

Stafford Township Forecastle Basin / Lake – Accessibility & Passive Park



Proposal by the Township of Stafford

Agenda



Accessibility

The quality of being easily reached, entered, or used by people



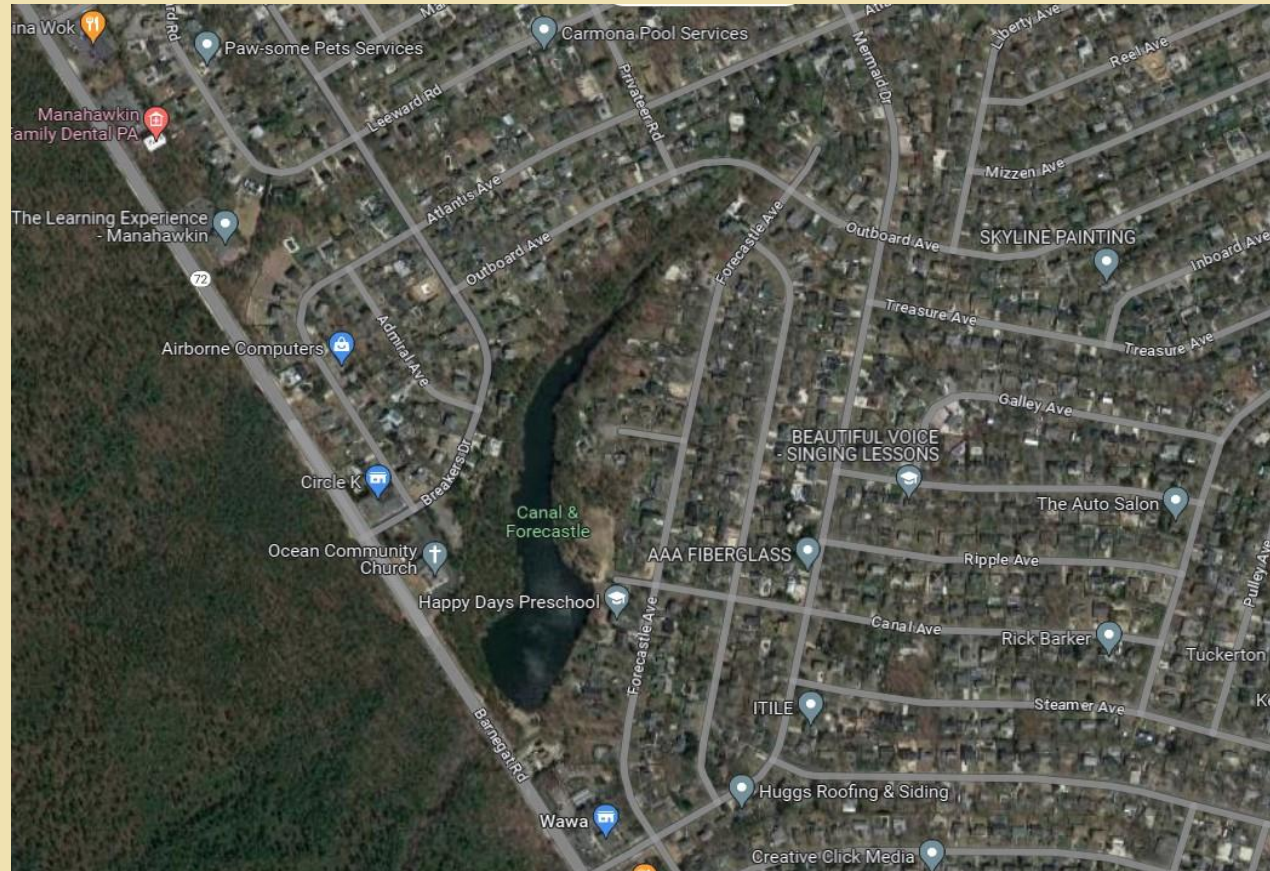
One in which good health and well-being flourish across geographic, demographic, and social sectors; fostering healthy equitable communities guides public and private decision making; and everyone has the opportunity to make choices that lead to healthy lifestyles.



Scenic

Providing or relating to views of impressive or beautiful natural scenery

Where is Forecastle Basin/Park?



