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Campaign to create urban nature space in Stroudsburg

A portion of a vacant lot in Stroudsburg will become an urban nature space – a “pocket park” green oasis amid a busy downtown.

At the corner of Quaker Alley and Sixth Street, dumpsters and loading areas are decorated by weeds, but the project by Stroudsburg Borough, non-profits Brodhead Watershed Association and Pocono Alliance, and landscape designer Robin Anglemyer of Strauser Nature’s Helpers will change that.

A portion of the land, owned by Monroe County, will have native flowers, grasses, shrubs, and shade trees, along with paths and seating to attract the town’s workers and residents. Monroe commissioners conceived the idea almost four years ago, and support the project.

Tarah Probst, mayor of Stroudsburg, said, “Bringing green spaces to our borough is exactly what our constituents are asking for. This nature space will beautify our downtown and bring people together.”

The project will begin by carving out a 30- by 40-foot corner for a demonstration design of how the larger parcel can eventually be used. The larger parcel will later be converted to a green public space for festivals, concerts and similar activities.

Rain gardens and permeable pavers will demonstrate how green infrastructure can help clean and purify run-off from streets and sidewalks before entering the nearby Brodhead Creek and storm drains.

Strauser Nature’s Helpers; Vigon International, an East Stroudsburg manufacturer; and the Greater Pike Community Foundation: Richard L. Snyder Fund have sponsored the project. The Greater Pike Community Fund is a targeted, long-term community philanthropy.

More sponsorships and donations toward the project are welcome. Donations would be used for installation costs as well as a maintenance plan to ensure the initial nature space remains beautifully intact. For information and to donate, see brodheadwatershed.org/StroudsburgPark.html.

Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit environmental organization formed in 1989. BWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed, and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries. BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring. For information: info@brodheadwatershed.org or 570-839-1120.