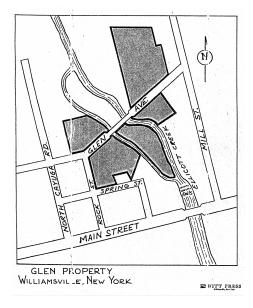
Glen Park Joint Board Glen Park Guidance Document



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Overview

Introduction

Surrounding picturesque Glen Falls, Glen Park ("the "park") is jointly owned by the Village of Williamsville (VoW) and the Town of Amherst (ToA). The park was built in 1976 with funds obtained from a federal grant. Led by a citizens group determined to save the land from commercial development the park was envisioned as a serene natural habitat in the midst of a suburban community. The park includes many scenic, natural areas with interconnecting streams and ponds, pathways, scenic overlooks and wooded areas. This document, produced by a collaborative effort of the members of the 2012/2013 Glen Park Joint Board (GPJB) will continue the vision of the original advocates for the park. The goal of this document is to provide planning guidance to the Town of the Amherst and the Village of Williamsville on the park's current operation, future planning and to ensure the park maintains it's treasured presence in the community.

Purpose of this Glen Park Joint Board Glen Park Guidance Document (GPGD)

This Glen Park Joint Board Glen Park Guidance Document (GPGD) is the formal document to be used by the Glen Park Join Board (GPJB) to guide the stewardship of Glen Park. This GPGD provides the current condition of the park, maintenance requirements, responsibilities, current and future projects in the park and the park's place within the broader Williamsville and Western New York community. The GPGD includes descriptions and direction for park operations, maintenance, planned park elements, natural and cultural resource management, sustainability. The GPGD does not contain nor is it intended to contain details related to specifics of engineering or execution steps. The GPGD provides a framework for the GPJB to address operational matters of concern within park consistent with the history and overall spirit of the park's original design. The Glen Park Joint Boards hould use this plan as a tool to guide the parks' operation, maintenance, growth, use and place in the community to ensure its future vitality. The plan should be referenced continually to guide the maintenance, operation and future needs of the park. It should undergo constant reference and use, regular monthly maintenance during the GPJB meetings or special meetings and a formal review and update yearly by the GPJB. The special review should ensure the Background and Existing Conditions section is accurate and up to date, the Operations section outlines proper responsibilities and the Future Development section contains the updated capital plans, specific activities to undertake in the coming year and future plans for the park. It is recommended this meeting take place in the last quarter of the calendar year. The GPGD should be updated at will and as the need arises.

Glen Park Vision

Glen Park inspires and sustains the community's passion for passive, scenic, leisure, natural, outdoor experiences in the surrounding vibrant suburban area while enhancing quality of life through its non-commercialized, undeveloped state and will remain as such for all future generations to enjoy.

Glen Park Mission

Provide passive, scenic and natural outdoor public park space for citizens to enhance their well-being, environmental values and natural recreation. Provide a diversity of natural habitats, an undisturbed wildlife setting and an esteemed cultural heritage in a passive, nature-based setting. Provide quality facilities and activities for education, community benefit and enhanced quality of life integrated seamlessly in to the park's passive, natural setting. Ensure Glen Park remains the cradle of Glen Falls stewarding this rare, natural wonder for all future generations to enjoy free of development, encroachment or commercial use and benefit. Guarantee all park resources will be available to both present and future generations and remain unencumbered by non-passive elements or development.

History of Glen Park

Beautiful Glen Park with its picturesque waterways and rugged stone walls is the setting which best inspires a remembrance of the people and events which are the essence of our local village heritage: primitive sea life and prehistoric hunters; Indian encampments and canoes, the power and allure of Ellicott Creek and its falls; the noise and energy of busy mills and quarries; popular swimming holes and quiet family picnics; the crowds and gaiety of the Glen Casino nightclub and the amusement park; and the charred and twisted ruins left by a series of destructive fires.

The unsightly landscape left by the fires sparked a prolonged community controversy between those committed to commercial development of the historic site and those inspired by the vision of a natural park. Ultimately, the decision was made in the political arena and in 1976, the award of a federal grant hastened development of the park. A contract for design and development was granted to Grever and Ward, landscape architects and a local nursery executed the plan. The concept for the 9.7 acre park incorporated pathways, a sledding hill, an ice-skating rink, a fishing bridge, pools, ponds and cascades and a nature center. The significance of the restoration is captured by the dedication stone at the Main Street entrance to the park which reads "Glen Park, site of Williamsville's birth, preserved in natural beautify in honor of America's bicentennial." The Village of Williamsville and the Town of Amherst jointly own Glen Park. The beauty and popularity of the park has grown as community groups and the Glen Park Joint Board have worked to develop and maintain the park. The thoughtful administration by the Glen park Joint Board and owners and the pride and respect shown by those who use the park has helped to make this living tribute to the past a lasting gift to the future.











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Ownership Arrangement and Agreement

The Village of Williamsville and Town of Amherst, New York wholly and equally own Glen Park. Each municipality contributes an equal amount to the park's function. The Village of Williamsville has lead on all park operations management and budget. See Appendix for the Glen Park Agreement between the Town of Amherst and Village of Williamsville. The Glen Park Agreement governs and outlines the ownership and operating responsibilities of each municipality and the Glen Park Joint Board.

2. EXISTING CONDITIONS

2.1. Physical Description

Historical Considerations

• While the parkland itself is steeped in history, there are no elements within the park with any officially recognized historical designation. Care should be taken in changing any elements of the park however as the historical nature of the entire area requires careful consideration.

Rules and regulations

Due to the unique nature of Glen Park and its place within the residential community, the following Rules and Regulation are in place. Violation of these Rules and Regulations is punishable by law

Rules and Regulations

The park is open from sunrise to 10 p.m. **You are welcome...**

- To ENJOY the park's natural beauty during these hours.
- To use open areas, including the lawns.
- To enjoy the gardens without entering flowerbeds or picking flowers.
- To use a park chair or one seat on a bench designed for sharing.
- To deposit waste in trash receptacles.
- To have a simple wedding ceremony at the park. No reservations or permits needed.
- To take wedding photos at the beautiful falls. Limousines must park in designated lots. Park guidelines prohibit...
- Entering the park after the hours posted.
- Smoking.
- Littering.
- Swimming or wading.
- Alcohol or drug use.
- Dogs or horses.
- Motorized vehicles.
- Skateboards, bicycles, unicycles, roller skates/blades.
- Graffiti or vandalism.
- Organized sports or games.
- Amplified music, performances, or commercial activity, except by permit.
- Tents, canopies, chairs or picnic tables.
- Firearms or fireworks.
 To rent the Noll Nature Center in Glen Park, call Village Hall at 632-4120 or visit http://www.walkablewilliamsville.com/parks.html.
 For upcoming Glen Park events, find us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/GlenParkWilliamsville/.

