 07757
Webpage Address	www.oceanportboro.com
Tax ID Number	21-6000961

Chief Executive Officer:

Name	Thomas J. Tvrdik	Telephone	732-222-8221
Title	Mayor	Email	mayor@oceanportboro.com

Current Community Profile:

(County applications should provide information based on the anticipated service area of the project.)

Population	6,134	Year	2021
Area (square miles)	3.79	Population/Square Mile	1,834
Population with Disability*	365	Population Age Under 18 with Disability*	10

* Figures available from Rutgers' [Disability Snapshot website](#).

Contact for Application Questions:

Name	Donna M. Phelps
Title	Business Administrator
Street Address	910 Oceanport Way, P.O. Box 370
City, State, Zip	Oceanport, NJ 07757
Telephone	732-222-8221, ext. 1003
Cell Phone	
Email Address	

Contact for Project Management if Project is Funded *(if different than Application Contact):*

Name	
Title	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Telephone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	

SIGNATURES (2)

I, THOMAS J. TVRDIK (name of official authorized by the governing body resolution), hereby certify that the information provided within this Green Acres Program Application Form is complete and true.

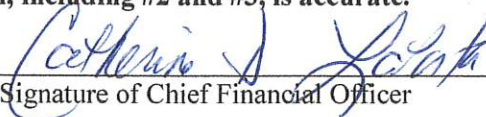
1/30/24
Date


Signature of official authorized to submit application*

*** Must be individual authorized by attached Enabling Resolution or application will be disqualified**

I, CATHERINE D. LA PORTA (name of Chief Financial Officer), have reviewed the likely funding award for this project (see [Funding Round Cap](#)) and hereby certify that the financial information in the attached Governing Body Enabling Resolution, including #2 and #3, is accurate.

1/31/24
Date


Signature of Chief Financial Officer