Stark Street Pop-Up Park | June 2018

BENNINGTON, VT
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MARCH 13, 2019
Stark Street Playground - Underused

6.5 acres town-owned land
Strategic Connector

Mount Anthony

Downtown Bennington
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- Basketball court
- Dormant playhouse building
- Access to trails

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https://starkstreetpark.weebly.com/
Pop-Up Park Goals

(1) Proof of Concept
- Accessibility
- Neighbors
- Community Support

(2) Input for Decision-Making:
- Dot voting activity

(3) Progress Before Event
- Dog poop control
- Bike racks
- Trail expansion
- Bike/Ped lanes
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Two days
175 + attendees
Outreach Results

Proof of Concept: Accessibility, Neighbors, Use
Not pictured:
Nature trail walk, Hike in woods, Shaded areas, Picnic tables,
Pallet benches and tables, Whiffle ball game, Play Cubes
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Input for Decision-Making:
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Progress Before Event:
Lessons Learned

Recommend:
• Broad partnerships – say yes
• Take advantage of prep
• Provide opportunity to volunteer/donate
• Share responsibilities
• Have schedule of special activities
• Get local leaders to attend (at least)
• Truly use to test ideas

Lessons for us:
• Focus on supporters – Balance
• Plan for info sharing after event
• Keep up momentum afterwards
• Make problems into solutions
Proposed Projects

- Pump Track
- Restrooms
- Nature Playground
- Walking Loop
- Green Infrastructure
Questions?

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