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Improve the Library's Backyard



Project Location:
148 Main Street

Project Type:
Public Improvement

Project Sponsor:
Greenwich Free Library

Property Ownership:
Greenwich Free Library

Funding Estimate:
\$361,000
Total Project Cost
\$361,000
Total NYF Funds Requested
0%
Sponsor Match %

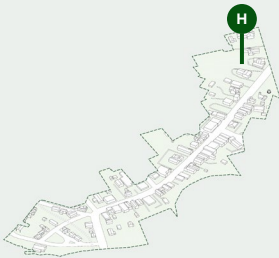
Project Overview:

The Greenwich Free Library will transform its backyard into a vibrant, multi-use outdoor space for library programs and public use. Located between the Municipal Complex and Mowry Park, the area will feature a covered stage, expanded seating, and landscaped zones with native plants. Improvements include pedestrian pathways connecting the library to Bleecker Street and nearby municipal properties, plus a redesigned parking lot for better access. The space will host weekly events, author talks, and arts programming, while remaining open for informal public use—fostering community connection, cultural enrichment, and a welcoming environment in the heart of downtown Greenwich.



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Existing Site Conditions

Greenwich Free Library's underused .75-acre parcel includes a small parking lot, remnants of a carriage house, and a narrow grass strip. In 2024, the library welcomed 45,000 visitors and hosted 1,170 programs. Redeveloping the outdoor space will expand public access and enhance its role as a community hub.

Capacity & Partners

Greenwich Free Library has successfully secured and managed NYS construction grants, including \$237,854 for main floor renovation, \$15,085 for signage and alarms, and \$128,978 for Community Room improvements between 2019 and 2025.

Alignment with Vision & Goals

This project enhances public space for arts, culture, and relaxation. It expands the library's outdoor programming, improves pedestrian access, and connects to parks. Popular events like music, theater, and art will grow, enriching community life and increasing the library's impact.

Readiness & Timeframe

LaBella Associates provided concept drawings based on site visits and discussions with designers, landscape architects, and Greenwich Free Library's Board of Trustees.

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Medium

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Above: Proposed site plan



Above: Current site