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Project A:

Emergency Power Generators

Estimated cost: \$20,000

The project will provide a continuous emergency power supply to three public buildings in the Ardens, creating three emergency reception centers, or “resilience hubs”, for the residents of the three Ardens. These centers will be used in case of emergency. The project will install back-up power systems to the Buzz Ware Village Center, The Arden Club Gild Hall in Arden, and the Candlelight Dinner Theater in Ardentown. The overall projected is estimated at \$160,000 and will be funded from a variety of local, state and federal sources.

Project B:

Pop-Up Dog Park (ACRA)

Estimated cost: \$7,100

ACRA would like to purchase materials to support pop-up style, temporary dog play groups in the Ardens. Dog play enclosure areas promote community connections among dog owners. A temporary enclosure placed on public and private property within the three villages would build connections among our residents. We envision an occasional, pop-up style area, timed around weather, in partnership with leaseholders. The project includes the purchase of temporary fencing, movable sign to identify participation rules, movable dog waste bag and disposal station, storage structure for fencing and materials when not in use.

Project C:

Repave BWVC Basketball Court and Surrounding Areas

Estimated cost: \$14,000

A contractor will repave the blacktop areas behind Buzz Ware Village Center (BWVC), which include the basketball court and surrounding play areas. The present area is worn, no longer level, and in some places the blacktop has deteriorated. The area has not been repaved for thirty years and the surface is no longer level. It needs to be repaved to make it a safer and better play area.

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Project D:

Shady Grove Pavilion (Arden Club)

Estimated cost: \$30,200

The Arden Club is at the heart of the Community, Arts, and Entertainment for all the Ardens and beyond. Over the years, we have improved the look and feel of the Shady Grove area behind the Gild Hall and beside the Arden Pool. We have worked to make it more useful, comfortable, and more accessible. The Shady Grove Arden Pool project will continue to improve its beautification and usefulness, and would like to include a new pavilion (i.e. a permanent roof) with an all-weather sound system for Club and Tri-Arden Community events, and ADA compliant access to the stage.

Project E:

Storage Sheds Repair (ACRA)

Estimated cost: \$2,500

Repair the two ACRA sheds behind the Buzz Ware Village Center to avoid further deterioration and delay costly and environmentally unwarranted replacement. Repair the two ACRA sheds behind the Buzz Ware Village Center to avoid further deterioration and delay costly and environmentally unwarranted replacement. The deteriorated sheds make a bad impression on ACRA families and the Buzz in general. Because this project is small and straightforward, it could fit in with other larger proposals if there is money left over. Even if there were \$1000 left, it would help subsidize the cost to ACRA.

Project F:

Vegetation Surveying and Mapping of the Three Ardens

Estimated cost: \$5,824

Arden's Forest Committee, in partnership with Ardentown and Ardencroft propose an inventory of current ecological conditions and plant communities in “public open spaces”. The last botanical inventories from 2002-4 are lists of plant species without associated geospatial data. A current inventory of plants and plant communities with a mapping interface that records geospatial data could be used to

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better manage the forest and be updated to reflect future conditions. This study will provide a glimpse of how the flora may be changing in response to restoration work, environmental and ecological pressures such as the changing climate and nonnative invasive plants.

***Full project proposals can be found on the Village of Arden website at:**

<https://arden.delaware.gov/arpa-proposals-2024/>

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