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French River Park Grant Application Submitted

On February 12, Webster's Office of Community Development "pushed the button" to submit a grant application to the state for funding for French River Park, a 1.66 acre parcel in downtown Webster. The application is priced at about \$290,000. While it is possible that the park could be completed in 2010, everything would have to happen optimally, so 2011 is a more realistic schedule.

We have many people to thank for having gotten to this point, so at the risk of leaving someone out, here goes:



- Alan Dabrowski who advocated for the park early and often
- Carol Cyr of OCD who has long been a dedicated supporter of this project
- Nancy Healy who leased us the land
- Joe Waskiewicz who provided early funding and a sense that business approved the idea
- Paula Stahl of the Green Valley Institute whose early design work is reflected in the current plan
- The Webster Redevelopment Authority who is funding the engineering with a donation to the French River Connection
- Town Administrator John McAuliffe who has supported the project enthusiastically
- Peter Sanborn of Community Opportunities Group who asked pointed questions and wrote a wonderful proposal
- John Monroe of the National Park Service and all the members of the French River Greenway Steering Committee for their ideas and support
- Margaret Bacon, Mike Yerka, and Stanley Duzslak for their surveying work
- Scott Charpentier and the staff at Lenard Engineering for pulling all the drawings and permits together on a tight schedule
- All those French River Connection members and supporters who cleared knotweed, attended the public hearing, and in many other ways showed that this is a community-inspired project worthy of funding.

Watch for our next newsletter March 1

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