

CCOS is participating in the development of a Veterans' Memorial Park

On March 2, 1998, the Common Council designated parcels on Tarrytown Road between School Street and Robertson Avenue to be a Veterans' Memorial Park. The only thing accomplished since the dedication is that the lawns have been mowed. Otherwise this worthwhile project remains dormant.

Many resident of the White Plains community have considered how our city can honor its veterans in all wars. These men and women have sacrificed their time and sometimes their lives to preserve the way of life we enjoy so much today. It seems especially fitting at this time that we show our appreciation in a tangible and visible way.

After informing the Mayor and Common Council, several veterans groups under the leadership of James Dwyer, Commander, American Legion Post 135, CCOS and the Historical Society have had several meetings to discuss plans and gathered information for developing this park.

In addition to honoring veterans, the benefits of completing the park's purpose include:

- A completed Veterans' Memorial Park would enhance and complement an expanding city park system.
- Visitors to the Park would gain a renewed awareness and greater appreciation of earlier White Plains citizens who throughout our nation's history served their country and made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our democratic system of government and the individual and family values we cherish.
- Visitors to the Park – especially our school children – would be immersed in a very meaningful educational experience by participating in a “walk through history” that would encompass all our nation's wars on one site.
- The Park's location on Tarrytown Road would visually enhance one of the most prominent corridors into our city.
- Development of a Veterans' Memorial Park at this time would be especially meaningful public gesture by giving very timely recognition of all men and women currently serving in the nation's armed forces around the world.

CCOS members will be kept informed as these plans develop.