

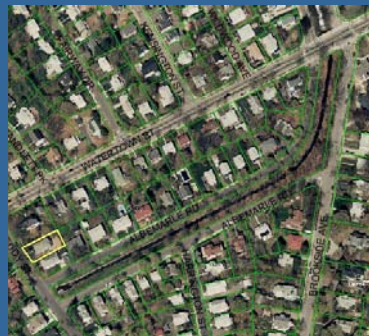
Cheesecake Brook Greenway Improvements

Presented to the
Community Preservation
Committee

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Cheesecake Brook Greenway: General Information

- Cheesecake Brook runs from south of the Turnpike until it flows into the Charles River near Watertown.
- The brook is under the jurisdiction of DPW.
- The 1.7-acre portion of the brook dubbed the Greenway runs from Eddy Street to Watertown Street.



Cheesecake Brook Greenway: Current Conditions



- The Watertown Street end of the brook is steeply sloped and heavily wooded, while the Eddy Street end is an open, gently sloped grassy area.



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- The Greenway portion of the brook is surrounded by an unattractive chain link fence.

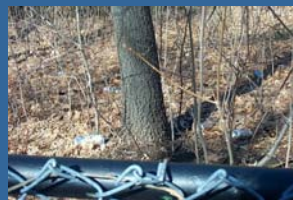


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Cheesecake Brook Greenway: Development of Project

- July 2004—Greenway identified as priority neighborhood improvement project
- January 2005—Full amount of CDBG funding allocated to Greenway project



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- October 2005—Weston & Sampson hired to develop concept plan for Greenway.



- February-May 2006—Public meetings held to gather feedback on concept plan.

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- May 2006—Concept plan approved, including Phase 1 CDBG-funded package
- Fall 2006—Weston & Sampson contract amended to include construction documents and bid package

Cheesecake Brook Greenway: Project Goals

- Create neighborhood asset to be used for passive recreation and special activities and events at amphitheater/classroom area
- Install pathways, new fencing, new landscaping
- Install seating areas and lighting
- Clear and prune overgrown areas to eliminate non-native species
- Create link to open space areas north of Greenway
- Provide wildlife habitat

Cheesecake Brook Greenway: New Site Amenities



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Cheesecake Brook CDBG-Funded Improvements

- Site work (erosion control, demolition, lawn work, tree removal, clearing and pruning)
- Pathways
- Amphitheater/outdoor classroom
- Fencing and gates
- Site amenities (benches, trash receptacles, trees and shrubs)

Cheesecake Brook CPA-Funded Improvements Request

- Pathways
- Fencing
- Footbridge
- Lighting
- Additional site work
- Site amenities

Cheesecake Brook Budget

- Total Greenway project cost (including design fees): \$578,673
- CDBG-funded design & improvements costs: \$185,000
- CPA funding request: \$393,673

Cheesecake Brook Greenway Photos



Aerial view of Cheesecake Brook Greenway



Cheesecake Brook Greenway looking east from Eddy Street

Cheesecake Brook Greenway Photos



South slope of Cheesecake Brook Greenway near Eddy Street



Eddy Street end of Cheesecake Brook Greenway

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Cheesecake Brook Greenway looking west from Watertown Street



South slope of Cheesecake Brook Greenway near Watertown Street