WILSON, NY

War of 1812 Heritage Garden

MY IDEA FOR CHANGE

This project seeks to develop a War of 1812 Commemorative Heritage Garden for the Town of Wilson in Krueger Park. The goal of this project is to support the development of Krueger Park as a multi-use town amenity. This project has two objectives. The first objective is to create a space for Town and Village residents as well as visitors to learn about the experience of the early settlers of Wilson during the War of 1812. The second objective is to situate the Town and Village of Wilson as well as its heritage within a larger network of Peace Gardens that seeks to advance global cooperation. This project has the potential to encourage healthy activities such as gardening, meditation, and relaxation. In addition, an aim of the project is to increase the use and awareness of the Wilson Historical Society. The project will be implemented in three phases.

Phase 1 - Create a gateway into Krueger Park that establishes the narrative of Luther Wilson’s role in the War of 1812 and install an accessible walking path with mile markers.
Phase 2 - Develop additional walking paths and the middle portion of the site.
Phase 3 - Finalize the installation of site gardens as well as install a walking path leading to an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible restroom facilities.

WHERE THE CHANGE WILL HAPPEN

The Village of Wilson was incorporated in 1858 and named for one of its earliest prominent citizens, Reuben Wilson. It is located on the shores of Lake Ontario in Niagara County, New York. The Village is situated along the historic Buffalo-Niagara Heritage Trail and has a number of historically significant attractions.

Planning a Change

ACCTIONS TO MOVE IT FORWARD

Form a committee
Finalize designs and budget
Complete application for the Peace Garden designation
Fundraising

RESOURCES NEEDED TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Design Assistance, Donations, Funding, Partnerships

FUNDING RANGE

Phase 1: $40,000 - $50,000
Phase 2: $90,000 - $100,000
Phase 3: $80,000 - $90,000

STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

I want to help Wilson rediscover its sense of place in the past as well as the present. I also want to transform an unused park into a jewel that the community uses for recreation, education, tourism, gardening, healthy living, and relaxation.

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