Location

- Glen Park is located in the Village of Williamsville, New York within the Town of Amherst, New York. The Town and Village are located in Erie County, New York State. The park is located at 42.96° latitude, -78.74° longitude
- Size
 - o Glen Park comprises 9.7 acres
- Features
 - Glen Park's natural features combine to create a bucolic setting, nestled in the heart of a busting suburban community. Upon entering the park from its southern most point on Route 5, Main Street in the Village of Williamsville, to the west of Ellicott Creek, a bricked footpath lined with abundant flowers and trees embrace the visitor on their walk north. To the left is an overlook view of the historic Williamsville Water Mill; it's

sluiceway and inner workings. Ellicott Creek, hugs the east edge of the park boundary along this walkway and ends its slow meander north as both it and the walking paths descend over Glen Falls and the escarpment. Looking north from this point, the scene opens to broad meadows, flowerbeds, trees and ponds, benches and walking paths. This area of the park is complimented by more views of the Water Mill, a natural theater and rock outcroppings. Continuing north, a small residential street bisects the park, Glen Avenue adjacent to which is a small parking lot with handicap spaces. To the north of Glen Avenue, a meadow with trees, grassy areas, benches and walking paths welcome the visitor. In the northeastern most corner of the park a sledding hill provides winter fun for all ages. The Noll Nature Center rests within this portion of the park complimented by two parking lots. Ellicott Creek crosses under Glen Avenue in this area embracing the park's western boundary as it journeys into New York State's abutting Amherst State Park.

- Map
 - For purposes of this plan and locating park elements, the park map is segmented into 4 quadrants Southwest (SW), Southeast (SE), Northwest (NW), Northeast (NE) and further subdivided into sectors numbering 1 to 14 North to South and lettered A through G West to East. These designations will be used throughout this plan for locating park elements.
 - See appendix for map
- Use
 - The park provides recreational opportunities in an outdoor, natural environment. Residents of the community enjoy recreation hiking, trail walking, sunbathing, picnicking, fishing and other outdoor activities. Pets, motor vehicles, skateboarding, bicycles and scooters of any sort are not allowed in the park. The park is designed as a natural, passive setting and as such there are no picnic tables, swing sets, sandboxes, pools or other active recreational elements.

• Utilities

- Electrical power is provided at the Noll Nature Center, at several outlets along Glen Avenue and at various light poles with the park
- Natural Gas is not available in the park
- Water is available for the purpose of watering along the Main Street entrance paths and at the Noll nature Center
- Landline telephone is not available within the park
- Cable television is not available within the park
- Local area Wi-Fi for Internet access is not provided within the park

Natural features

 Streams and ponds, pathways, panoramic overlooks and wooded areas, connect scenic natural areas. Hiking paths meander trough rolling hills, woods and meadows. A famous waterfall cascading over the Niagara Escarpment dominates the park

• Drainage

- o The park provides drainage from Main Street and Spring Street runoff
- There are three open drain grates within the park which provide ground water drainage
 - Adjacent to the west side of the Handicap Parking lot at the northern base of the eastern most landscape bed
 - West of the largest pond, just west of the path in the swale
 - In the bottom of the skating rink north of the Noll Nature Center

• Water course systems

 Ellicott Creek traverses the park from south to north, cascading over the Niagara Escarpment creating picturesque Glen Falls. Ellicott Creek segments the park in two halves. Drainage from Spring St runs over the abutting park wall, and through three ponds and a creek, ultimately combining with the Mill's sluiceway and Ellicott Creek below the Glen Avenue Bridge.

Wildlife

 As a result of the park's natural setting, a variety of wildlife exist within the park or use the park's natural resources including deer, raccoon, rabbits, turtles, ducks, fish and birds. The park's part of a major migratory area used by multiple species of birds. Fish are prevalent within the creeks and ponds of the park.

• Adjacent property

- The park is bounded to the south by business along Main Street, to the east by the western wall of Ellicott Creek, to the west by private landowners and to the north by Amherst State Park.
- See appendix for the tax map

• Rights-of-Ways and Easements

• An easement for the use of a sewage pumping station exits in the southeast corner of the park (is this correct???)

2.2 Buildings

• Noll Nature Center

Built in 1976 with funding from the Noll family as a family remembrance, the building is of concrete block construction with a wooden roof and asphalt shingles. Located in the northeast quadrant of the park, north of Glen Avenue, the building is 800 square feet. A wood burning stove and small space heaters provide heat. There is no cooling. The floor is concrete. There is a large open meeting area, two small storage rooms, electrical/utility room and an entry hallway. The building is available for rent by the community and is used for community events. Rest facilities are provided by a separate, outside portable toilet.

- The Nature Center has a two keyed entry doors
- o A door alarm will sound locally if the proper code is not entered upon opening the door
- There are 8 plastic tables and 48 chairs to be used in during events in the Nature Center. These are stored in the eastern most storage room
- A storage cabinet in the eastern most storage room, contains supplies for various events including paper towels, napkins, pumpkin carving supplies and lights
- The entryway lights should be left on and are controlled by the breaker box in the electrical/utility room.
- Exterior lighting is provided
- Accessed to the building is provided by checking a key from Village of Williamsville Clerks Office

• Tool Shed

A small shed is located in the southeast quadrant of the part. It is of metal construction and measures 144 square feet. The building is used for storage of tools and equipment used in the Maintenance of Glen Park

2.3 Landscaping

The park is extensively landscaped with diverse foliage. To maintain the spirit of the park's original concept, the design plan for Glen Park should be consulted when contemplating landscape modifications with every effort made for consistency with the original design. See Appendix for original landscape design