What does the pathway
look like now? – Canal &
Forecastle



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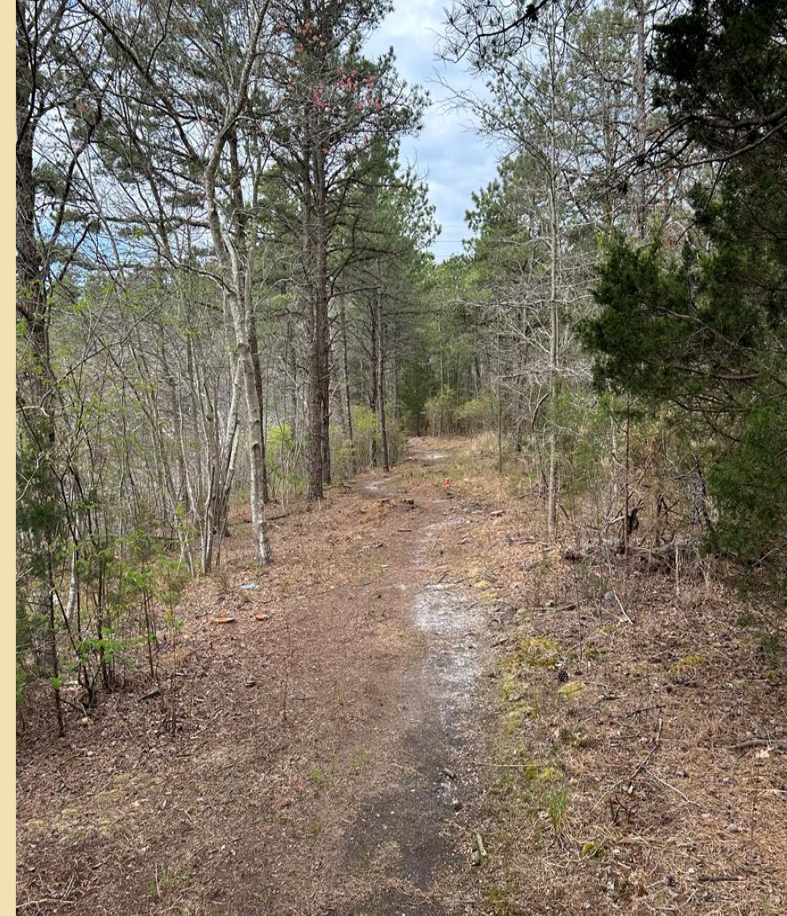
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Why create a passive park in Stafford Township?

1. Create an all inclusive passive recreation park for the community;
 2. Promoting Community Wellness;
 3. Providing Connection Space;
 4. Encouraging Activity in ALL Kids & Adults;
 5. Conserving Wild Areas to show scenic views to the community;
 6. Creating Safe Gathering Places;
 7. Including Everyone in Play;
 8. Safety; and
 9. Improved Property Values.
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What is Stafford Township proposing to do?

- Improve approximately 2,600 LF of the existing trails around Forecastle Basin/Lake to provide a better experience for the residents and visitors to enjoy the scenic nature of this area as well as provide a location for easier access to fishing.
 - Improve the trail to provide wheelchair accessibility by compacting the existing soil and installing a six (6) foot wide paved surface to allow for safe and traversable pathways.
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Why a paved surface?

- 1. All inclusive passive park for the community to enjoy the area;*
- 2. Allowing access to a passive area and to enjoy nature and the scenery around us.*



Difference between stone and asphalt?

Type of Walking Surface	Stormwater Runoff (Per Foot Basis – 10 year Storm Event)
Compacted Stone Trail	1.31 Cubic Feet per foot of trail
Asphalt Trail	2.18 Cubic Feet per foot of trail

- The soils are a type A soil and are very permeable.
- Runoff will easily perc into the surrounding soils without impacting the lake.
- The proposed paved asphalt surface will be pitched so the runoff will discharge away from the lake.



What could it look like?





Why do this?

- Community
- Nature
- Safety




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What is in place to do this project?

Funds:

- \$100,000 – Capital Funds
 - \$140,000 – Available in Tree Funds
 - Backing & Staff:
 - The Mayor, Township Council, Township staff and professionals committed to the project
 - The staff to maintain the passive park, including trash and recycling pickup
 - Proposed Reforestation - 15,600 SF of path with a reforestation of the park with the 35,000 SF) of tree plantings
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Examples of making the community more inclusive in the Township



- Manahawkin Lake Park
- Fully ADA Playground
- Poured in Place Rubber Surface
- Opened in 2022



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What do we need to make this
happen?





Thank you!