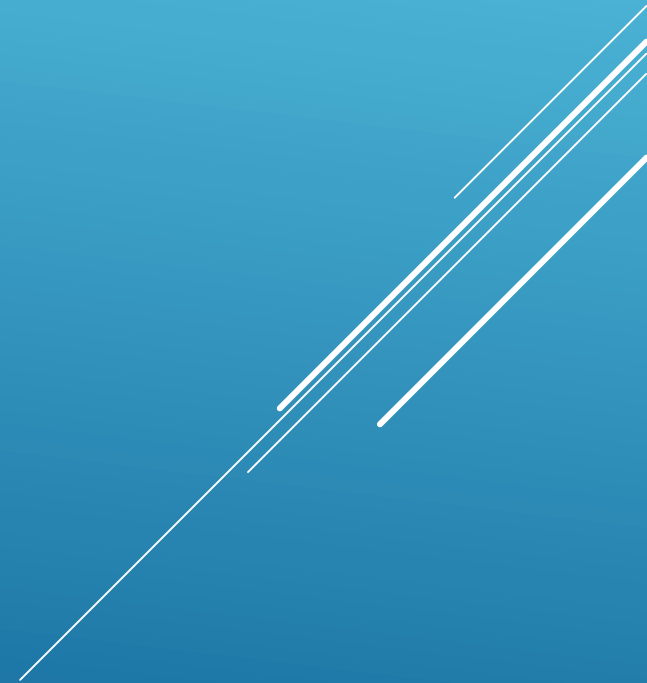


Higganum Cove Funding Request



Higganum Cove- A Community Gathering Space






Courtesy: Neal Perron, Photography

INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Thank you for the opportunity to apply for funding through the Connecticut River Gateway Commission.
- ▶ In the year 2000 the Town of Haddam established the “Higganum Cove Committee”.
- ▶ The Committee prepared an excellent report which addressed
 - 1.) Long term ownership;
 - 2.) Use; and
 - 3.) Management
- ▶ The report is still “spot on” and will be the guide for future use of this historically, culturally and environmentally significant property.
- ▶ After a federal EPA environmental remediation, the Town of Haddam took ownership of the property.
- ▶ Since town ownership the property has not been used or maintained.
- ▶ With renewed interest in the revitalization of Higganum Center, including community visioning workshops with close to 300 participants, the Town is ready to begin reclaiming this property and the vital connection between Higganum Center, the Gateway Conservation area and the Connecticut River.

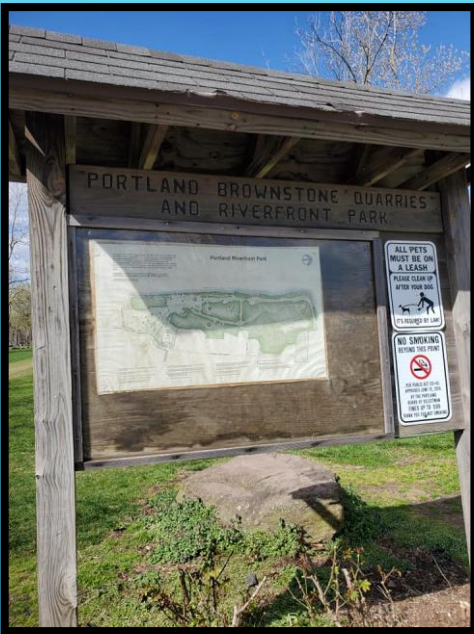

PORTLAND BROWNSTONE QUARRIES AND RIVERFRONT PARK

- ▶ The story of the “*Portland Brownstone Quarries and Riverfront Park*” is a very successful community building project.
 - ▶ We consider this an excellent model to follow in moving towards a community gathering spot at Higganum Cove.
 - ▶ The next slide displays some of the improvements at the Portland park.
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- A decorative graphic consisting of several parallel white lines of varying lengths, slanted diagonally from the bottom right towards the top right, set against the blue background.

This park is comprised of approximately 40 acres of land once owned by the brownstone quarry companies. It is a unique man made landscape with remarkable topography, cultural and natural resources. The Brownstone Quorum is a non-profit organization responsible for developing and maintaining the park. Along with Portland Park and Recreation, they oversee programming and events. The Quorum promotes the preservation, promotion and interpretation of Portland's heritage, such as Arch Pavilion on Main Street.

