Ideas for the Mill River Greenway Entrance

Presentations by the
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Pavilion/cooking space
during the big celebration.
Pump track/bike tricks and statue
Bike Park 40 x 40
Cooking space 17.5 ft+ long
Pavilion 20 ft+ long

Sink (911)

Oven and microwave

Refrigerator
Logan's Mill River Greenway Plan

The Bike Park
Have you looked for a bike trick track near you forever? Worry no longer! In my plan for the greenway there will be berms, jumps, and bumps. An exiting park for skilled riders. Usable by scooter, bike, rollerskate, rollerblade, and skateboard!

The Pavilion
When you are tired (or energetic) there will be a pavilion and cooking space to rest or have fun! At the cooking space there will be a microwave (it depends), a fridge and freezer combo, and a grill. The cooking space will be an extension of the pavilion made of wood. The pavilion has enough seats to fit a few families and access to the cooking space.

The Statue
There will be a statue of Helen E. James to honor him/her and his school that is being destroyed. It will be made of Goshen stone or the bricks of the school.
Imagine that you just ran eight miles along the mill river greenway trail. The sun is beating down on your back, and your shirt is sweaty. You finally reach the end! Ready to flop down on the nearest picnic table, you spot a little pond. Relieved, you dip your feet in and relax in the shade.

I think there should be a pond on the east side of the starting area. The pond should somewhat under the shade of a tree, the rest in the sun. If water was moving through it wouldn’t attract mosquito larva. I think a pond would be a great place to have a picnic or relax next to after a long bike ride.
Imagine you just walked from Haydenville to Williamsburg along the Mill River Greenway. When you are done, you jog over to the General Store to buy yourself some ice cream, but it’s soooooooooooooooooooooo hot that the ice cream will melt! But then, you quickly jog back over to the Mill River Greenway Williamsburg Entrance, and sit down at a nice maple-wood picnic table under a nice, shady tree by a beautiful frog pond, with a small little brook leading to another brook, so it has constantly fresh water.

When your done with your ice cream, you decide you want to go fishing at Upper Highland Lake at the D.A.R. State Forest. You go there and see all of these schools of minnows. Then you realize the lack of minnows at the pond at the Mill River Greenway Williamsburg Entrance, so you decide to bring some back. You release them into their new habitat, then you go home.

1 year later…
You return about a year later, and you find school after school of minnows. Your glad about what you’ve done. You decide you want to test out what you’ve done, so you catch some minnows, and head toward the D.A.R..

When your leaving, you notice the statue of Helen E. James, the namesake of the Helen E. James School, which was demolished years ago. You stand and take photos of the statue, which is completely made of Goshen Stone. You smile, and then you walk off to go fishing.
Hobbes
O’Sullivan
There is a game called gaga ball. At the start of the game, someone throws the ball on the ground and says ga-ga-ball, when the ball is hitting the ground.

In my design there is a gaga ball pit in the middle of the south side street. Gaga ball is a great thing to put in a park because a lot of people know how to play the game, it’s really fun and it is a great way to get energy out. I also think there should be a water fountain somewhere.
Imagine you just got ice cream and all the benches are full. All you have to do is walk over to the Mill river greenway park, where there are benches shaded by lots of new trees. But, there are no colorful plants anywhere! Your ice cream is dripping and very sweet. You wish you had fresh berries or fruit to take away some of the sweetness. But, imagine there are wild berry bushes and fruit trees scattered all over the park! The grass is really green and the trees are flourishing because of a pond with small fishes and green frogs. Your ice cream cools you down, but you are now covered in sticky ice cream. You walk to the frog pond and wade in to clean yourself off. Children watching a frog and skipping small stones they found in the sand. Now go back to that park without fruit trees and take away the frog pond. Everything is dry and dull, but that’s not how the Mill River Greenway park should be. But now go back to that lush and pretty park. Much better. That’s what I think the Mill River Greenway park should be.
Imagine a hot summer day and you need a walk. You and your dog ponder where to walk. Then it hits you! The new mill river greenway trail! You start at the brass works and two miles later, you're at the park! You and your dog are parched. You get a drink at the water fountain at the route 9 entrance. You lead your dog over to the shiny metal bowls at the trough that will fill the water on command. Your dog starts to sniff, so you know that you need a poop bag. After you have disposed of the poo, you walk over to the south street entrance to pluck a sweet snack from the fruit trees and the berry bushes. Then you sit on a hand carved bench under a large shady maple tree and enjoy your treat. You can see all the little kids happily wading in the 12x12 frog & minnow pond in front of you. Other little kids play on the slide in the shade. You move to sit at one of the picnic tables made of oak wood. You crack open your sandwich box and you take a satisfying bite. Your dog begs for some of your sandwich. You give her a raspberry instead. Now it is time to go. You walk back home and you and your dog can't wait to go back tomorrow. Thank you for considering my ideas!

