



**Township of Teaneck  
Bergen County, NJ  
2025 Green Acres, Jake's Law Grant - Votee Park Inclusive Playground Improvements  
Environmental Impact Assessment**

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## **Introduction**

Votee Park is in the Township of Teaneck between Palisade Avenue and Queen Anne Road. It is located south of Court Street and north of Colonial Court, in Block #4702, Lot # 1 on the Township Tax map.

The proposed improvements are located on the north side of the park.

The existing Inclusive playground is outdated and in a state of disrepair. This playground is overdue for an upgrade.

The scope of the work includes the demolition of the Inclusive playground and construction of a new Inclusive playground.

## **Project Description**

The proposed project will provide an area for residents to play, relax and enjoy the playground. The project will incorporate a safety surface and new equipment in the Votee Park new Inclusive playground.

## **Existing Environment Description**

The site is fully developed. Votee Park is about 39.48 Acres, mostly grass areas with a gentle slope that includes many athletic fields, playgrounds and a splash park.

The area is fully urbanized, the soil type is Urban Land with no water or historic resources.

The access to the park is from Court Street.

The surrounding area is residential, single homes and business.

## **Environmental Impact Analysis of Proposed Action**

The project will have no environmental impact on the site because the site is an existing developed park. The proposed work will require removing some existing facilities and construction of new facilities.

Required permits may include local permits from the township building department and a SCD permit. 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**

The park is fully developed and the proposed playground is replacing the existing playground at the same location.

### **Mitigating Measures**

The project site is in an existing park and therefore has no impact on undisturbed areas. Immediately upon completion of the construction any 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 soil erosion control methods.

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