Please join the Quorum to provide continued support for mowing, planting and creating a great destination for residents and visitors.


www.brownstonequorum.org

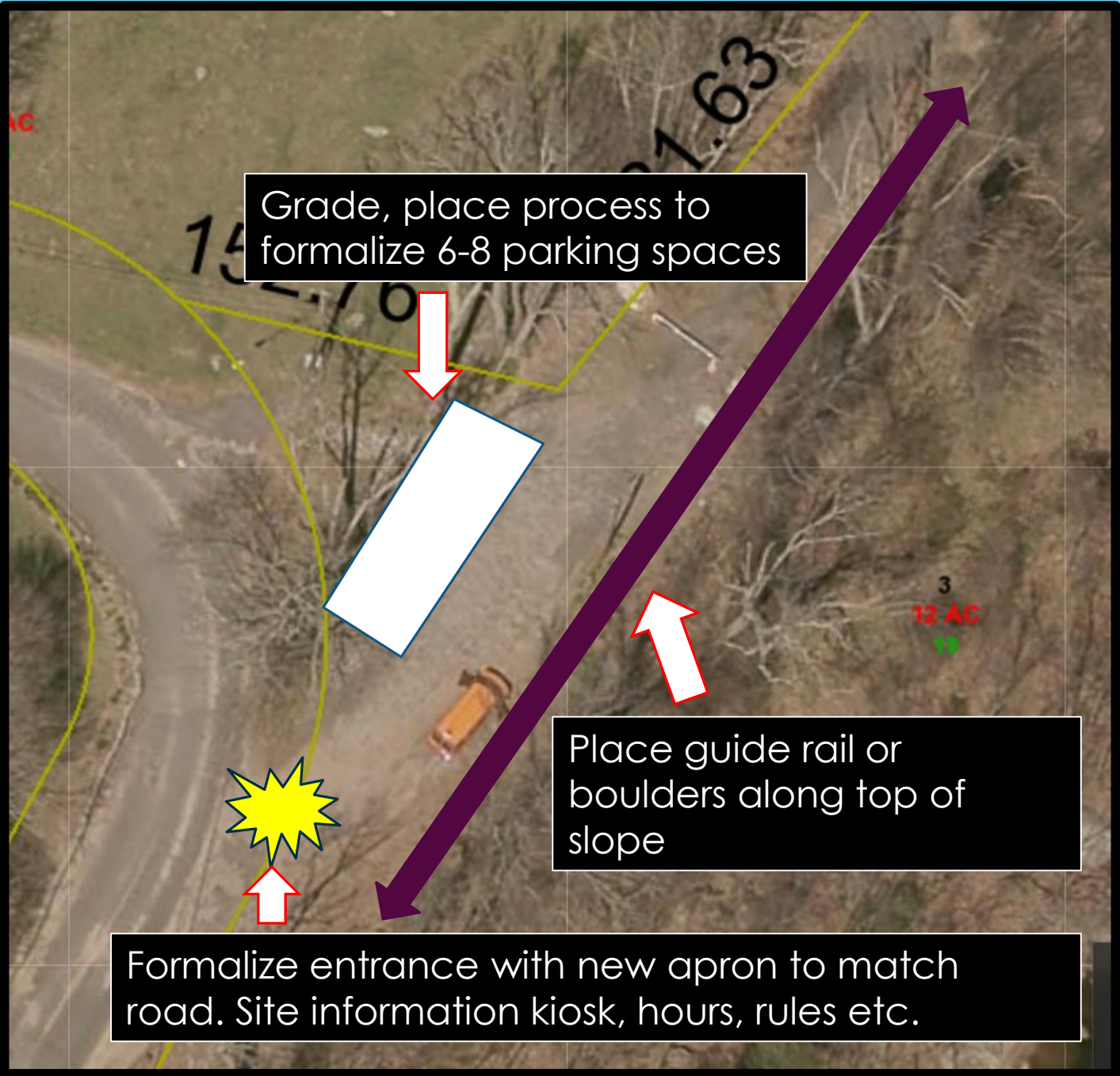


Portland Brownstone Quarries and Riverfront Park



What is proposed ?

