

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

Project Name: Jayne Park Improvement Project

Location: Jayne Park, City of Niagara Falls, New York  
Park located on Cayuga Island

Site Address: Jayne Park, Cayuga Island (Area bordering Griffon Avenue)  
Existing playground area

State: New York

Zip Code: 14304

Minor Civil Division: City of Niagara Falls, County of Niagara

County: County of Niagara

Property Proponent Property Interest: The City of Niagara Falls is the sole owner of Jayne Park. This property is legally required to remain public park land, in perpetuity.

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### **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

1. **Purpose:** Niagara Greenway funds would be specially used to construct an authentic free play space mere yards away from the Niagara River, named the "The Little River Big River Playground." Using the current playground foot print, two separate age-centric play areas will be created. The playground's equipment choices and aesthetic will reference water-based activities and facts, with specific references to the Niagara River. The 2-5 year old area will be designated as "Little River," featuring a two bay toddler swing and small child play unit. The "Big River" section will be designed for 5-14 year olds, with a larger climb-centric play unit, and a four bay swing set. Big River will also feature an ADA compliant swing bay and a play area with wheelchair level sensory/musical features to best serve children of all abilities. Facts about the Niagara River will also be imbedded into equipment throughout the playground. All play areas will feature "pour in place" safety surfacing to accommodate all potential fall heights. The current playground features wood chips which creates user, aesthetic and sanitary problems.
2. **Niagara River Greenway Plan Consistency:** Jayne Park is located on Cayuga Island, just yards away from the Niagara River. The island splits the "big river" and "little river." Jayne Park is uniquely positioned to be a public space that is used for both passive and tranquil observance of our city's waterways as well as more active use through jogging, basketball and use of the playground. The proposed project will advance the Niagara River Greenway vision by connecting the public to green space and the Niagara River through accessible free play and physical activity. The Jayne Park Improvement Project also builds on existing investment in Jayne Park and the Niagara Falls City Boat Docks as part of a multi-year strategy to protect the ecological integrity of the our city, especially the sections that directly link to the waterfront. A new Jayne Park playground is consistent with the 2012 City of Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan, built through community based participation. Over the past five years, the City of Niagara Falls has completed 30 park improvements city-wide, using the master plan as a guiding and living document, rooted in public participation. Our ultimate goals are to connect all children to a high quality public space within .25 mile walk and to use park amenities to connect all residents to our world class waterways. This Jayne Park project speaks specifically to these important and ongoing goals.

Jayne Park was recently upgraded with a new pedestrian pathway, water overlooks and a park shelter. These enhancements have increased the park's use, as more and more residents use its facilities as part of a healthier lifestyle in close proximity to natural resources. However, the current playground, at the terminus of the trail (Griffon Avenue) is outdated and in need of an upgrade. Earlier this year, Cayuga Island residents

approached the City of Niagara Falls, advocating for a new playground. The Niagara Falls Community Development Department organized a public meeting in July to get local input, ideas and to create a user profile for the playground. Ultimately, the Jayne Park Improvement Project will celebrate the Niagara Falls waterfront, the Niagara River Greenway Commission's vision through connectivity, improving the public well-being in the process.

If awarded, the City of Niagara Falls Community Development Department will manage the project planning and execution. Kompan Playgrounds is a company authorized under the New York State General Services Contract. Kompan would provide the site layout and rendering for municipal review. The City of Niagara Falls would be happy to include the Niagara River Greenway Commission in that review process. Upon municipal review, NFGD will also ask the public for comment and review. Equipment will be purchased by Kompan, under the New York State General Services Contract. Competitive bids will be requested for installation, per municipal law. Upon City Council approval, actual construction will begin in the 2018 construction season. Once contractors are on site, construction will be completed and closed out within three weeks.