- Lawns
 - Approximately 5 of the 9.7 acres of the park are lawn
 - See Appendix for current condition of lawns
- Trees
 - o A diverse collection of conifer and deciduous trees are planted throughout the park
 - The park contains over 500 trees
 - To maintain the spirit of the park's concept, the original design plan for Glen Park should be consulted when contemplating new or replacement trees with every effort made for consistency with the original design. See the Glen park Tree Plan to guide tree management
- Beds
 - Extensive landscaping beds provide the park with an array of seasonal blooms and foliage
 - To maintain the spirit of the park's concept, the original design plan for Glen Park should be consulted when contemplating new or replacement beds with every effort made for consistency with the original design. See the Glen Park Bed Plan to guide bed management
 - The Town of Amherst has agreed to provide mulch at no expense to Glen Park. The following is the official agreement for the mulch:

SOURCING COMPOST FOR GLEN PARK: Glen Park uses approximately 10 cubic yards of compost yearly for flower beds between the Noll Nature Center and Glen Avenue, the gateway beds along Glen Avenue, the gateway beds along both sides of the paver pathway at the Main Street entrance, in Rotary Circle and as needed elsewhere. C.J. Krantz Organics Company in its 2012 contract with the Town of Amherst to purchase, own and operate what had been the Town of Amherst Compost Facility, has guaranteed 500 cubic yards of finished compost will be provided the Town for use in its parks and at its municipal structures yearly. Since this contract has been established, Glen Park has annually requested and received 10 cubic yards from this allocation. More could be requested if needed. A request should be made to the Town of Amherst Highway Superintendent, who will pass the request down to his Parks Division General Crew Chief to coordinate the delivery. If the request is made while sufficient compost remains in the initial 500 cubic yard allocation, then it will be with no cost to the Glen Park. If the 500 cu yards allocation has been used, then the materials and the delivery will be at the standard rates of the C.J. Krantz operation.

2.4 Waterways

The park has abundant waterways throughout both from the land's history of milling and it's use as a waterway. The following tables provide a description of the current conditions of the waterways.

- To maintain the spirit of the park's concept, the original design plan for Glen Park should be consulted when contemplating changes to waterways with every effort made for consistency with the original design
- Creeks
 - Ellicott Creek and Glen Falls traverse the park flowing north from Main Street, under Glen Avenue and through the northern portion of the park to Amherst State Park
 - Two drainage areas in the southwest portion of the park from Spring Street feed waterways which course through the western portion of the park and enter the two southern most ponds
 - A larger waterway merges with the drainage waterway on the edge of the southwestern portion of the park, below the water mill. Together, the waterways enter the southern most pond
- Ponds
 - There are 4 ponds in the park which are part of the drainage system

2.5 Infrastructure

A variety of infrastructure helps to create useable space within the natural setting of the park

• Parking lots

- Parking areas are provided for motor vehicles carrying park goers
- Handicap accessible parking is provided in a single lot in the south east quadrant of the park south of Glen Avenue overlooking the lower gorge and falls
- Parking and turn around for wedding and special event limousines is provided in the northwest quadrant of the park north of Glen Avenue across from Rock Street
- o The largest Parking is provided adjacent to the Noll Nature Center
- Parking Lot Stripping layouts
 - Insert striping layout drawings here

• Paths

- Walking paths and trails are provided throughout all quadrants of the park
- Paths are either stone gravel or asphalt paved
- Total lineal feet of path are as follows
 - Asphalt paved: 736 feet
 - Stone gravel: 653 feet

• Lighting

Lighting within the park is provided by series of stanchion and building-based light fixtures

- Power is supplied via underground cabling to light fixtures
- National Grid maintains four pole lights in Glen Park, as well as the streetlights bordering along both Main Street and Glen Avenue. These lights, posts and standards are not part of Glen Park nor are they owned or maintained by the park owners. No park funds can be spent maintaining these poles, stanchion or lights. Contact National Grid for issues with these lights, poles and standards
- Each National Grid owned pole is numbered as follows:
 - Pole 5612 R1 is halfway along the southern entrance path to the west
 - Pole 5612 is at the Main Street park entrance
 - Pole 71 is at the northern-most end of the eastern-most parking lot
 - Pole 284 is east of the entrance to the eastern-most parking lot
- An optical sensor on the roof of the Noll Nature Center controls the lights attached to the outside of the Noll Nature Center. This sensor also controls two stanchion lights to the north of the Nature Center on either side of the grass bowl
- See lighting map in Appendix for ownership and location (need to add this to the appendix – need it scanned)

Benches

- 24 Benches are provided throughout the park
- \circ $\;$ The benches are either concrete stanchions with wooden slats or are a metal base with wooden slats
- o Benches are either backed or are just a level seating surface
- See Appendix for location of benches (need map of benches scanned in)

• Walls, Railings and Fences

- A series of metal railing and stone walls provide boundary limits and safety
- o Railings along the lower gorge of Ellicott Creek are of steel tubular construction
- Railing along path running south from the Glen Avenue Park Entrance are steel tubular construction and hot dipped
- Railings and chain link fence on the upper sluiceway gorge wall east of the mill provide protection and a barrier to the gorge below
- The bridges at Main Street and Glen Avenue and the rails abutting them are owned and maintained by the Village of Williamsville, Town of Amherst, County of Erie or State of New York

Waste Receptacles

- 22 Waste receptacles are provided for trash from park goers
- The receptacles are either wooden or concrete bases and have either a closed hinging halfdome top or are open
- See Appendix for location of waste receptacles (need map of benches scanned in)

• Utilities

- Electrical outlets are located at the base of several poles along Glen Ave and in the Noll Nature Center
- o Light poles within the parka re powered by electricity
- Municipal water outlets are available at the Main Street Entrance, on the southern edge of Rotary Circle and on the northern side of Noll Nature Center
- o There is no natural gas, phone or Wi-Fi available in the park

Bulletin Boards

- There are two bulletin boards for posting of Glen Park related items. One bulletin board is along the path form Main St the other is in front of the Noll nature Center. Contact Charlie Specht, Director of Community Relations for posting on the Bulletin Board. The GPJBB adopted the following rules for Bulletin Board Use:
 - Notification must be pertinent Activities to Glen Park or the Village of Williamsville or ToA
 - Public can contact Village Hall to post
 - End date of notification must be placed on the notice and removed by this date
 - No solicitation for products or services are allowed
- Signage
 - Extensive signage is present throughout the park. A large wooden park sign is present at the southern parking lot entrances to the northern section of the park near Noll nature Center. Rules and hours are posted at entrances. "Do Not Feed the Wildlife" signs are posted at the northern entrance to the southern motion of the park. The Town of Amherst using a natural Mylar roll specially designs these signs. ToA has extra roll as of 4.2016 for additional signs. Contact the ToA Liaison to the GPJB for use of the Mylar for new signs.