- ▶ The following slides outline the work the town would like to conduct with the funding provided and other local funds.
 - ▶ We envision using town crews and local landscapers for the larger projects.
 - ▶ Smaller projects can be undertaken by local volunteers.
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Grade, place process to formalize 6-8 parking spaces

Place guide rail or boulders along top of slope

Formalize entrance with new apron to match road. Site information kiosk, hours, rules etc.





Clear & reclaim
former Wharf Road



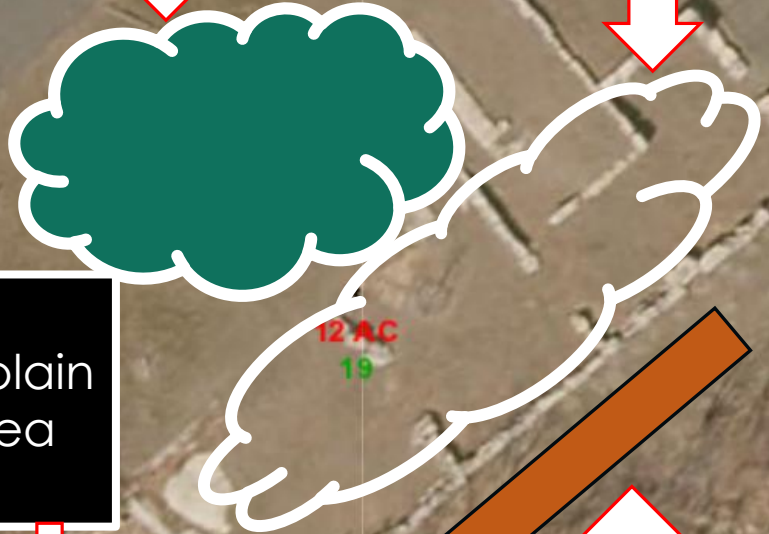


Grade and seed to establish "Great Lawn" area

Clear overgrowth, fill within former foundations and grade as necessary for stable level base to accommodate hard surface patio stones



Remove graffiti, create kiosk/table top sign explain history of this unique area



Clear vines and trees under 4" At base of foundations to maximize water views



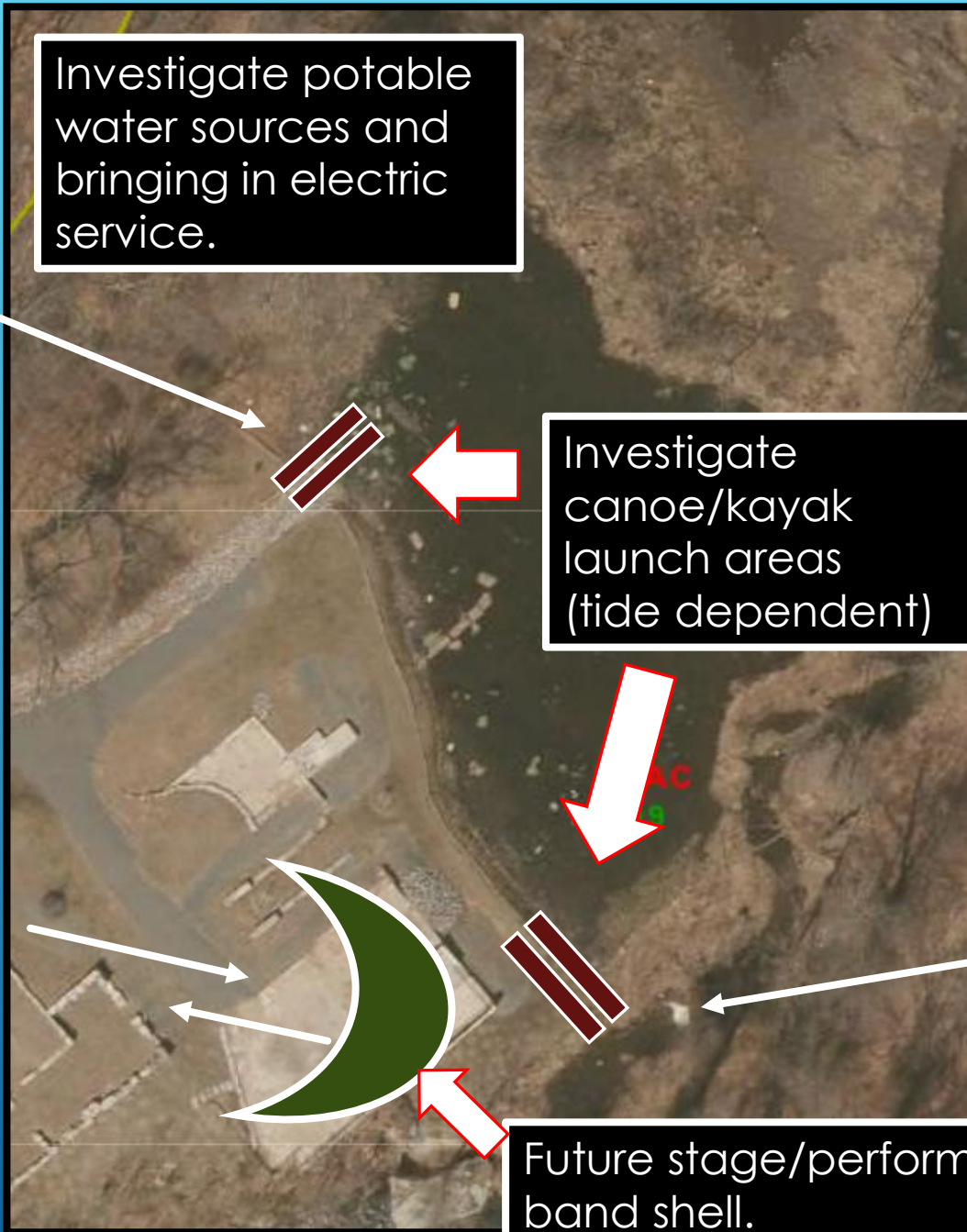
Investigate potable water sources and bringing in electric service.



