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To: Honorable Town Council

From: Warren Rensehausen, CPRP
Director
Bristol Parks and Recreation Department

Date: October 14, 2025

Re: Permission to apply for grant – Matching funds

The Department of Bristol Parks and Recreation would like permission to apply for Grant funding from the RI DEM, this would require matching funds if successful.

The RI DEM grant awards are on an every other year cycle, I would like permission to submit in 2 different categories.

Small Grant Award – this would require a 25% match, the maximum amount to request is \$125,000 (\$166,667 , total project- \$41,667 Town share) would like to submit for Vet's Park, we would repair the bridge over the creek and replace playground there.

Large Recreation Grant Award- this would require a 25% match, the maximum amount to request is \$500,000 (\$666,667, total project-\$166,667 Town share) we would use this to replace the playground on the Town Common with a rubber surface, making it a fully accessible playground and the only one in Town. The drainage is a problem there and this was recommended by Fuss & O'Neil to help address the issue. We would also put in a small fitness station behind the old Walley School with senior friendly equipment (also on rubber surfacing to not create a trip hazard.

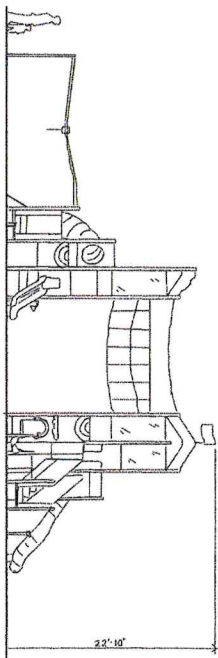
With your permission this would just commit the Town to match the grants with \$208, 334 of the \$833,334 Total project costs if the grant submissions were approved by DEM in the Spring. If the Town commits to the match and we are not approved, and you and the Administrator allow the match to stay within our Capital budget then we could replace the vets park playground and Sweeney Lane playground as well as do some other park improvements leaving just 1 playground to replace in Town.

Respectfully,
Warren Rensehausen



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Playground and Fitness Upgrade



