

WOODBIDGE PARK ASSOCIATION INC.

Founded in 1928

Trustee: THE ALICE NEWTON STREET MEMORIAL PARK

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Boy Scout Committee

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GUIDELINES FOR BOY SCOUT EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Requirements

1. Woodbridge Park Association Boy Scout Committee members shall accept Eagle Project Proposals from Eagle Candidates who have an interest in completing a project in one of the Woodbridge Park Association properties, with sufficient advance timing to ensure completion and success of both the proposed project and his Eagle Scout Board of Review, well before the Scout's 18th birthday. The Boy Scout Committee shall work directly with the Scout, and review, question, modify and provide first approval to a Scout's Eagle Project Proposal at any point throughout the year.
2. The Eagle Scout Candidate shall come up with his own idea for a project within the boundaries of Woodbridge Park Association properties. The Scout shall be aware of our infrequent (3X/year) Board meeting schedule and plan well enough ahead to accommodate our schedule.
3. The Scout shall attempt to obtain donations or funding separately for projects and to limit the financial exposure of the Woodbridge Park Association.
4. The Scout shall be advised that pressure treated wood of any type is ruled out as an option.
5. The Scout shall show follow the environmental stewardship recommendations as stated in "Recommendations" below.
6. Once approved by the Woodbridge Park Association Boy Scout Committee, the project will then be promoted to the full Board of Directors for review and approval in the next scheduled Woodbridge Park Association Board of Directors meeting. It is anticipated there should not be too many questions raised to hinder an approval for a Scout's project from the full Board. Directors are encouraged to join the Boy Scout Committee should they expect to offer strong guidance on Eagle Projects.
7. Ongoing Service Hour work for Scouts and other community organizations are considered separate projects and shall not be subject to these requirements.

Recommendations

1. The Woodbridge Park Association Boy Scout Committee welcomes minimally invasive/environmentally responsible designs in accordance with our principle of consistency with topography and the Woodbridge Park Association intention to keep its properties in their natural state.
2. The Scout needs to provide the source of most materials. Limited funding may be available from the Woodbridge Park Association pending project review. Where applicable, we expect the Scout to seek donated equipment and expertise.
3. Environmental stewardship for Woodbridge Park Association properties is paramount. The following are materials that could be suitable:
 - a. Using materials available on site such as stones, fallen trees, etc.
 - b. Finding materials such as wood chips that could be donated from tree contractors.
 - c. Carefully consider materials for wet areas.

If the above does not work, using reclaimed or recycled wood is possible and may serve to be good education for the Scout. There are several wood recycling facilities in Connecticut as follows:

- Urban Miners in Hamden--mostly building materials but sometimes they have fir 8' by 8's and old house studs that are labeled "good for a bench."
- There are two wood recycling facilities in Madison: Armster and Wood, Steel & Glass. The Scout can look for others or for donated lumber. Frankson Fence in North Haven has donated small amounts of cedar or may provide a discount.

Other wood/material options that may cost more and/or be hard to find are Cedar, Douglas fir, Cypress, Black Locust, and also Timbersil (wood injected with glass which is rated for ground contact, which lasts about 40 years, and is class A fire rated).

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Forselius
Boy Scout Committee Chair