**SOURCES AND USES BUDGET**

3. Niagara River Greenway Commission Request:	\$200,000
City of Niagara Falls Contribution:	\$50,000
Total Project Cost:	\$250,000

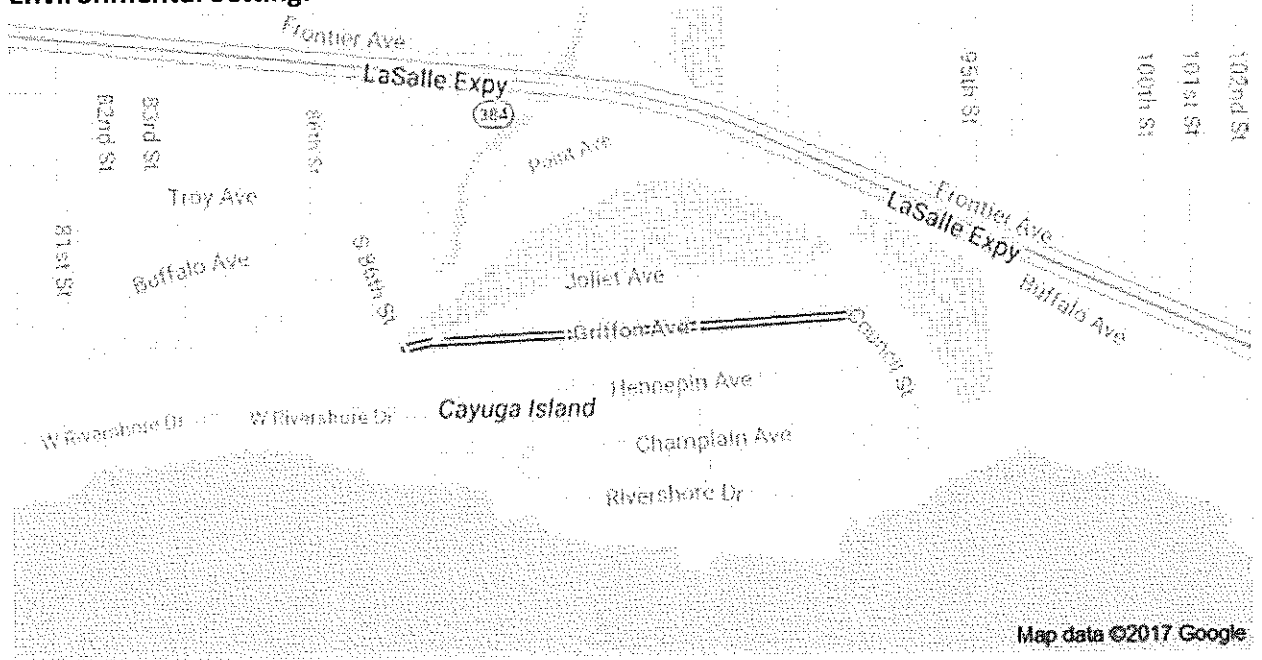
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SOURCE OF FUNDS	
Grant #1 (Niagara River Greenway Commission)	\$200,000
Other Source #1 (City of Niagara Falls - Design/Bid)	\$25,000
Other Source #2 (City of Niagara Falls - Annual Maintenance)	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDING</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
USE OF FUNDS	
Planning	\$25,000
Construction	\$200,000
Acquisition	\$0
Administration	\$0
Operation and Maintenance/Year	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL USE OF FUNDS</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