By Talia
I think it would be a good idea to have a stream or a pond in the park. The reason why I think this is because the mill river wouldn’t be near to the park and if there was no water in the park it would feel dry with no moisture in the air. It would be nice to sit on a picnic table under a tree eating ice cream sure you would feel cool eating your ice cream after your bike on the green way. But when you look out and see the sun beaming down on the dry grass with no water in the vicinity it would feel hot and dry. The tree’s leaves are dry with no water in the area. But then add the pond or stream to that image and think about staring into the pond, seeing a frog watching you suspiciously. When you move to take a lick of your ice cream he speeds off into the murky depths of the pond. The rippling on the surface when a little fish comes up to eat a stonefly. Dipping your hands or feet into the water of the 20 by 20 foot pond. The lush green leaves of the tree offer more shade then the dry tree. Now go back to the dry hot scene is that really how this park would be without a stream or a pond?
Imagine yourself sitting under an apple tree reading a book or listening to music. You then realize that a 20 by 20 foot pond with frogs and fish of plenty is sitting right near you. You look in the water and a big bullfrog stares back then vanishes as the murky water covers up the evidence of it even exiting. You then look up and a bright red apple shines toward you. A boy grabs it and waves at you. On your face comes a grin and you wave back as he smiles and walks away. As a family of four with a picnic basket walks by, your stomach grumbles softly but like thunder as you go get ice cream from the williamsburg general store. As you come back with cookie dough ice cream in your hand you see dogs and kids have entered the park a statue of Helen E. James made of goshen stone is admired by a man walking by. After that you hear skateboards, scooters, bikes, and roller blades flying on the pavement. With the blink of an eye a dog chugs water from the nearby dog water bowls and its owner taking a sip there self. The sun is shining, the birds are chirping and flowers are blooming. Pear and peach trees of plenty are lending lots of shade for picnic tables to have no burning people to sit on. It's a beautiful day and you're happy you came to the Williamsburg greenway entrance.
Imagine you just got ice cream, but it’s a hot summer day and your ice cream is melting. All the tables at the store are being used and you need a place to sit in the shade. All you have to do is walk across the road to the park with shaded benches, and when you are done with your ice cream you can wade into the frog pond which will cool you off even more. I think there should be many trees, fruit and others such as majestic oaks or sweet Maples. Maybe four or five fruit trees on one side of the park and on the other side a cluster of other trees. Also I think there should be picnic tables, some of them in the shade, some out of it and some half in and half out. I think there should be a frog pond too, it should be partially shaded and partially in the sun. There should be frogs and fish in the pond as well. But even in the winter this park will be great to visit. There will be a small ice skating rink just like they used to have behind the Helen E. James school. Then in every season you will be happy to visit the Mill River Greenway Park. Thank you for considering my ideas.
Morgan Culver
Imagine that you are at the
entrec of the Greenway and
you see the March Hare and
the Mad Hatter at a table.
Why I wanted you to imagine
that because I would love you
to make Alice in Wonderland
Stitch's, and fairy lights to
light the path up, and it's fun
for everyone. So please make my
idea come true.
Olivia Lockwood
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Imagine you were walking from Haydenville on the Greenway Path and you have finally arrived at the Greenway park and you are out of breath!! Then you realize that the Greenway park has benches!! They are hand-carved, wooden benches. You could set in the shade or sun. I know that my dog would love that!!!

