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300 South 12th Street Development

The Board is pleased to announce the new development of 300 South 12th Street. Back in 2018, the Village was awarded a 5-million-dollar Transit Oriented Development grant exclusively for 2nd and 3rd avenues. This was an Executive grant from the Governor's office. This was an effort to beautify and mitigate the area that was impacted for years by the Third Track Project. The grant was executed in September 2021 and had a 3-year expiration date. The Village contracted WSP USA Inc. to design the plans for 2nd and 3rd avenues. We were limited by the fact that there is little Village property in that area. Our first plan included making 3rd Avenue between South 11th and South 12th streets a pedestrian only area. This would include a sitting area with a pergola as well as some curb cuts, benches, and lighting on the North side. The approximate cost was just over 1-million-dollars. We could not use these funds for another area (we asked) and any surplus funds would need to be returned to the State in September 2024.

Pursuant to a conversation with my friend and Village resident, Reid Sakowich, the utilization of the South 12th street parking lot captured our imagination for much needed Village greenspace. If we were able to reconfigure a portion of the parking lot for this purpose, we would need to replace the parking spots for our commuters. The lot at 300 South 12th street had not started construction on their proposed storage facility. We approached the State about our idea of utilizing these grant funds for green space. This was within the intent of the grant to improve the area and that we would purchase the 300 South 12th street lot for a parking lot. Based upon months of studies, it was determined that approximately 80 commuters use the current lot. The purchase of the 300 South 12th street lot would provide the Village with 51 parking spots. We would then save approximately 40 spots in the existing lot. The remaining 2/3 of the current lot could then be converted to a beautiful new park.

Initially, the State said no to our plan. The Board went to work and spoke with the Governor's regional representative, Stevens Martinez. He was invited down to the site. New York State Senator Liz Krueger was instrumental in pushing our case with the Governor. While speaking with all the administration officials, we were simultaneously pursuing negotiations with the lot owner. Our entire Village team worked tirelessly in negotiations with both the lot owner and the State. There were many times this appeared to be a lost cause. We kept fighting and were able to secure approval from the State and a signed contract with the lot owner.

We are proud to announce our vision is becoming reality. Our profound thanks to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Liz Krueger, Stevens Martinez, the State DASNY team and especially our own, Reid Sakowich. Your faith in us is greatly appreciated. This enables us to add additional greenspace and a wonderful new park for our residents. The park will have 3-4 dedicated pickleball courts, a basketball hoop, dog park, playground, and greenspace with a pergola, sitting area and lush landscaping. This will be our oasis on the Southside. Please view the attached draft design. We hope you are as excited about this project as we are!



300 South 12th Street Planning Concept

Village of New Hyde Park
Streetscape Planning & Design

March 21, 2024



S 12th St Park Concept Framework

- An urban oasis near New Hyde Park LIRR station with fun recreational spaces for all ages
- Wayfinding – 1 Main Entrance
- Circulation – Central Axis
- Program
 - 4 Pickleball Courts
 - Basketball Hoop
 - Dog Park
 - Playground
 - 37 Parking Spaces
 - Shaded Seating Area
 - Water Feature
 - Restroom





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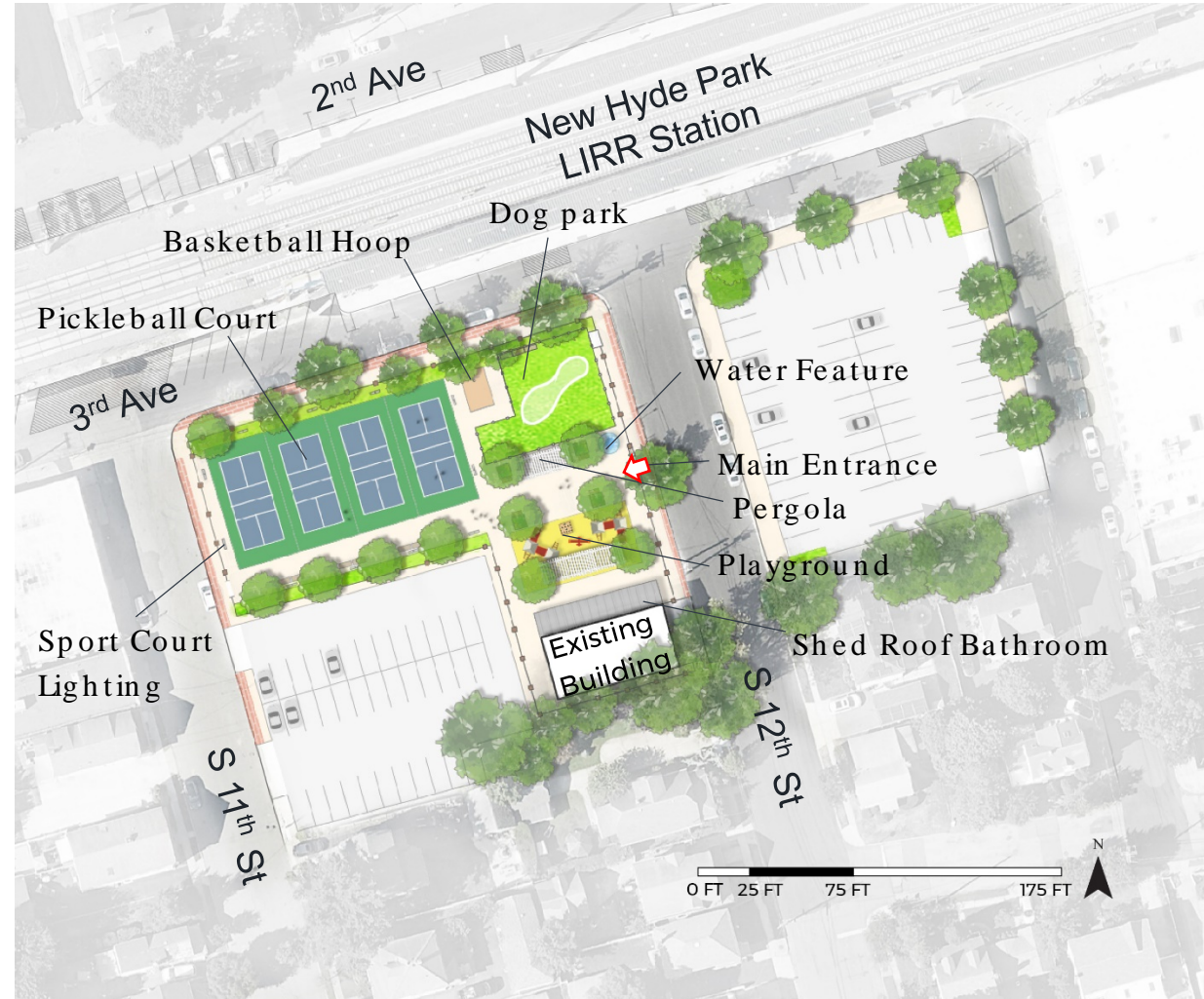


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Main Entrance



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Pickleball Court



Pickleball Court with Lighting



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Shed Bathroom



Revised Concept

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Fence with Brick Pillars

