

O. City of Amsterdam – Shuttleworth Park Baseball Field Area Improvements (W486)

March 26, 2010

- Grantee:** City of Amsterdam
- ESD Investment:** A grant of up to \$75,000 to be used for facility and infrastructure improvements to the baseball area at Shuttleworth Park.
- Project Location:** Shuttleworth Park, City of Amsterdam, Montgomery County
- NYS Empire Zone (or equivalent):** n/a
- Project Completion:** January 2010
- Grantee Contact:** Anne Thane, Mayor
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Project Description:

Background

The City of Amsterdam, located on the banks of the Mohawk River, has a population of approximately 18,000 people and is the largest community in Montgomery County. Shuttleworth Park, located near the downtown area, is owned and operated by the City of Amsterdam. It features one primary baseball field, picnic areas, nature trails, softball fields, a children's playground, and tennis courts. The park serves all Amsterdam residents and is open year round. The park's baseball field areas are used by local leagues, high school teams and the Amsterdam Mohawks, a semi-professional farm league. The Mohawks have a full summer playing schedule, and events are attended by thousands of spectators each year.

The Project

The specific improvements to the park focused on the baseball field area and included new fencing, sound system, blacktopping of the concourse area, a new concessions and locker room facility, and handicapped bathroom facilities, as well as new sod and infield improvements on the field itself. The project was completed in January 2010.

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| Financing Uses | Amount | Financing Sources | Amount | Percent |
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| Baseball Field Area Improvements | \$75,000 | ESD Grant | \$75,000 | 100% |
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| Total Project Costs | \$75,000 | Total Project Financing | \$75,000 | 100% |

Environmental Review:

The City of Amsterdam, as lead agency, completed an environmental review of the proposed project, pursuant to the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the implementing regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. This review found the project to be an Unlisted Action, which would not have a significant effect on the environment. The lead agency issued a Negative Declaration on October 21, 2008. ESD staff reviewed the Negative Declaration and supporting materials and concurs. It is recommended that the Directors make a Determination of No Significant Effect on the Environment.

Statutory Basis – Community Capital Assistance Program:

The project was authorized in accordance with Chapter 84 of the Laws of 2002 and reappropriated in the 2009-2010 New York State budget.

Disclosure and Accountability Certifications:

The Grantee has provided ESDC with the required Disclosure and Accountability Certifications. Grantee’s certifications indicate that Grantee has no conflict of interest or good standing violations and, therefore, staff recommends that the Corporation authorize the grant to the Grantee as described in these materials.

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RESOLVED, that based on the material submitted to the Directors with respect to the City of Amsterdam - Shuttleworth Park Baseball Field Area Improvements Project, the Corporation hereby determines that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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