Kids, parents, grandparents, and dogs could enjoy a very comfortable bench. You could read, eat, drink, play, and more with the benches. I bet a good donut would be delicious on these benches. This wonderful idea should definitely have a home in the Greenway park! Please consider my idea.
Imagine you're walking your dog and looking for a dog park. As you're walking through town your dog starts pulling on his leash and wagging his tail. Then you notice that the dog is looking at a fenced-in area where other dogs are playing, you walk over and noticed comfortable benches next to the gate so that you can sit down while your dogs are playing. I think you should consider my idea, thank you for reading.
Imagine that one day you're running and you really need to go to the bathroom. But you can't find one because the bathroom at the Williamsburg General stores is closed. Then you see a porta potty that is top quality and it smells like donuts. After you're done in the bathroom you really are hungry so you go to the benches. It is not that far away. Then you remember the smell in the bathroom. Donuts. You want donuts. Luckily there's a donut stand not far away. Do you buy a donut? It is only 1.99. After you go sit at the benches and eat your delicious donuts. Please everyone would like this. It would be located. It at the corner of South Street and Main Street and It is 5 feet down from the corner. Thank you for considering my idea.
Honor Zigmand
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What it would look like

What it would look like if we didn't have trash cans.

There would be trash in your car!
Trash can

You're sitting down on a hand-built wooden bench eating your ice cream. You're sitting in the sun and your ice cream starts to melt! You feel the cold wet sticky ice cream run down your hand. You rush over to a nearby water fountain and wash your hands off with cold refreshing water. You then get a napkin and dry your hands off. But where will you put your napkin? You don't want to litter or put it in your pocket, or car. That's why we need trash cans. You can easily throw away your trash in a 2x2 trash can that has a lid so trash doesn't fly away. The public works Department workers could take out the trash twice a week. Thank you for taking my idea and maybe adding it to the park.
Micah Marino
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Imagine you just got a new BMX bike for your birthday. Since you are already very good at doing jumps on a bike you want something challenging to bike. Unfortunately there is nowhere to bike where there are jumps. Then you see that the new Mill River Greenway has just what you need… a pump track!!! Just the right place to practice your jumps. There are even half pipes and other stuff too!!! Now you can go to the Mill River Greenway to practice your jumps. It is located right in front of the Helen E. James School. It is just a minute away from your house. Thank you for taking my idea into consideration.
Judah Jensen
Imagine it's a cold winter day. You're cold and craving a warm salty pretzel and to not have a pretzel stand anywhere close. I want to add a pretzel stand that has a lot of different pretzel options like at the mall pretzel maker. Anyway there should be flavors like normal pretzel bites with nacho cheese dipping sauce or cinnamon sugar pretzels with frosting dipping sauce. A different idea for a pretzel flavor would be chocolate covered pretzels. Also you can get all different sizes of pretzels! Like large pretzels, pretzel bites, hotdog pretzel bites. And also this pretzel stand does not only sell pretzels it also sells lemonade! All different flavors lemonade, limeade, and pink lemonade. Have I changed your minds yet? If not this is only the beginning.
Colton Shadrick
Imagine you are incredibly tired after a very long evening of walking from Northampton center. You decide to sit down on the closet bench you can find. Close to the middle of the park there is a wonderful fountain where the old fountain once stood. The bench you sit on is very comfortable and you can finally relax after your incredibly long walk. You see the shining paved parking lot of cars, you focus on empty areas that will let people feel safe leaving their car in the open. You decide to turn to see the dog area. You see a bunch of wooden picnic tables that smell of fresh oak. They overlook the fountain you sit by. You notice trash cans positioned next to every bench and table! The mill river green way is a place where you can relax, dogs can play, and you're completely safe. Thank you for considering this interesting idea!