

Resolution Accepting and Adopting a Conceptual Design for the Enfield Community Playscape

RESOLUTION #2026-_____

Whereas, by Resolution #49-2024, adopted June 12, 2024, the Enfield Town Board designated the property at 169 Enfield Main Rd as the location for a Skate Park and Pollinator Garden to be known as the Enfield SkateGarden; and

Whereas, subsequent to that designation, a skateboarding ramp and related improvements were constructed at the SkateGarden site, improvements employing public grant money, volunteer labor and private financial donations; and

Whereas, in the two years since the Enfield SkateGarden's designation, the Enfield community's and this Town Board's vision has evolved as all parties seek for the site a broader purpose; and

Whereas, during the spring semester of 2026, Design Connect, a student-led organization housed in Cornell University's Department of City and Regional Planning, undertook a survey to assess Enfield community interests and needs regarding youth recreation and then designed youth-focused recreational facilities compatible with those interests and needs, Design Connect presenting to this Board on May 13 its final proposal under the working title of the "Town of Enfield Youth Park"; and

Whereas, this Town Board welcomes the Design Connect program's "Youth Park" recommendations as a valuable conceptual starting point in its ongoing efforts to transform the Enfield SkateGarden into a multi-generational community park that provides welcome greenspace and a playscape of unique and varied recreational opportunities, one with a particular focus on Enfield's youth; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Enfield Town Board hereby accepts the Cornell Design Connect program's May 2026 "Youth Park" recommendations for the SkateGarden site and adopts those recommendations as the conceptual design model to guide future improvements at the Town-owned community space formerly-designated as the Enfield SkateGarden; and be it further

Resolved, that this Town Board hereby re-designates the property at 169 Enfield Main Road as the Enfield Community Playscape; and be it further

Resolved, that the Pollinator Garden, as it currently exists or as it may be expanded in the future, shall remain a part of the Enfield Community Playscape; and be it further

Resolved, that while the Design Connect concepts shall guide future improvements to the Enfield Community Playscape, whether those improvements be undertaken by Town officials, their designees, or by any parks or recreation commission that the Town may later establish, this Town Board reserves the right, by Resolution, to revise and refine this design model from time to time as community priorities, financial resources, and this Town's evolving vision for the playscape dictate; and be it further

Resolved, that any and all substantial improvements made to the Enfield Community Playscape and its facilities, as well as the expenditure of funds toward implementation of those improvements, shall require the advance approval, by Resolution, of this Town Board.

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