

RIDGEWOOD PARKS

The R.W.A. was formed in 1976 as a living memorial to Dr. Ann Dunham, who was a Ridgewood resident for 60 years and a nature consultant for the public schools. The purposes of the Association are

1. to promote, in cooperation with the Village of Ridgewood and the Board of Education, the preservation and maintenance of undeveloped Village-owned land;
2. to provide nature education services and enjoyment for all Village residents and friends;
3. To act as guardians of the undeveloped areas in the Village by encouraging residents to use the "wild" areas for birding, picnics and walks, and to experience the varied flora and fauna in each area in order to understand the value of open space.

To support these efforts, anyone can become a member of the R.W.A. by sending a \$5.00 annual family membership fee to: Andrew Antista, 139 Liberty St., Ridgewood, NJ 07450. You will be informed via e-mail of the activities of the R.W.A.

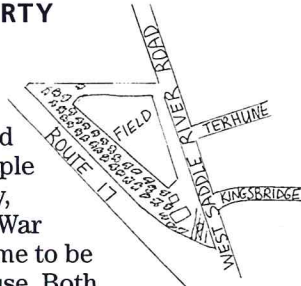


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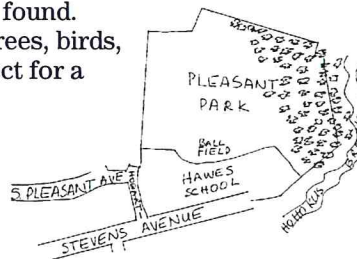
SCHEDLER PROPERTY

Our newest open space acquisition, 7 acre heavily forested park, featured 100 year old sugar maple tree. Historic property, site of Revolutionary War skirmishes, 1800's home to be preserved for public use. Both passive and active recreation planned.



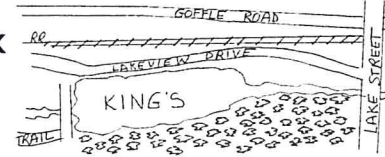
PLEASANT PARK

Adjacent to Hawes School, this 17 acre site includes a softball field and wooded area. Beautiful walking area in mostly natural state, with fallen "nurse logs" in which hidden treasures can be found. Stands of large trees, birds, butterflies. Perfect for a quiet walk.



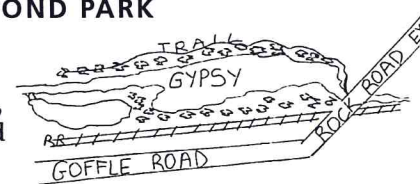
KING'S POND PARK

This 9.7 acre park includes a large pond, bordered on one side by trees and bushes, and on the other by Lakeview Ave. The Village compost facility is located at the end of the area. Glacial rocks appear, wild herbs, ferns and plants. Thick bushes attract ducks, birds and butterflies. Connects to Gypsy Pond via Goffle Brook and dam.



GYPSY POND PARK

Once a pristine swimming, fishing and skating area in the early 1900's, this approximately 2.4 acre site is a hidden gem, with a quiet walking trail and reminders of days gone by. Thick stands of trees, bushes, birds, butterflies, dragonflies. Can only be entered via Rock Road extension.



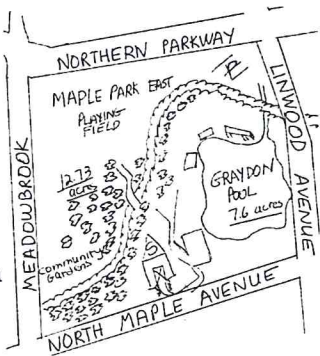
NORTH ROAD PARK

A hidden 2.6 acre gem, natural wildlife area; suitable for quiet walk. Good things come in small packages.



GRAYDON PARK MAPLE PARK GRAYDON POOL

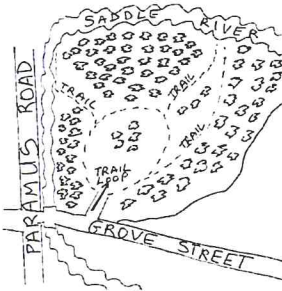
Approximately 20 acres in total. Includes Lester Stable, headquarters of an award winning Parks and Recreation Department, playing field, community gardens, picnic area, basketball, ice skating in winter, skateboard area and 2.6 acre spring fed natural swimming pool. Red cedar, locust trees, berry bushes, ferns. Bordered by HoHoKus Brook.





GROVE PARK

Our largest natural area, preserved in the 1970's, this 32.25 acre park is completely undeveloped. Walking trails, including a short loop, through thick stands of tulip poplars, beech, maple trees, "nurse logs," a quiet area amidst suburban traffic.



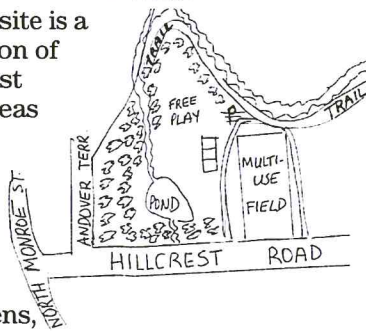
TWINNEY POND PARK

This 3.7 acre site consists of a 3 foot deep "kettle pond", a self contained waterbody dating from the ice age. Wood chip circular walking trail, butterfly garden, red birch, locust trees, berry bushes. Ice skating in wintertime.



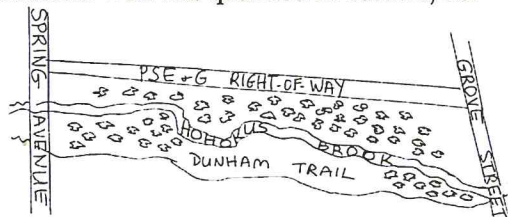
IRENE HABERNICKEL PARK

This 10.34 acre site is a recent acquisition of one of the largest undeveloped areas in Ridgewood. Includes one multi-purpose playing field, walking trails, play area, gardens, pond, outdoor education center.



DUNHAM TRAIL

A 1/4 mile peaceful walking trail alongside the HoHoKus Brook, from Spring Avenue to Grove Street. Beautiful walk, brook has two small dams, butterflies, and many birds, especially kingfishers, woodpeckers. There are several very old sycamore trees on the bank and the sandstone wall was quarried in Totowa, NJ.



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