



# Unlock the Magic

Building the Riverside Park Inclusive Recreation Area



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*Opportunity runs through it.*

Welcome to the Riverside Park Inclusive Recreation Area, a space where magic, accessibility, and community will come together. A group of parents, kids, educators, caregivers and community stakeholders came together in 2023 to envision a haven for all, irrespective of ability. Since August 2023, the group worked alongside Mayor McFarland, Parks and Recreation staff, and the Landscape Architect firm Parkitecture, to plan and design a fully-inclusive recreation area—a first of its kind for Watertown and the surrounding area.

We've already taken the first steps toward realizing this dream. Thanks to a generous donation of \$10,000 from the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation allowed us to produce the design and renderings you see in this brochure. The proposed budget for the construction of the Riverside Park Inclusive Playspace is between 1.5 million and 1.75 million dollars, all of which we aim to raise through community support and grants.





Aerial view of the proposed recreation area including existing volleyball courts, walking path, playground, shelter, family restrooms, and parking.

The Riverside Park Inclusive Recreation Area is much more than just a playground. With an enchanted forest theme including elements like an ogre bridge, a Riverside Park-inspired footbridge, a ship, musical butterflies and flowers, and a flowing blue “river,” the playground will engage all ages in play, but there are other elements to the space that make it a haven for everyone! A walking path, complete with seating along the way, that is paved, graded, and distance-marked will provide healthy movement opportunities. A sitting area and shelter with outdoor games for youth and adults will complete the space.

The project will also involve replacing the existing restrooms with four accessible family restrooms and adding five accessible parking spots off of Hill Street.

#### Inclusive Features:

- Play areas catering to different age groups: toddlers, 2-5 years, and 5 and older.
- Turf and poured surfaces for ease of movement.
- Zero entry access
- Quiet spaces
- Secure fence encircling the playground.
- Solid surface, graded path with distance markers for exercising
- Patio area with seating and games

Be a part of this transformative project by contributing to the Riverside Park Inclusive Recreation Area. Your donation not only helps build a fully-inclusive recreation area, but also offers unique opportunities for recognition:

- Naming Rights: Leave a lasting legacy by naming specific areas within the park, such as the play areas, the shelter, and the walking path.
- Entire Facility Naming Rights: For a truly monumental impact, consider having the entire facility named after you or your organization.

In-kind donations of commercial services, materials or equipment are accepted. Donations are tax deductible.

Feature	Cost
Picnic Tables (6 needed)	\$2,500 each
Seating (10 needed)	\$2,500 each
Bike Racks	\$5,000
Landscaping	\$25,000
Troll Bridge for playground	\$25,000
Perimeter Safety Fencing	\$40,000
Shade Structure	\$50,000
Restrooms	\$250,000
Poured Surface for Play Area	\$300,000
Playground Equipment	\$600,000

To learn more, or to make a donation, contact the Riverside Park Inclusive Recreation Area Fundraising Committee:

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