

Town of Newmarket Finalizes Acquisition of 11 Creighton Street for Schanda Park Expansion

The Town of Newmarket is thrilled to announce the successful acquisition of **11 Creighton Street**, a milestone purchase that officially expands the **Richard Schanda Conservation Park**. Closed on December 3, 2025, this project strengthens the community's connection to the Lamprey River and advances the Town's Master Plan for a vibrant, accessible waterfront.

Key Project Highlights

- **Location:** The newly acquired land sits between Schanda Park and the Water Treatment Plant, creating a seamless waterfront corridor.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** The **\$685,000 purchase** was funded entirely through the **Recreation Enterprise Fund**—meaning this expansion comes at **no additional cost to taxpayers**.
- **Future Vision:** Plans include enhanced river access, new walking trails, expanded boating activities, and community gathering spaces.

"By investing in recreational assets with the Recreation Enterprise Fund, we avoid burdening taxpayers," said Town Manager Steve Fournier. "We look forward to seeing how Schanda Park evolves for generations to come."

Community-Driven Growth

Recreation Director Aimee Gigandet credits the community's active participation in local programming for making this possible, as their engagement powers the Enterprise Fund. To ensure the park's evolution reflects local values, the Town will form a **resident-led committee** to assess land use and environmental stewardship.

A Collaborative Effort

The Town extends its gratitude to the Town Council, Town staff, and partners **Legacy Properties, Inc.** and **The Cheney Companies**. Their shared vision for the riverfront has secured a landmark space for recreation and connection.

Stay Involved! The Town is committed to a transparent planning process. Residents are encouraged to stay engaged as we begin developing recommendations for this expanded parkland.

Questions? Contact the Newmarket Recreation Department at **603-659-8581** or visit www.newmarketnh.gov.

History Meets the Modern Edge: Newmarket Unveils First Art Triangle

The Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission recently installed the town's first art triangle next to the flag pole on Main Street. The triangle was fabricated by welder, Ed Fountain and features art panels previously displayed in the Artist Among Us pocket park mural. The Commission intends to install three more triangles along Main Street to further extend the planned Art Corridor. According to Town Manager, Steve Fournier, the triangles also will be used to promote town events and community announcements so be sure to check it out postings regularly.

Metal artist, Markus Weinfurter, topped off the first triangle with a cormorant metal sculpture created from historic tools and parts donated by the New Market Historical Society. "Contemporary art created from historic materials perfectly captures the uniqueness of Newmarket," noted Debra Smith, Commission Chair.

Markus is working on the next sculpture which will be installed next spring, pending confirmation of the subject matter. The first two sculptures were funded by an Eversource Community Grant. The Commission is currently seeking funding sources for the remaining two sculptures. If you would like to make a donation to the sculpture project or are connected with a grant provider, please email atcommission@newmarketnh.gov to discuss details.

