

# Guidelines to Successful Eagle and Gold Award Projects within Beekman Recreation and Parks



On behalf of the residents and patrons of the Town Parks, the staff of Beekman Recreation and Parks, are appreciative of the efforts made by both Boy and Girl Scouts, and the volunteers, who have made, and continue to make, improvements to our parks! This document is intended to assist in the development of plans and timelines for future projects.

## PLANNING A TIMELINE TO MEET DEADLINES

*Projects typically have deadlines; in order to meet yours, please plan for the following steps prior to beginning your actual project work:*

1. Schedule a meeting with the Recreation Director and/or the Head of Maintenance to
  - a. Solicit ideas from them on needs within the parks.
  - b. Share any ideas you have for projects you would like to do in the parks.
  - c. Anything constructed must be safe, and require little maintenance as the Town has limited Maintenance staff
  - d. Together with Rec & Park staff we can best plan a project that meets the Scout's interest and abilities, and the Parks' needs.
2. Once a project is agreed upon, submit plans to Recreation Office by the first of the month for presentation to the volunteers that serve on the Rec Advisory Committee (RAC) at their monthly meeting.
3. The RAC typically meets the first Wed. of the month in the Rec Office at 7pm, unless they do not have quorum; plan to be at the meeting to present your project.
4. If the RAC approves the project plan, they will send your plan to the Town Board (TB) for their approval; the TB meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month at the Town Hall. In order to get on their agenda, your project must be referred to them by the Thurs. prior to their next meeting.

## PROJECTS

*The Scout is responsible for fund raising for their project, recruiting volunteers, and completion of the project by whatever deadlines the Scout Organization and the Town may have put in place.*

### Some projects recently completed include:

1. Bat Houses installed in several parks





2. A display case in the Community Center in Rec Park



3. "Pocket Parks" (exercise equipment & benches) along the walking path on Rec Road





4. Trail Sign boards and resting benches



5. A stone dust extension path connecting the north end of Rec Park with the paved walking path along Rec Road





6. A gaga pit built in Rec Park



7. Gazebo in the Dog Park