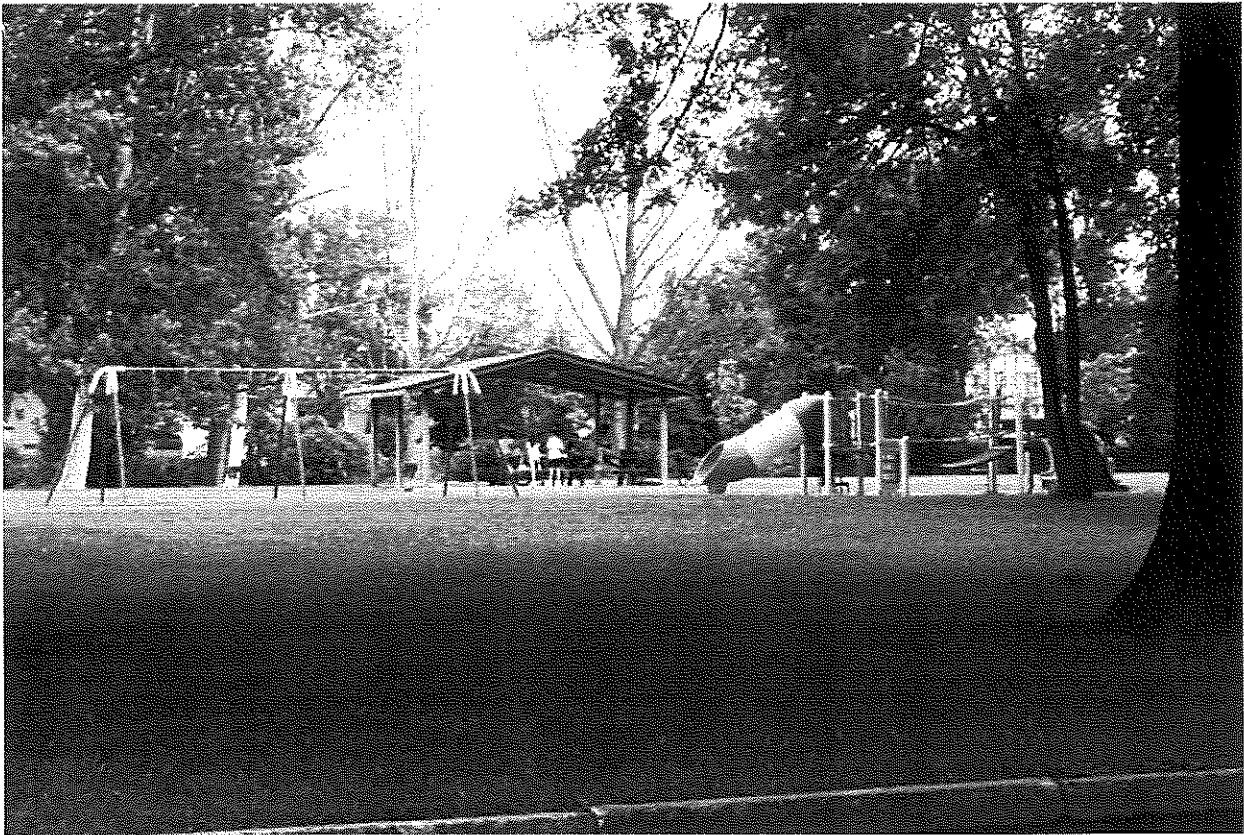
Project Schedule	
Final Design	February-18
Procure Equipment	March-18
Bid Installation	June-18
Installation	June-August 18
Completion	September-18

While the City of Niagara Falls is requesting Niagara River Greenway Commission funds for a majority of this specific project, the City of Niagara Falls sponsored, and applied for other funds, for over \$1 million in public realm improvements at Jayne Park and the Niagara Falls City Boat Docks.

4. **Public Support:** An accessible and enhanced playground at Jayne Park is consistent with the 2012 Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan, specifically created through extensive community workshops and public participation. Further, the Niagara Falls Community Development Department organized a public meeting in July to get local input, ideas and to create a user profile for the playground. The current push for this project has started with, and is sustained by local residents on Cayuga Island. The Niagara Falls City Council are voting to support this application, by resolution, on January 17, 2018.

5. **Environmental Setting:**





The City of Niagara Falls is the sole owner of Jayne Park and the project site. Kompan Playgrounds is currently creating full schematic drawings and renderings. This property has always been public park land. The City of Niagara Falls Planning Department conducted an environmental assessment as part of the Jayne Park waterfront trail project. As this project will exist within the current playground footprint, it will have no impact on any wetland or natural habitat. The relevant section of the 2012 Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan are included with this submission.

