

2008 LWCF Grant Application
Common Playground Project Summary
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City of Gardiner, Maine



Old playground removed in April of '08.

The City of Gardiner is seeking LWCF grant funding to build a new playground for it's Common Park. The playground will be located within the same 6(f) boundary area. The playground will be smaller than the one that was just removed and slightly further from the water fountain area, and target the 5-12 year old age group. **Total estimated cost for the project is \$50,000.** The City has already designated its local match of \$25,000, as authorized in the City's FY '09 municipal budget. The City will seek bid proposals for the equipment in the Winter of '08/'09 and plan for a Spring '09 installation. The City's public works department will conduct the installation, including preparing the base, with some technical assistance provided by the manufacturer. The total approximate square area for the project is 3,000 square feet, which includes other playground equipment (such as swing sets, pre-school play equipment, etc.) and appropriate clear (safety) zones.

The City's Master Plan for the Common contains the following guidelines, for moving forward with a playground desing.

Playground (Guidelines)

- ◆ Replace the playground on the Common; the playground's design must be sensitive to its context (the historic Common); size, height, materials, color and location (specifically related to the fountain) must all fit with the historic character of the park.
- ◆ The new playground should be relocated slightly south of the existing playground site, so that it is separated from the Palmer Fountain (*see Illustrated Plan*).
- ◆ The replacement playground should be smaller than the old unit, with a smaller overall site footprint, and the height of structures limited (similar to the old unit).
- ◆ The replacement playground should be vinyl-coated metal or wood (not chemical treated) with no (or minimal) plastic components, and should be restricted to natural or neutral colors, such as dark green or brown/ tan.
- ◆ The replacement playground should not have enclosed slides/tubes.



Sample of playground design to be built in Gardiner.