2.6 Activities/Outreach

• Community Events

The Village of Williamsville Clerk maintains the calendar of Noll Nature Center and park usage by the community. Contact the Clerks office for details. In the past, Glen Park hosts the following events:

- February Winterfest An outdoor celebration of the season and park. Sponsored by the VoW Youth and Recreation Committee
- April Earth Day An educational and information gathering of environmentally focused community service providers, volunteers, activities and entertainment. Sponsored by the VoW Environmental Advisory Commission
- July Glen Park Arts Festival Outdoor art festival in and around the park including artist tents, student artwork, children's art activities, food vendors, live music and entertainment. Sponsored by the Williamsville Arts and Cultural Committee and the Amherst Arts Council
- July –August Music in the Park Family oriented light musical on summer nights. Sponsored by the Williamsville Arts and Cultural Committee
- October Pumpkin Carving Festival Pumpkins for carving along with cookies and hot chocolate in the Noll Nature Center. Sponsored by the Glen Park Joint Board
- Spring, Summer and Fall Town of Amherst Youth and Recreation holds outdoor investigation activities centered in Noll Nature Center. See the Noll nature Center schedule in the Village of Williamsville Hall for exact dates
- Community Outreach

- Glen park has an online presence and can be found at. Contact Charlie Specht, Director of Communiy Relations, Viallage of Williamsville for updates
- Village of Williamsville Website

 <u>http://www.walkablewilliamsville.com/parks.html</u>.
- Facebook
 - o https://www.facebook.com/GlenParkWilliamsville

3. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

3.1 Ownership

The Village of Williamsville and Town of Amherst equally own the park. The Village of Williamsville operates it. The Glen Park Agreement defines ownership and operating parameters. See the Appendix for the Glen Park Agreement

3.2 Glen Park Joint Board

The Glen Park Joint Board is an advisory Board providing park operation, use, planning and maintenance, guidance to the park owners. The Glen Park Joint Board as stewards of Glen park recommends actions within the park to the park's ownership. The Glen Park Joint Board meets the First Tuesday of each month at 7pm Eastern Time unless otherwise published. See appendix for Glen Park Agreement and the role and function of the GPJB. The following are the GPJB By laws

By-Laws GLEN PARK JOINT BOARD

Section 1 - Purpose - Pursuant to an agreement of July 11, 1977, revised September 2, 1980 and revised July 19, 2013 between the Town of Amherst and the Village of Williamsville, the Glen Park Joint Board (GPJB) shall make studies and "advise the Village and Town on the development, improvement and maintenance of Glen Park and the Annual Appropriation for the same."

Section 2 - Membership - The GPJB shall consist of nine members, five appointed by the Williamsville Village Board and four by the Amherst Town Board. Terms of office are three years. Members may be reappointed. In the event of a vacancy, the appointing board shall fill the remaining duration of the term. Section 3 - Officers - As provided by the town-village agreement, the GPJB shall elect from its membership each July a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, a Secretary and a Budget Monitor. The board may elect other officers, as it deems necessary.

Section 4 - Duties of Officers - The Chairperson shall conduct meetings, prepare meeting agendas in consultation with members, approve meeting schedules, assign members certain tasks and serve as a contact with Village and Town governments. The Vice Chairperson shall assume the Chairperson's duties in the absence or incapacity of the Chairperson. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping and presenting minutes of GPJB meetings. The Budget Monitor shall be in regular contact with the Village Treasurer on park financial matters and present the monthly financial statements at GPJB meetings. Section 5 - Duties of Other Members - In addition to active participation in meetings, members will be expected to lead at least one assigned responsible area. Areas of responsibility may include Volunteer Liaison and Coordinator, Community Liaison and Coordinator. In conjunction with the entire GPJB, each assignee is expected to lead, plan, coordinate and execute any matters pertinent to their responsible area. Additionally, provide a monthly status report outlining activities and plans for the particular area of responsibility. Also lead the handling of matters related to the area of responsibility which come before the GPJB, coordinate activities and actions with GPJB members, VoW and ToA Liaisons and municipal and community stakeholders.

Section 6 – Glen Park Guidance Document - The GPJB Guidance Document guides the governance of Glen Park. Members are required to adhere to the Guidance Document as they lead park efforts. The Master Plan is continually used to guide the park's operation and is central to the activities of the GPJB and its collective members.

Section 7 - Attendance at Meetings - If a member is absent for three or more meetings in a 12-month period, the GPJB, at its discretion, may refer the attendance record to the appointing board for whatever action it deems appropriate.

Section 8 - Associate Members - The GPJB may recognize, at its discretion, up to three non-voting ad hoc associate members who can represent the board at various meetings and activities and be able to volunteer to attend GPJB meetings and take part in the discussions.

Section 9 - Quorum - No business may be conducted without a quorum of at least five members. Section 10 - Meeting Schedule - On or before November 15 of each year, the Secretary shall prepare a schedule of monthly meetings for the following year for presentation to members for their approval at the December GPJB meeting. Preference shall be given to the first Tuesday of each month. A majority of the board may change a meeting date within 7 days of the scheduled date. Section 11 - Special Meetings - Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or by a majority of the board to address specific issues. Seven days notice shall be required for any special meeting. The notice shall state the specific issues and the special meeting must be confined to them.

Section 12 - Meeting Conduct - The chairperson shall conduct the meeting in orderly fashion by calling on members to speak one at a time. Members shall be allowed to finish their comments without interruption.

Section 13 - Motions - Members may make and second motions for action. After discussion, if desired, a motion shall be approved by a minimum of five votes in favor.

Section 14 - Public Comments - After the GPJB has concluded its business, visitors may address the board with a three-minute time limit.

