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Ulster County Legislature Approves Design of Cornell Street Park

(Kingston, NY) – At its December 17, 2024 Session the Ulster County Legislature approved two Resolutions that will begin the process of establishing a park in Midtown Kingston along the Linear Trail between Cornell and Downs Streets. Included in the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program approved by the Legislature on December 10, 2024, the Resolutions adopted on December 17, 2024 include framing the scope of the Capital Project and contracting with Port Architecture Urbanism LLC in the amount of \$131,618 for the design and engineering of the half-acre parcel. Funding for this project is supported by a \$1 million grant through Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

The Midtown Linear Park serves as a vital recreation and intermodal transportation corridor for Uptown residents to access Broadway and for Midtown residents to go shopping at the Kingston Plaza and access bus transportation. Cornell Park will utilize the wider area between Cornell and Downs Streets that once served as the railyard for the Ulster & Delaware Railroad to include play equipment and indigenous landscaping, and will consider, following public input and usable space, elements such as fitness stations, visual art, outdoor learning space and shade trees. Public engagement per the contract will include no fewer than six public meetings and an online survey.

“The creation of a public park in Midtown Kingston will allow more of our neighbors to enjoy an open space right in their neighborhood where they can teach their kids to ride a bike, stay active or simply have a place to sit after carrying groceries from the Plaza. I look forward to public input on this project and seeing the design for the space come to fruition,” said **Legislator Greg McCollough (District 6, City of Kingston)**.

“In addition to providing tremendous health and social benefits, parks and open spaces are a significant driver of economic development for our community. Those biking or walking down the Linear Trail from Kingston Plaza can easily navigate to Broadway to enjoy a diverse selection of restaurants, shop at new stores or catch a show at UPAC. Adding a formal park will only further encourage use of the Linear Trail and we look forward to the benefits it will bring Midtown Kingston,” said **Legislator Megan Sperry (District 17, New Paltz & Esopus), Chair of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee**.

The design phase of the project is anticipated to be completed in fall 2025, with the park expected to be completed in Fall 2026.

Full text of Resolution No. 633 can be found [here](#).

Full text of Resolution No. 634 can be found [here](#).

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