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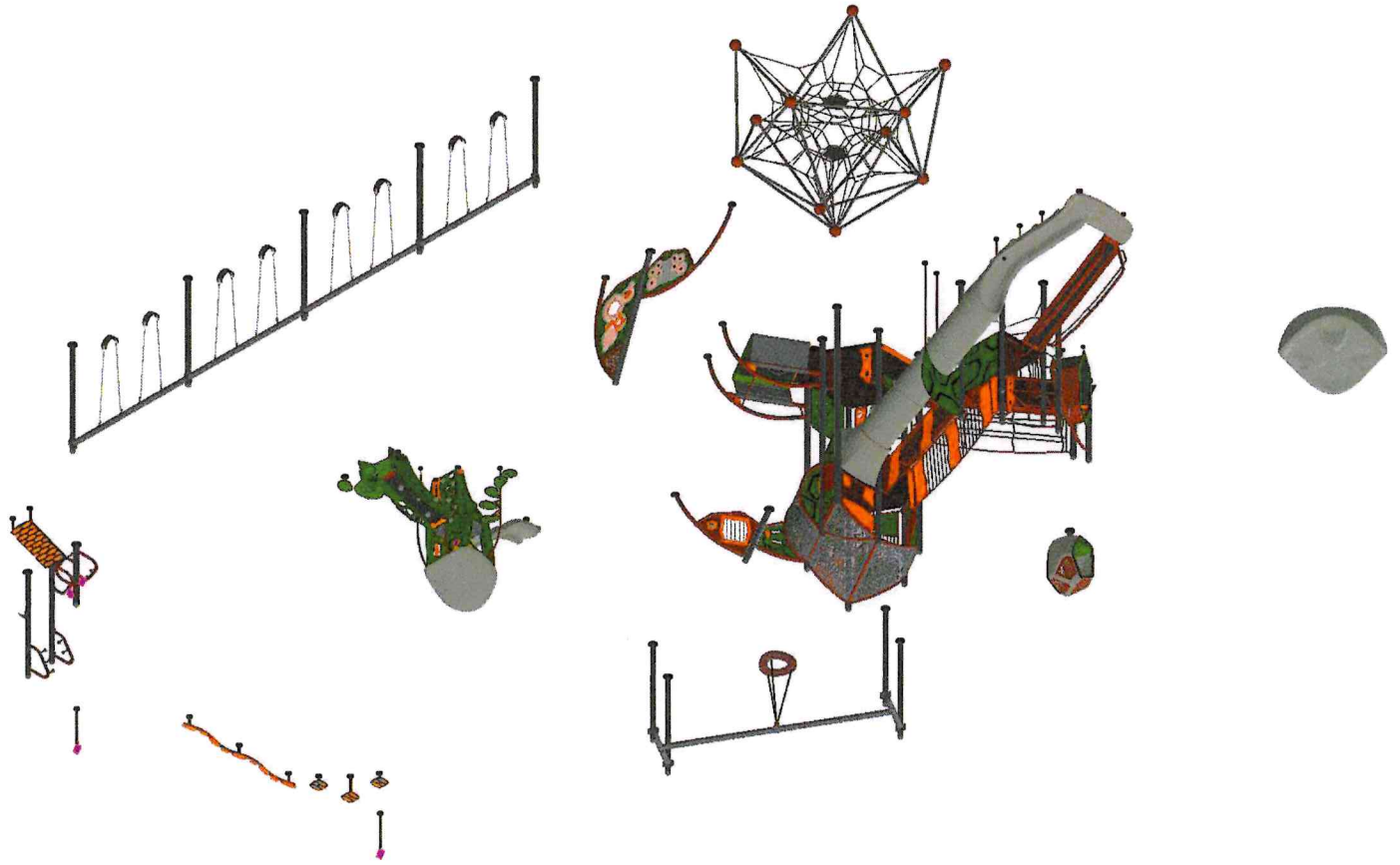
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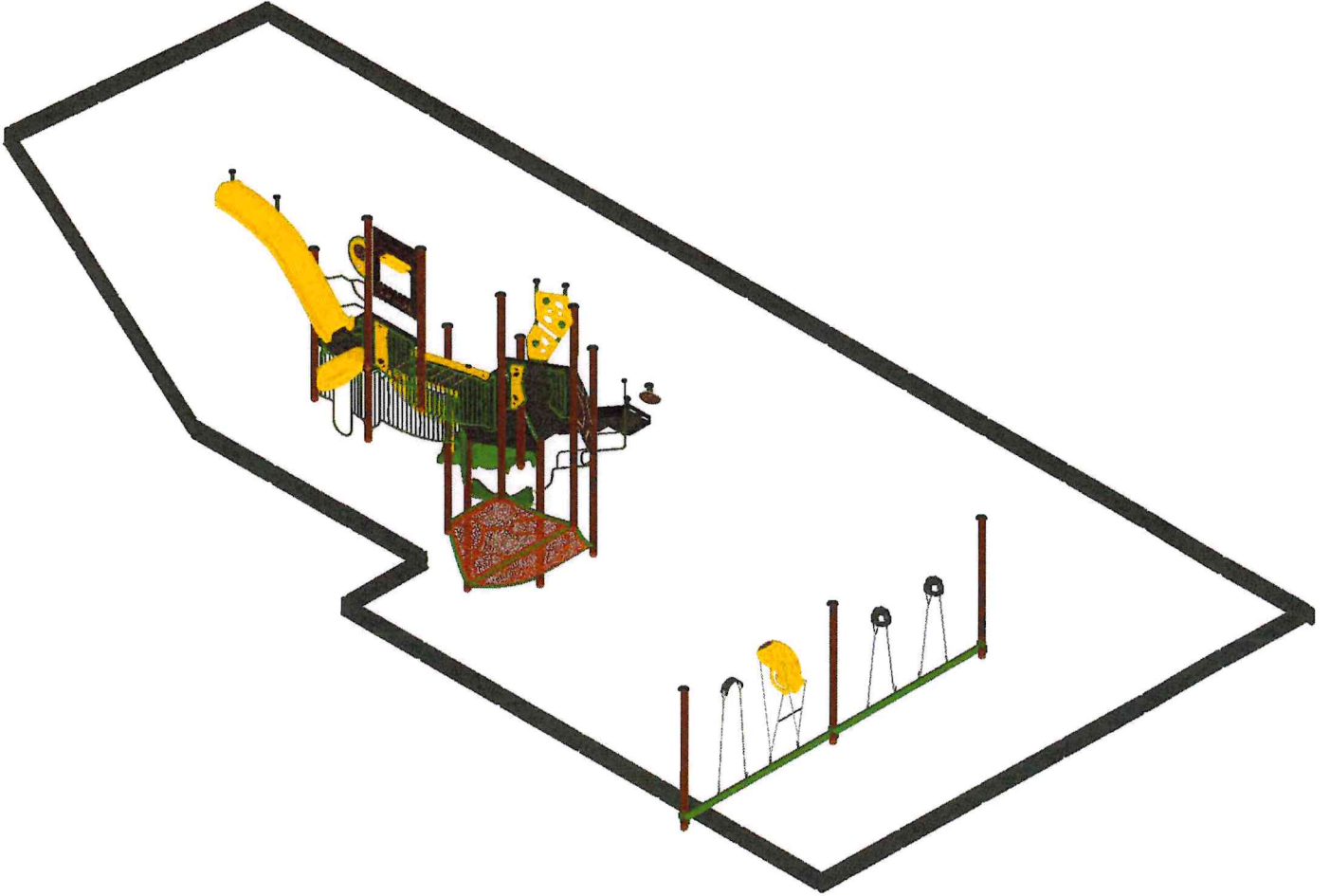
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Veterans Park

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