3.3 Budgeting

Glen Park has a budget allocated to it yearly. This budget is to be used for the park operation, use, planning and maintenance. The Budgeting process is conducted yearly as governed in the Glen Park Agreement (see Appendix). Budgeting for park operations is split evenly between the Town of Amherst and the Village of Williamsville. The Village of Williamsville Clerk administers the budget per the GP Agreement. Monthly budget reports are to be provided to the GPJB in advance of the monthly meeting for review. The VoW Clerk will care for the payment of the bills per the agreement. Also included in the yearly budgeting process is a 5-year capital plan for the park. See the Development Section of this plan for the current Capital Plan. See the Appendix for the GP Agreement.

3.2 Logo

The Glen park logo can be found in the appendix. It is to be used only on official GP communication and approved by the GPJB before use.

3.4 Maintenance Responsibilities and Schedule

The maintenance of the park lies solely with the Village of Williamsville Department of Public Works per the ownership agreement. A monthly budget report detailing all Maintenance and other activity is to be delivered to the GPJB Budget Monitor three business days prior to the regular monthly GPJB meeting. This report will detail the budget line and dollars spent on individual maintenance items and activity within the park. The descriptions must be clear enough for the GPJB to discern the specific activity conducted along with the hours and dollars spent on said activity. The GPJB will use this report to determine the activity and dollars spent in the park the previous month in monitoring the budget. The Maintenance Schedule and activities outlined herein provide minimum requirements, reflecting the previous month's activity. Should the park require more extensive regular maintenance, the VoW must conduct said maintenance and include this information in the established formal monthly reporting and the GPJB will update this maintenance schedule as needed. Except for emergencies, any maintenance activity resulting in a larger than anticipated budget expenditure, the Williamsville General Crew Chief will obtain advanced written approval from the GPJB prior to commencing activity. At will, the VoW Crew Chief must immediately remove any dangerous condition. To maintain Glen Park as close to originally conceived as possible, the original design plan should be consulted when any changes of any type are considered to ensure the changes are consistent with the spirit of the original park design. Glen Park is to be maintained in the spirit of its original design.

3.4.1 Buildings

The Maintenance Shed and Noll Nature Center buildings within the park boundaries require regular maintenance

- o Noll Nature Center
 - Daily check of the Noll Nature Center is required. The building should be checked for integrity of all windows and doors. Issues of urgent need such as dangerous conditions, building integrity, access issues, security concerns, etc. should be addressed and rectified immediately. Items of longer-term need should be brought before the GPJB
 - Monthly inspection for building integrity and issues is required. Issues of urgent need such as dangerous conditions, building integrity, access issues, security concerns, etc. should be addressed and rectified immediately. Items of longer-term need should be brought before the GPJB
 - \circ $\;$ Yearly inspection and maintenance of the wood stove and flue in the Noll Nature Center is required

- o Quarterly carpenter ant remediation is required
- o Maintenance Shed
 - Monthly inspection for building integrity and issues is required. Issues of urgent need such as dangerous conditions, building integrity, access issues, security concerns, etc. should be addressed and rectified immediately. Items of longer-term need should be brought before the GPJB
 - \circ $\;$ Regular gat minimum yearly garage door maintenance is required

3.4.2 Landscaping

• Lawns and Growing areas

All lawn areas must be mowed and trimmed at least weekly from April 1 through October 31 or as needed to ensure the grass height remains to the standard of all parks. "Mowed and trimmed" includes cutting of all areas where lawn or weeds are growing. To accomplish this, large machine mowing, smaller mowers, hand held trimmers and/or manual weed/unwanted growth pulling must be used in all areas of the park. Any consideration of new, changed or replacement lawns and growing areas must consult Glen Park's original landscaping plan to ensure the location, size, scale and plantings remain consistent with the spirit of the original design.

- Trimming around all obstacles must be completed on the same day as mowing.
 Obstacles include rocks/boulders, trees, benches, waste receptacles, non-mowable areas, edges, walls, railings, paths, landscaping, landscaping beds, buildings and any other obstacle where grass, weeds or unintended plants may grow. The general rule is no area of unintended growth should be higher than the lawn areas at any time.
- Trimming of areas includes removing of all unintended foliage such as vines, weeds, shrubs, scrubby undergrowth, groundcover, weeds and other plant growth.
 "Unintended areas" include those within, adjacent to or removed from mowed lawn areas.
- These general guidelines are meant to provide minimum standards for lawn and area maintenance. Should additional maintenance be required beyond this minimum, it should be taken at the discretion of the VoW DPW Crew Chief and the GPJB and reported to the GPJB
- It is especially important to ensure the grass under and around all benches is trimmed weekly from April through October
- All leaf, branches and debris must be removed from the lawn areas throughout the year, especially during fall. At no time should any debris be disposed of within the park's grounds, in the creek, waterways or wooded areas.

• Trees

The extensive tree plantings in the park require regular maintenance including "trimming and pruning" to ensure their utility and beauty as well as maintain a safe and scenic landscape. "Trimming and pruning" includes shaping and removing of overgrown or dead branches and trunks. Any consideration of new, changed or replacement trees must consult Glen Park's original landscaping design to ensure the location, size, scale and species of any planned changes remain consistent with the spirit of the original design.

- o Trimming and pruning are required quarterly from April 1 through October 31
- o Trees should be examined quarterly
- Trees in distress should be presented to the GPJB for consideration of removal. The GPJB may require the examination and approval of an arborist prior to approving removal. No tree shall be removed from Glen Park without the express written approval and authorization form the Glen Park Join Board
- Emergency removal of trees and branches should be taken by the VoW Crew Chief to remove any dangerous conditions
- In all cases where a tree is removed, the stump must be extricated as soon as possible after the removal of the tree
- Special consideration to tree trimming must be given to the following areas:
 - Around all light fixtures. Trees should be checked monthly during growing season and trimmed so as not to block the lighting

- Along sight lines from Glen Avenue to Glen Falls. Trees and bushes should be checked monthly during growing season and trimmed so as not to block sight lines to the falls
 Along sight lines from the southwest across ponds
- Ash trees are of special concern due to ongoing Emerald Ash Borer infestation. These trees should be inoculated or removed on a yearly basis at the recommendation of the GPJB
- o Replacement of trees should be done bi-annually in the spring and fall
- These general guidelines are meant to provide minimum standards for tree maintenance and replacement. Should additional maintenance or replacement be required beyond this minimum, it will be taken at the discretion GPJB
- See the Glen Park Tree Plan in the appendix for specific tree management guidelines (place plan in appendix when available)

Landscaping Beds

All beds require a yearly clean up in spring, weekly maintenance and a fall clean up for overwintering. Any consideration of new, changed or replacement beds must consult Glen Park's original landscaping plan to ensure the location, size, scale and plantings remain consistent with the spirit of the original design.