Investigate canoe/kayak launch areas (tide dependent)

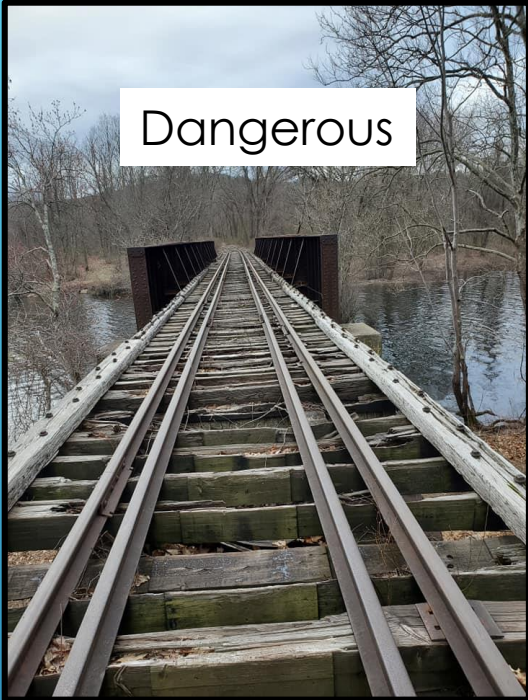


Amphitheater setting



Future stage/performance space/ band shell.





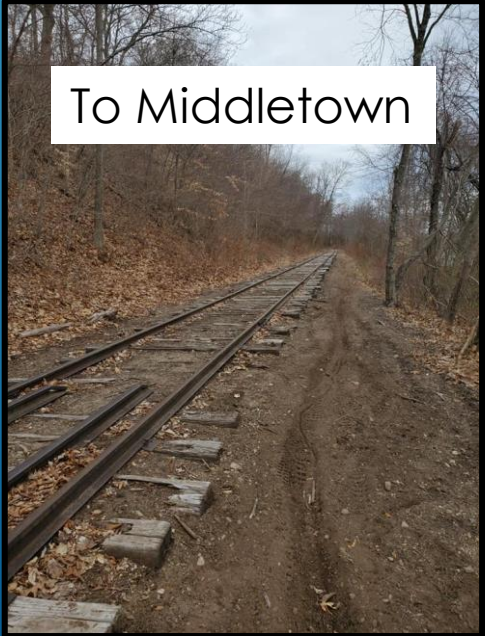
Dangerous



Establish accessible fishing and viewing locations

CT River

Work with Valley Railroad to secure the rail bridge And establish rail bike station



To Middletown

