



ORDINANCE NO. 2123-21

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL AND SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT (OSLAD) WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT WOODLAND PARK

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois, that the Mayor and Chief Operating Officer be, and the same are, hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF Natural Resources (IDNR), in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and, by this reference, made a part hereof. The said agreement is to approve submittal of a grant application for a matching grant totaling \$85,400.00 for the replacement of playground equipment for public outdoor recreational purposes, specifically at Woodland Park.

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Village Board of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois on September 27, 2021:

AYES: Kaiser, Bayer, Riess, David, McCarthy, Ryckles

NAYS: 0

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0

APPROVED: 
Dominick DiMaggio, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Donna Lobaito, Village Clerk

ADOPTED: September 27, 2021

APPROVED: September 28, 2021

OSLAD Narrative

Woodland Park was one of the original parks constructed in Hawthorn Woods. Its establishment was funded through IDNR the Land and Water Conservation Fund. That was in 1980. In 2002 we upgraded the playground from a wood structure to its current layout. It is now 20 years old and primed for new updates. This project seeks to replace the older unit with new, more accessible, and safer play pieces for K-12 populations. This includes an ADA swing apparatus, ADA playground pieces, safety edging, and ADA compliant safety surfacing. There is existing 0.4 mi. ADA accessible limestone trail that leads from Juel Ct. to an ADA accessible bridge and our playground entrances.

Hawthorn Woods will be using funding sources derived both from our General Fund and our Capital Improvement Project funds. The village board will have authorized both the application for this grant award and upon award will authorize the expenditures outlined in our FY2022 budget. Selection of playground components and their ordering would occur March of 2022 with delivery in May of 2022. Starting that spring, the Village of Hawthorn Woods plans on removing the existing play features for future donation and repurposing. Installation of the equipment would occur during June of 2022, coinciding with analysis of the site to ensure ADA compliance. In August of 2022, the repurposed playgrounds will be dedicated with an emphasis on accessibility features.

Woodland Park is a 6.6 acre park site located in one of our oldest subdivisions. It is located off of Juel Ct. It is surrounded by neighborhood homes and the neighborhood is currently undergoing a demographic shift from predominantly older residents to more younger families. As one of our original parks, we want to see it continue to benefit our residents as Hawthorn Woods grows and changes over time. This project was designed with projected increased usage in mind. As a smaller community of 8,900 people continually threatened by and recovering from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, assistance funding the replacement of playground equipment is our solution for our goals to create a fun, safe, and attractive park feature. Hawthorn Woods has arranged to give new purpose to the older equipment according to the theory to renew reuse and recycle. We have made arrangements with kids around the world to donate our older playground to a developing nation in the global south. We will be partnering with SRACLC, Boy Scouts of America (Eagle Scout Projects), the Rotary Club of Lake Zurich, Kildeer, and Hawthorn Woods. These partners will lead or assist in the development of safety measures, ecological stewardship enhancements, and educational interpretive signage.

This space will serve multitudes of purposes, including but not limited to housing our memorial tree garden, programming conducted by the SRACLC, public local artistry, bags and lawn games, overnight camping areas, and wetland conservation and education. As with the other public parks in each neighborhood of Hawthorn Woods, this facility will be available from dawn until dusk 365 days per year. The Parks and Recreation Department provides nearby natural outdoor spaces suitable for all seasons as an essential component of service to residents.

*HWCC Park Replacement Schedule
East Mountain*

<i>Park Name</i>	<i>Replacement Year</i>	<i>Replaced</i>
Acom Acres	2019	1998
Aquatic Center	2022	2013
Bridlewoods	2019	1997
Brierwoods Preserve	2018-20	2017
Copperfield	2022	2013
Community	2020	1997
Hawthorn Trails	2025	2014
Hawthorn Hills (1/2/3)	2026	2015/2016
Heather Highlands	2019	2003
Heritage Oaks	2023	2006
Highview	2020	2000/2015
Indian Creek Preserve	2019	1980
Rambling Hills	2022	1998
Woodland	2020	1996
<i>* Proposed Lorraine Lakes</i>	2018	

13 Total Parks with Play Structures

***= Replaced with donated unit from HOA @ HWCC**

OSLAD Woodland Park Playground Restoration

Project Description

Woodland Park was one of the original three parks constructed in Hawthorn Woods. Its establishment was funded through IDNR the Land and Water Conservation Fund in 1980. In 2002 the playground was upgraded to its current layout. It is now 20 years old and coincides with the planned and recommended renovation schedule for new updates. This project seeks to replace the older unit with new, more accessible, and safer play pieces for K-12 populations. This includes an ADA swing apparatus, ADA playground pieces, safety edging, and ADA compliant safety surfacing.