- See Appendix for Glen Park Design Plan
- Spring maintenance must be completed for all beds within the park by the end of April.
 Spring maintenance includes bed cleanup of debris, edging, initial weeding, rebuilding and mulching. Additionally, replace plantings as needed at time of spring clean up
- Weekly maintenance from April through October includes weeding, debris removal and trimming edge of over grown lawn or weeds
- Fall Clean Up must be completed by the end of November and includes removal of growth for overwintering, final weeding and any maintenance required for overwintering the bed
- Special consideration of gateway beds is required; the "gateway beds" are those, which are first encountered when entering the park from its four entrances. These beds form the first impression of the park and must be consistently maintained to the highest standards. Gateway beds are as follows:
 - Beds along either side of the south entrance path from Main Street are cared for by the VoW Beatification Committed
 - Beds along the south side of Glen Avenue on either side of the creek and entry path
 - Beds south of the Handicap lot between the lot and the creek
 - Beds north of Glen Avenue to the Noll Nature Center (4 beds). These beds are maintained by the Smallwood Garden club and requires no other maintenance
 - Entrance to west parking lot
- Any shrubs growing in the beds along the south side of Glen Avenue must be kept trimmed to railing height so as not to block the sight lines to the lower gorge and Glen Falls
- See the Glen Park Bed Plan in the appendix for specific tree management guidelines (place plan in appendix when available)

3.4.3 Waterways

Any consideration of new, changed or replacement waterways must consult with Glen Park's original landscaping plan to ensure the location, size and flow remain consistent with the spirit of the park's original design.

- Drainage
 - Clean out storm water drainage collector boxes
- Ponds and Creeks

The ponds and creeks within the park require regular maintenance to ensure water flow and prevent stagnation and unsightly weed growth.

• Regular cleanup of debris from ponds and creeks is required and should be performed weekly or as needed to maintain the beauty of the park

- Periodic opening of the flow ways is needed and should be performed yearly
- Ponds required periodic dredging to maintain water depth and clarity and should be performed every 3 years
- Ellicott Creek is a New York State Waterway and is not cared for by this plan. However, should activities be required within Ellicott Creek to either clean it or perform maintenance on park property, the VoW will investigate and report to the GPJB of required activities prior to their performance
- Creek walls contiguous with park property are owned and maintained by Glen Park. Creek walls not adjacent to the park property are not maintained by Glen Park
- Trimming of trees and weeds in the lower and upper gorges should be done bi-annually.
 Removal of trees and weeds growing in the gorge against the walls will prevent the roots of these plants from weakening the walls and supporting structures
- Cleaning and removal of debris in the lower gorge between the falls and Glen Avenue should be done in Spring and the Fall to maintain water flow and aesthetics

3.4.4 Infrastructure

Any consideration of new, changed or replacement infrastructure must consult with Glen Park's original plan to ensure the location, size, type and scale remain consistent with the spirit of the original design.

• Parking lots

Parking lots require regular maintenance to ensure public access, order and safety.

- \circ $\;$ Regular cleaning, weed removal, sealing and stripping are required
- Cleaning should be accomplished daily including with debris removal in adjacent areas to the parking lots
- o Weed removal should be accomplished weekly
- Sealing and striping should be done every three years
- o See the appendix fro stripping pattern

Paths

The walking paths requires regular maintenance to ensure integrity of the surface and safety

- Removal of weeds should be cared for weekly
- \circ $\;$ Stoned paths require re-stoning yearly to maintain a proper walking surface $\;$
- \circ \quad Asphalt paths require yearly patching and sealing every three years
- Trees, bushes and shrubs growing through paths must be removed. This includes the stump and repair of the paths once stump is removed

• Lighting

Park lighting require regular maintenance for proper illumination and safety

- Weekly lighting checks to ensure lights function properly are required
- o The VoW DPW will replace all non-working bulbs and non-functioning light sensors
- When bulb replacement is required, consider using torpedo style (enclosed globes) fixtures

• Benches

Regular maintenance of the benches is necessary to ensure they remain safe, usable and enhance the beauty of the park

- o Weekly checks of all benches are required
- Level yearly
- Paint/seal every three years
- Graffiti, etchings, broken wood and any bench element rendering it unsafe must be cared for immediately and repaired or replaced as needed

Walls and Railings

- o Railings
 - Railings should be inspected monthly for security and corrosion
 - Yearly painting of railings is required as needed

- Replace all metal railing with powder coating needed to ensure they remain secure and safe
- o Walls Ellicott Creek Wall and Stone Walls of Footbridge
 - Stone Wall along Ellicott Creek and footbridge requires yearly inspection to ensure integrity
 - Replace sections of wall as needed
 - Yearly pointing of stone should be undertaken to maintain integrity of the structure
 - Trees and weeds should be removed from both sides of the wall yearly

• Waste Receptacles

Daily or as needed maintenance of the waste receptacles is required

- \circ ~ Empty all trash and replace liner daily or as needed
- $\circ \quad \ \ {\rm Ensure\ lids\ are\ secured\ on\ receptacle}$
- \circ \quad Replace receptacles and lids as needed to maintain integrity
- Security
 - \circ ~ There are 4 cameras within Glen park

3.5 Volunteers

Volunteers perform an integral part of park operations and the GPJB is grateful for their dedication and hard work. The GPJB always welcomes volunteers to assist in the park. Potential volunteers should contact the GPJB for coordination of work. The following is a list of volunteers who have worked in the park in the past. This list should be maintained and continually updated:

- The Village Beautification Committee The gateway beds leading into the park from Main St.
- Smallwood Beautification Committee Flower bed south of Nature Center
- Court Designees GPJB member oversees community service referrals from the VoW court
- Eagle Scouts Park Projects
- Amherst High School Lacrosse team Spring cleanup, Stephen Henn is contact
- Amherst Youth Board Contact Amherst Youth Board; cleanup
- Williamsville South Beatification Club contact Williamsville South
- Williamsville South volunteers Contact Lynn Nosky at Williamsville South

