Little Beach Recreation Area Plan

Minturn seeks $2 million in HUD Economic Development Initiative Congressional Directed Funds to Enhance its Only Park

The Town of Minturn seeks support from its Members of Congress to make critical upgrades to the Little Beach Park and Amphitheater, the Town's only park, located within walking distance of the downtown commercial core. Robust community engagement and master planning to establish a long-term vision for the park have identified key improvements to this public amenity to support community recreation, trails, and open space uses. Minturn now seeks $2 million in U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Economic Development Initiative congressionally directed/community project funding to advance this "Little Beach Recreation Area Plan."

Little Beach Park is a 1.6-acre Town-owned Park on Cemetery Road that runs along the Eagle River. Little Beach Park includes an approximately .5-acre outdoor performance venue adjacent to and contiguous with Little Beach Park with these features connected by an asphalt path. The Town identified a need for a coordinated vision and framework to guide the future of the Little Beach Park as increasing use and greater intensity of community and recreation activity have strained the capacity of Little Beach Park as the town's only public outdoor recreation facility.

In 2021, the Town of Minturn contracted with Zehren & Associates to develop a recreation-based plan for Little Beach Park and the surrounding area. The purpose of the plan is to "establish a long-term vision for the area as the Town's major recreation hub" and "unify existing facilities and identify appropriate improvements to support community recreation, trails, and open space uses." The plan also aims to create a sense of arrival at key destinations in the Little Beach Park area. This planning process engaged the residents and stakeholders of Minturn using a variety of methods including an open house, pop-up events, in-person and virtual meetings, and guided tours of the area and outlined a variety of potential improvements suggested and vetted with members of the public and stakeholders. The plan culminated in recommendations and concept design plans that serve as the basis for this request.

With HUD Economic Development Initiative funds, the Town of Minturn will implement the recommendations outlined in the Little Beach Park Recreation Area Master Plan to ensure that this area continues to serve as an inclusive and accessible hub for recreation, arts, performances, and community events. Please support the Town of Minturn as it seeks to enable people of all ages and abilities to access and enjoy its sole park.

Please contact Michelle Metteer, Town Manager, at 970-827-5645 x8 or manager@minturn.org for additional information.