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TOWN PARK RECEIVES GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS BEAUTIFICATION FROM LOWE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT

Riverhead, NY - Lowe's Home Improvement Stores made a generous contribution towards the beautification of Grangebél Park in downtown Riverhead this week.

Lowe's assisted in the renovation of Grangebél Park through their Lowe's Heroes program, a volunteer program in which employees adopt a project with a local nonprofit organization to help improve the communities where they work and live. Lowe's Heroes has been in place since the late 1990s.

For the Grangebél Park project, they donated approximately \$1,200 in material, including 250 bags of mulch and 300 bags of pea gravel. Lowe's also provided the use of eight rakes, eight shovels, gloves, two wheel barrows and a Lowe's Delivery Truck, as well as volunteers from the nearby Riverhead Lowe's located on Route 58.

"We reached out to the Community Development Agency several weeks ago and said we wanted to partner with the town," said Doug Wadsworth, Human Resources Manager at Riverhead Lowe's. Upon the recommendation of CDA Director, Christine Kemper, Lowe's decided to select Grangebél Park "to improve some of the trails, do some mulching and give the park a general facelift," he said. Wadsworth, who oversaw the project, said volunteers donated their time outside of work to participate in the project.

Supervisor Sean Walter expressed his utmost appreciation for Lowe's generosity, "This is what a community is about-- the private sector joining with government to make our town better by beautifying a public park in downtown Riverhead." Supervisor Walter added that the volunteers worked hard and that their contribution of their personal time should not be overlooked and they certainly made a difference in improving the park.

The Town of Riverhead just recently completed a \$1.5M renovation at Grangebél Park, installing pedestrian walkways/bike paths, a performance platform, new bulk-heading and a fish rock ramp to assist with the spawning of alewives upstream.



Grangebél Park was built as a private park in the late 1880s by then Riverhead attorney Timothy M. Griffing. He improved the park over the next decade and opened it to the public. Grangebél Park was named after Griffing's three daughters: Grace, Angeline and Mabel. It was acquired by the Town of Riverhead in 1948.



Members of the Riverhead Town Board with volunteers from Lowe's Heroes