3.6 Noll Nature Center

The Noll Nature Center is available for rental using the application found on the Village of Williamsville Website. The Noll nature Center requires the following maintenance

- Daily check of building to be sure all windows and doors are secure
- Weekly check of the interior
- Monthly sweeping and cleaning of interior to remove any dirt, cob webs, pests and debris
- Quarterly pest treatment coordinated by the VoW DPW
- No more than two days prior to any rental, the building must be cleaned and swept. Also, ensure chairs and tables are ready if required for the rental
- Periodic Check of tables and chairs is required to ensure tables and chairs are in good working order is required to ensure table and chairs are available when needed
- Any use of the building, rental or otherwise requires a rental/use agreement be completed. For municipal uses, there is no fee. The fee for non-municipal uses is provided in the rental/use agreement available on the Village of Williamsville website or at the village hall
- A schedule of Noll Nature Center use and rentals will be maintained by the VoW Clerk's office. It must be provided to the GPJB periodically
- After all use and rentals of the building, an inspection is required to ensure no damage or missing items. The VoW will conduct this inspection and include inspection status in the monthly report to the GPJB
- Tables and chairs are for use in the Noll Nature Center only. As part of the post-use inspection and inventory of tables and chairs must be completed and included in the Monthly Activity report from the Village

3.7 Invasive and Poisonous Plant Species

Several types of poisonous and invasive plant species have been identified within the park bounds

- Remediation of these species must be conducted weekly April 1 through October 31 or more frequently as needed. Identified species include but are not limited to Wild Buckthorn, Japanese Knotweed and Poison Ivy. Other species are also present in the park
- Remediate invasive species according to established practices
- Inspect weekly for invasive and poisonous plant species and remediate immediately per established practices

APPENDIX

1. Glen Park Agreement

AGREEMENT FOR THE OWNERSHIP, FINANCING, IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF GLEN PARK

AGREEMENT between the Village of Williamsville, a municipal corporation of the State of New York with offices at 5565 Main Street in the Village of Williamsville, Town of Amherst, Erie County, New York hereinafter called the "Village" and Town of Amherst, a municipal corporation of the State of New York with offices at 5583 Main Street in the Village of Williamsville, Town of Amherst, Erie County, New York, hereinafter called the "Town".

W IT N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Village and the Town have entered into an agreement ("Original Agreement") for the joint ownership of Glen Park dated the 11th day of July 1977; and

WHEREAS, the Original Agreement created the Glen Park Joint Board ("GPJB") to advise the Village and Town with respect to the development, improvement and maintenance of Glen Park; and

WHEREAS, the Village and Town entered into another agreement dated the 2nd of September, 1980 ("Amended Agreement"), amending Article 4 of the Original Agreement to provide that the Village Treasurer shall act as the sole depository for all monies appropriated by the Village and Town for Glen Park and shall be the single individual to be responsible for the disbursement of funds as provided in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Village and Town wish to continue their joint ownership and financing of Glen Park but to also clarify the respective roles of the Village, Town and the GPJB in managing the maintenance and operations of Glen Park and to ensure consistency and predictability with respect to appropriations for Glen Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it agreed,

ARTICLE 1 -- Improvement and Maintenance Costs

A. The Village and the Town shall share equally in all expenses for the development, improvement and maintenance of Glen Park, including the portions fronting on the north side of Main Street. The total annual appropriation for Glen Park to cover such expenses shall be established and remitted as follows:

- 1. Each year, commencing in 2013, the GPJB shall submit a proposed budget with a 5-year capital plan for the development, improvement and maintenance of Glen Park for the following Village fiscal year to the Village Treasurer by the 31st day of July.
- 2. The Village Board of Trustees shall review the proposed budget and provide to the Town Board a recommendation with respect to a total annual appropriation for Glen Park for the following Village fiscal year ("Glen Park Annual Appropriation") by the 1st day of September.
- 3. The Town Board shall vote to approve the Town's share of the Glen Park Annual Appropriation by the 31st day of October.
- The Village Board shall vote to approve the Village's share of the Glen Park Annual Appropriation, which share shall be equal to the share approved by the Town, by the 30th day of April of the following year.
- 5. In the event the Town Board approves an allocation that is less than one- half of the total Glen Park Annual Appropriation recommended by the Village Board, the Village shall have no obligation to allocate any amount in excess of the total allocation approved by the Town Board.
- 6. The Town shall remit its share of the total Glen Park Annual Appropriation to the Village Treasurer by the 15th day of June in the year following its approval of said appropriation. The Village shall have sole custody of all monies appropriated by both the Village and the Town, and shall deposit such monies into a separate account ("Glen Park Fund"). The Village shall have the responsibility for making all payments for the development, improvement and maintenance of Glen Park consistent with the approved Glen Park Annual Appropriation and the Master Plan adopted pursuant to Article 2(E)(2), below, and all such payments shall be made out of the Glen Park Fund.
- 7. In consideration of the administrative and management functions performed by the Village with respect to its oversight of Glen Park and in performing its obligations under this

Agreement, the Village shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Glen Park Fund for reasonable management and overhead costs.

8. The Town shall have the right, upon request, to receive periodic financial updates from the Village concerning the expenditure of funds from the Glen Park Fund.

B. Any gift, grant, aid, or assistance received from any outside source and expended by either the Town or the Village for Glen Park purposes shall be deemed received and expended by both the Village and the Town and no contribution shall be required of the other municipality because of any such gift, grant, aid or assistance received and expended by one of them.

C. The Village Department of Public Works shall have primary responsibility for maintaining Glen Park and any infrastructure therein. However, the Village may request that certain work be performed by the Town. In the event Town employees perform work in Glen Park at the request of the Village, the Town shall submit an invoice for such labor, based on the employee(s)' normal hourly rate, to the Village Treasurer, who shall reimburse the Town from the Glen Park Fund. Payment to the Town for services shall be made annually or credited toward the Annual Appropriation.

ARTICLE 2 – Glen Park Joint Board

A. The GPJB, as created pursuant to the Original Agreement, shall be continued in its present form, with nine (9) members serving three year terms, five (5) to be appointed by the Village and four (4) to be appointed by the Town, although the terms of all currently serving members shall hereafter expire on the thirtieth day of June of the year such term is set to expire. Subsequent appointments or reappointments for expiring terms shall be effective on the first day of July of each and every year and the terms of all such appointment or reappointments shall be for three years. In the event that either the Town or Village fails to timely appoint or reappoint any member upon the expiration of any term, the term of such member shall be extended until a successor is appointed or such member is re-appointed. However, any term so extended shall continue to expire on the thirtieth day of June of the year of expiration, notwithstanding the date of appointment or re-appointment.

