

VILLAGE OF PHILMONT

Funding Strategy & Recommendations for Summit Lake Park & Community Center

This funding matrix outlines potential funding sources from federal, state, and philanthropic sources to support and implement the Village of Philmont priorities for the Summit Lake Park as a winner of a 2025 SARANY Design Award of Excellence; and a 2024 AIA WHV Citation Award for Design Excellence. The resources below will be layered and leveraged to help fund the implementation associated with the Philmont [DRI / NY Forward Downtown Rising Vision](#)

<https://philmont.org/downtown-revitalization-initiative/>

Proposed 1.74 acres project features include:

- The project rethinks this key community park making it fully accessible to all, thoroughly engaged with its Summit Lake waterfront, and anchored with a new Community Center/Maker Space building.
- Existing local street separating the park from the water will be removed along with its attendant walls & guardrail allowing the park to fully connect to the waterfront with new walkways, shore-stabilizing boulder seating, floating fishing & relaxing dock, and a kayak/boat launch.
- The new Community Center entry level is elevated to align with an existing parking lot level, creating a direct accessible route into a fully inclusive facility. A series of north-facing sawtooth skylights wash the upper level's open, flexible space with daylight for community meetings, screenings, lectures, dinners, clean making and classes of all kinds.



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- A new Maker Space for creative works including ceramics, painting, & woodwork. The space is contiguous with a covered perimeter zone that allows indoor activities to spill outside. This level extends south as an outdoor basketball court/flex surface and connects east to the Lake via a new common lawn.
- An existing community building is restored to its original smaller, linear footprint which both restores parkland and frames the common lawn with modestly scaled concession facilities and small business kayak renting opportunity.
- A new adventure playground, walking trail, and picnic pavilions area.
- An open kitchen & lounge in the community center to support program needs.



The Village of Philmont seeks to build on these ongoing revitalization plans sponsored by the 2019 NYS DOS Designated Brownfield Opportunity Area plan and project specific 2024 approved concept designs & Magnitude of Cost estimates of \$12,476,635 for the Summit Lake Park & Community Center.

To move the designs forward we are seeking \$4M in DRI / NY Forward funds to be allocated through the opportunity to complete a Strategic Investment Plan (SIP), and \$8,476,635 from the following potential funding agencies as follows:

Pre-development engineering – funding requests completed 2025 including:

Program	Scope	Amount	Local Match	Date	Status
2025 CREDC/CFA – DOS BOA Pre-development Activities program	Pre-construction engineering and geo-tech, NEPA, Feasibility Study, existing cost estimates for allocation to construction phases	\$81,000	\$9,000 – PBInc	7/28/2025	AWARDED
Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR)	Ongoing assistance with brownfield & public parks development questions	n/a	n/a	2019 - current	ongoing
EPA – NJIT TAB Program – Region 2	Assistance with identification of applicable state funding	n/a	n/a	2/1/2025	approved
Sustainable Strategies DC Matt Ward	Assistance with identification of applicable federal funding			12/1/2025	Contract negotiation

Funding Roadmap – sample selection

Funding Opportunity	Amount & Match	Program Description - meeting scope	Deadline	Project scope
Environmental Facilities Corp – Green Innovation Program GIGP	Up to \$3M match from 10%-60%	Green stormwater solutions including design and construction of porous pavement if project meets SPADES	Usually, March using CFA portal	Construction of new porous road paving for emergency vehicles only – Lake Drive
DOT – Rural & Tribal Assistance RTA Pilot program	Up to \$100,000 no match required	Planning & funding of consultant TA	Usually NOFO in August – rolling	Funding consultant
USDA Community Facilities	Project dependent Up to 50% of cost	Low interest loan & grant / community facilities	Rolling	Construction of Community Center
DASNY - NYS BRICKS NYS Dormitory Authority, NYS PARKS	\$5M up to \$15M match % required	Governor Hochul Unplug & Play initiative	If re-authorized in 2026 - August	Construction of Community Center
NPS Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	Up to \$ 50% match required	Outdoor recreation facilities to serve the general public	Announced by NYS annually	Kids adventure playground & park
Bond Act Open Space Conservation Grant Program		Waterfront restoration & potential municipal purchase of Summit Hill vacant 22-acre parcel to conserve as public conservation area	2026 - February	Extending existing municipal 10-acre parcel / conservation
Representatives Appropriations	Varies - project dependent	19 th District / Representative Josh Riely Philmont discussions in motion since 2024	January for proposal submission	Gap / match funding request