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stock is continuing the build-out of

the Park over the next two years

with an exciting plan designed

by local landscape architect Jack

Rossi. The plan includes necessary

infrastructure such as irrigation and

pathways, amenities such as tables

and benches, as well as innovative

design elements such as an amphi-

theater and slide & rock climb. To

complete all of those improvements,

Sustainable Woodstock will raise

How can people support

The best way to support the Park

is to experience it firsthand: become

familiar with the Park plan, attend

events, volunteer at workdays-and

spread the word. Everyone is also

encouraged to become a Friend of

the Park with a donation to Sustain-

additional funds.

able Woodstock.

the Park?

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# East End Park Is a 'Jewel' in the Making

ne community Park at river's edge in Woodstock's East End is being transformed. What was once considered a "jungle" is gradually becoming a "jewel" of a park. As stubborn winter melts into true spring, the community can experience the Park's ongoing transformation as more plantings and amenities are gradually being added.

#### How did the Park project get started?

In 2009 the East End Action Group of Sustainable Woodstock determined that the best way to spur economic revitalization in the East End was to move the snow dump away from the riverfront. Not only would that prevent further pollution of the Ottauquechee River, but it would also unlock the possibility of creating a community Park. Working with Village Trustees, Sustainable Woodstock has led that effort, enabling Woodstock to build an environmentally friendly snow dump elsewhere, which was used for the first time this winter. Over the last 8 years, Sustainable Woodstock volunteers have created a basic year-round Parkwhich also affords the only public access to the river in the Village.

#### How has the community been involved so far?

Dozens of community volunteers have donated hundreds of hours of labor annually to establish some long-term plantings in the Park's riparian buffer. Along with donated professional help and materials from local companies, Sustainable Woodstock has organized annual cleanup and planting days, battled the invasive plants such as knotweed, and kept the Park area mowed and maintained over the years.

#### What's happening at the Park now?

People have already been enjoying the Park. It is the ideal place to stroll, to romp on the lawn with kids, to sit on the stone wall and eat lunch, or just to take in the stunning view across the river to Billings Farm and the Pomfret hills.

Now that the snow dump is re-

moved, public events are being planned. Launching the 2018 season is "East End Eats", a food truck festival on Saturday, May 12. Sustainable Woodstock is hosting this free event in support of further developing the Park. Next up is the Second Annual Duck Derby on Saturday, July 21. This family event, complete with prizes for first finishers in the duck derby, will raise funds for more Park improvements.

#### What still needs to be done?

Volunteer work continues. A new Edibles Garden is being planned for the eastern end of the Park. At a work day on Sunday, May 6, volunteers will plant blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, and rhubarb. The goals are to provide a ground cover with native plants and to create a local food source.

In addition, Sustainable Wood-

With community support, the East End Park can include:

- Amphitheater
- Pergola
- Slide & rock climb
- Edible gardens
- Apple orchard
- Benches
- Picnic tables
- Walking path
- Bike rack
- River access

Tropical

land

Storm Irene

removes 1/3

acre of park

# **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Sunday, May 6 — Edible Garden Planting, 10:00am — 2:00pm Saturday, May 12 — East End Eats, 12:00noon — 4:00pm Saturday, July 21 — Second Annual Duck Derby, 10:00am — 1:00pm

#### **EDIBLE GARDEN PLANTING DAY**

On Sunday May 6, volunteers will be planting the Edible Garden at the East End Park. Lots of help is needed to plant blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, and rhubarb. If you have plants to share, please let Sustainable Woodstock know. No experience needed for the planting day—all are welcome.

Please contact eastend@ sustainablewoodstock.org if you can bring plants or help on that day. Sunday, May 6 - Edible Garden Planting, 10:00am - 2:00pm

**EAST END EATS** 

Come to EAST END EATS and grab some grub from the area's most delicious food trucks. Sponsored by Sustainable Woodstock, the event is FREE TO THE PUBLIC in support of the developing East End Park. Come enjoy live music, a few games, and some yummy eats. Alcoholic beverages will also be available.

Saturday, May 12 — East End Eats, 12:00noon -4:00pm

#### **SECOND ANNUAL DUCK DERBY**

On Saturday, July 21, Sustainable Woodstock will again launch 500 rubber duckies from

the Elm Street bridge at 10:00am. Come watch them as they make their way to the finish line at the East End Park. Win fabulous prizes donated by Woodstock businesses. Party in the Park is a fun event for the whole family with activities for kids and live entertainment. Bring a picnic lunch. Sustainable Woodstock will be serving

cake! Sponsor a duck for a \$5 donation. Tickets will go on sale in late June. Saturday, July 21 -Second Annual Duck Derby, 10:00am - 1:00pm

#### Celebrate the launch of the 2018 season with a food truck festival-first ever in Woodstock!



The East End Riverfront Park is an ongoing community endeavor—a public-private partnership with Sustainable Woodstock. Your support is needed!

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2018

## 2009

East End

Action

Group

(EEAG)

formed

# 2010

presented to

Trustees and

stakeholders

community

Park plan

# 2011

# 2012

- EEAG promotes relocation of snow dump
- Village removes dilapidated buildings

## 2013

- State Ecosystem Restoration grant for site improvements
- Village approves buying land for new snow dump and pays for design work

## 2014

- \$175,000 grant to build new

snow dump

grant

## 2015

- Second State
  Volunteers continue to clean up site improves site
- EEAG secures Village receives Park and Ride grant

 Village purchases new snow dump site: EEAG raises 50% of

2016

 New snow dump construction completed

funds

 First Annual **Duck Derby** 

2017

- Volunteers added perennial plants
- Winter '17-'18 -
- Eats Second **Annual Duck**

Derby

East End

New snow dump in use



# Follow East End Eats at the Park!

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