

**East Montpelier Recreation Field Roadside improvement project:**

To whom it may concern,

The Recreation Board of East Montpelier has for several years been exploring ways to improve the safety and aesthetics of the road side area that exists between Vincent Flats Road and the recreation field. As you may know, this particular area has become very overgrown over the years with aging trees, thick underbrush and poison ivy. This area also contains a dilapidated chain link fence that needs to be removed as it is becoming a hazard for those who use this area. The thick overgrowth has led to a lack of visibility when entering and/or exiting the recreation field and obstructs site lies in both directions on Vincent Flats Rd. The gravel roadway into and out of the recreation field parking area has become extremely washed out over the last few years due to water drainage issues and will need to be repaired soon if it is to remain passable.

The Recreation board is working in conjunction with the Select Board to fund a project that will solve the issues outlined above. We are in the process of applying for a State of Vermont Recreation grant that would match up to half of the projects estimated cost. Currently we have a civil engineer creating a site design and will provide feedback on ways to resolve the drainage and visibility issues that currently exists in that area. We hope to submit this grant by the end of July, 2018 in order to take advantage of the grant funding available for construction in 2019.

The project would include removing the chain link fence, removing the underbrush from the area, removing a select number of aging or dead trees along the roadside (while keeping some of the thriving younger trees), widening the entrance and exits to and from the recreation field, delivering more gravel and grading the existing road way to the recreation field, and creating an appropriate ditch and culvert system that would solve the existing water issues on the site

Thank you for considering supporting this project moving forward and we would welcome any feedback you might have

Very Respectfully,

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