B. Annually at its first meeting after the first day of July, the GPJB shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary and budget monitor, each of whom shall serve one- year terms. The chairperson shall be responsible for running the meetings of the GPJB. The vice chairperson shall be responsible for running the meetings of the depide.

C. The Village and Town shall each appoint a liaison to the GPJB, who shall regularly attend meetings of the GPJB and shall be responsible for facilitating communication with the Village Board of Trustees and the Town Board, respectively.

D. The GPJB shall make studies, the most important being the Master Plan, and advise the Village and the Town on the development, improvement and maintenance of Glen Park and the Annual Appropriation for the same. The GPJB may initiate its own studies and make recommendations at any time, but the Board shall not commit either the Village or the Town to the expenditure of any funds.

E. In its advisory capacity, the GPJB shall have the following authority and responsibilities:

- Propose an annual budget and 5 year Capital Plan for Glen Park, as provided in Article 1(A)(1) of this Agreement.
- 2. Develop and update a plan for the long-term development, improvement and maintenance of Glen Park ("Master Plan"). The initial adoption of the Master Plan shall be subject to the approval of both the Village Board and the Town Board. In the event either board disapproves of the Master Plan as recommended by the GPJB, both boards, with the advice of the GPJB, shall work in good faith to resolve any disagreement concerning the content of said Master Plan. The GPJB shall submit a copy of the updated Master Plan to the Village Board and Town Board yearly, with the proposed budget. The GPJB shall perform a comprehensive review and rewrite of the Master Plan every 5 years.
- 3. Recruit, coordinate and oversee volunteers and other groups that work in Glen Park, although this role does not include the authority to direct either Village or Town employees, or temporary employees engaged by the Village or Town, with respect to their work within Glen Park. The GPJB may appoint a member as volunteer coordinator.
- 4. Upon request by the Village Board of Trustees and/or the Town Board, the GPJB shall prepare written reports concerning the operation and maintenance of Glen Park.

ARTICLE 3 – Effective Date of this Agreement

This Agreement shall become effective upon the last day of execution thereof by either the Mayor of the Village or the Supervisor of the Town upon authorization from the respective legislative bodies.

ARTICLE 4 – Settlement of Disputes

Should any disputes arise as to the terms of this Agreement, such disputes shall be referred for settlement to the Town Attorney and the Village Attorney. In the event the respective Town and Village officials are not able to resolve the dispute, it shall be referred to the Mayor of the Village and the Supervisor of the Town for settlement.

ARTICLE 5 – Laws Governing

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York. All claims, disputes and other matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any breach thereof, if such are not resolved by the procedure set forth herein, shall be decided by the courts and the laws of the State of New York.

ARTICLE 6 – Amendments

This Agreement may be amended only by written instruments executed by the Mayor of the Village and the Supervisor of the Town upon authorization from the respective legislative bodies.

ARTICLE 7 - Entire Agreement

This Agreement is the entire agreement between the parties hereto and, except as expressly provided herein, supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements either written or oral, including the Original Agreement and the Amended Agreement.

ARTICLE 8 – Invalid Provisions

In the event any covenant, condition or provisions herein contained is held to be invalid, unconstitutional or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of any such covenant, condition or provisions shall in no way effect any other covenant, condition or provision herein contained provided that the invalidity of such covenant, condition or provision does not materially prejudice either the Village or the Town in its respective rights or obligations contained in the valid covenants, conditions or provisions of this agreement and provided that this paragraph does not apply to any of the conditions precedent to this agreement.

ARTICLE 9 – Compliance with Laws

The parties agree to abide by all applicable federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to development, operation and maintenance of public facilities wherein federal or state monies have been provided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed on the ____ day of _____, 2013.

Village of Williamsville

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Mayor

Town of Amherst

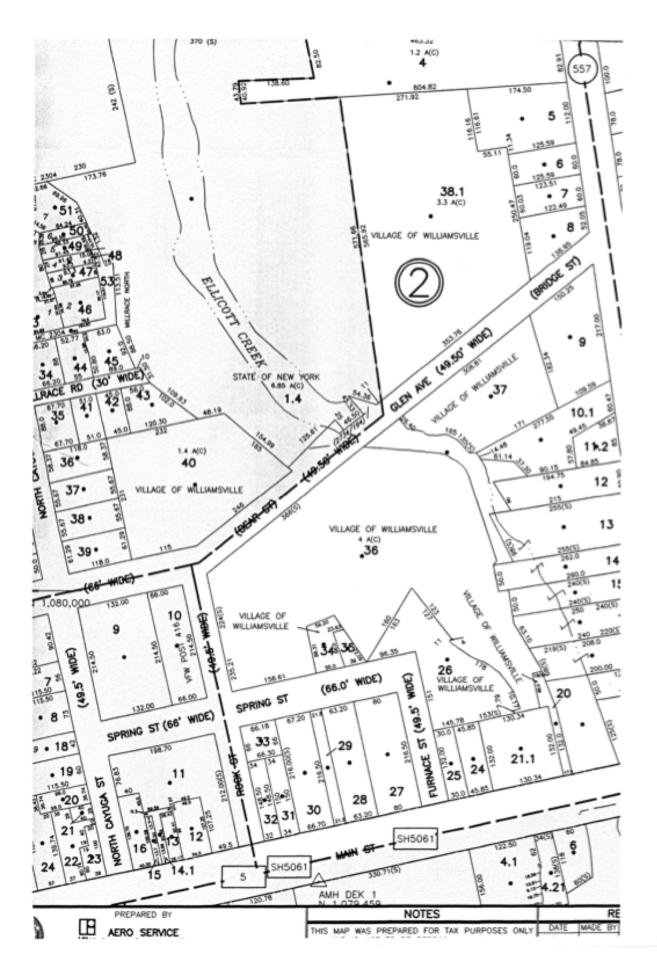
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Supervisor

5. Park Maps







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6. Original Glen Park Agreement

7. All-Park Committee Final Report from 1977