**Park Type:** Large Park  
**Size:** 20.7 Acres  
**Location Description:** Residential Neighborhood of Cayuga Island

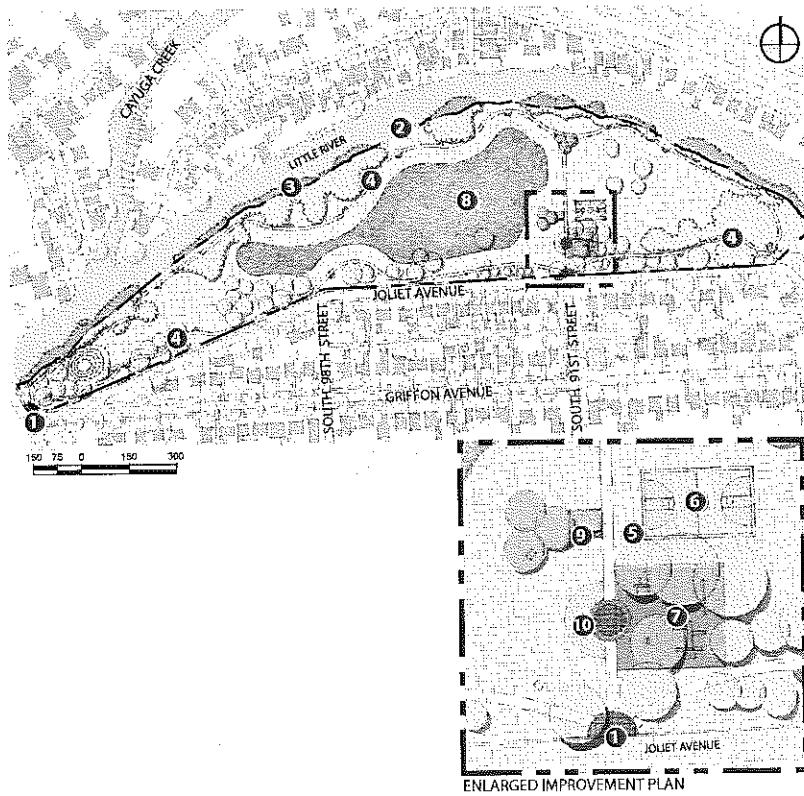
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## Park Description

Jayne Park is located on the Little River Channel of the Niagara River, at the confluence of the River and Cayuga Creek. The park includes open green space, a sledding hill at western end of the park, active recreation areas towards the east and a large vegetated area at the far eastern end. A memorial garden located in the center of the park contains a flagpole and planter.

## Park Master Plan



- 1 Add park identification
- 2 Selectively clear views to water
- 3 Manage invasive species
- 4 Add pedestrian circulation path with fitness circuit
- 5 Add trash receptacles
- 6 Resurface basketball court
- 7 Replace playground
- 8 Naturalize former baseball field with wildflower meadow
- 9 Modernize comfort station
- 10 Small plaza with seating and ornamental plantings

## Proposed Capital Improvements

Proposed improvements at Jayne Park include managing invasive species, selectively clearing views to the water, and adding a pedestrian circulation path with fitness circuit through the park. Improvements to existing park amenities include resurfacing of the basketball court, replacement of the existing playground, and restoration of the comfort station. In an effort to reduce maintenance costs and increase biodiversity, it is recommended that the former baseball fields are naturalized with a wildflower meadow, including educational signage.

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## Implementation Strategy

The individual City in a Park Plan master plans incorporate a two-tiered approach to implementation, first prioritizing the parks within the overall system and then prioritizing the recommended improvements within each park.

This park is categorized as a 'Short-Term Investment Park.' It is expected that parks in this category provide opportunities that would result in improved recreational opportunities in the short term (0-4 years). Parks in this category may contain amenities that are in disrepair and/or are highly utilized. Additionally, funding sources have typically already been identified to assist in the implementation of many of the recommended improvements.

Park Improvement	Priority	Estimated Cost
1 Add park identification	SHORT TERM	\$10,000
2 Selectively clear views to water	SHORT TERM	\$2,686
3 Manage invasive species	ONGOING	--
4 Add pedestrian circulation path with fitness circuit	SHORT TERM	\$212,000
5 Add trash receptacles	SHORT TERM	\$2,800
6 Resurface basketball court	SHORT TERM	\$24,400
7 Replace playground	SHORT TERM	\$199,750
8 Naturalize former baseball field with wildflower meadow	SHORT TERM	\$144,500
9 Modernize comfort station	LONG TERM	\$60,000
10 Small plaza with seating and ornamental plantings	LONG TERM	\$52,500
<b>Total Cost:</b>		<b>\$708,636</b>

**SHORT TERM:** Improvements that should take place in the next 4 years. These improvements are a high priority because they will achieve one or all of the following: increased safety, reduces maintenance costs, fulfill a community need, or funding is available.

**MID TERM:** Improvements that should take place in the next 5-8 years. These improvements are a lower priority because of one or all of the following: improvement is dependent on short-term improvements, they require significant investment, or funding sources have not been identified.

**LONG TERM:** Improvements that are not likely to take place until 8 or more years from now. These improvements typically have high costs associated with them or are dependent on future development or community need.