



**Prospect Park
Passaic County, NJ
Hofstra Park Children Playground
Environmental Impact Assessment**

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Introduction

Hofstra Park, in the Borough of Prospect Park, is located at the north end of Struyk Ave. It is Block #71 and Lot # 12 on the Borough Tax map. The proposed playground is located on the west side of the park next to the pavilion.

The site currently has an old and rundown playground with poor accessibility.

The scope of work includes the construction of an accessible playground, Minor grading to contour the existing conditions, new Bar B Q area, safety surfacing, new fencing and other site amenities.

Project Description

The Proposed project will provide a varied and accessible area for families to play, relax and enjoy the park. The project will incorporate children's playground equipment, rubber fall protection surface and landscape and hardscape features.

Existing Environment Description

The site is surrounded by trees and vegetation with the typical wildlife of squirrels and deer's etc.

The area is hilly with rock outcrops and no wet areas.

No historic resources are located on site.

There is only one access road to the park with walking and biking trails in the park.

The Park includes sports fields and a splash pad. The Park is surrounded from 3 sides by residential neighborhoods and by a quarry to the west.

Environmental Impact Analysis Of Proposed Action

The project will have a minimal impact on the site because the site is an existing playground. The proposed work will require removing the existing equipment and hardscape and minimal regrading and clearing.

The new playground will be ADA accessible and attract families to the park and to the trails around the playground.

Required permits may include SCD and local permits.

The site is not located near water.

The project area of work is currently 100% developed and will not be disturbing habitat, or populations of species of threatened or endangered plants or animals.

The project does not require plant or animal surveys/assessments. Since there is no encroachment into wetland transition areas and it can be reasonably concluded that no disturbance of habitat, or population of a species of threatened or endangered plants or animals will take place.

Alternatives To the Proposed Action

There are a few vegetated areas in the park that can be used as alternative locations along the walking trails. The alternative sites in the area will require significant clearing and regrading.

Mitigating Measures

The project site is on an existing old playground and therefore has less impact on undisturbed areas.

Immediately upon completion of the construction the disturbed areas will be re-vegetated in kind or allowed to revert to natural vegetation. All areas will be protected and maintained until vegetation is established. The project will prevent sedimentation and erosion by implementing the approved soil erosion control methods.

The project does not require significant disruption to the environment; hence no relief activities are required.