



Help bring a park to downtown Blairsville!

The long-vacant G. C. Murphy Building, located in downtown Blairsville had fallen into such a severe state of disrepair, it became necessary for the building to be demolished in June, 2020. Left behind was a sizable empty lot on the corner of Market and South Stewart Streets in the heart of the town's business district. The "Murphy Lot" is owned by Blairsville Community Development Authority (BCDA).

In August 2020, the BCDA and the Indiana County Office of Planning & Development partnered on The Murphy Lot Visioning Project, an engagement process that gathered community input to develop a plan for the Murphy Lot location. Through the initial visioning project, community members participated in a series of meetings and surveys, and shared their ideas on how the Murphy Lot could add the most value to the Blairsville and Indiana County communities. Upon conclusion of a series of public meetings, a core group of volunteers has stayed committed to the project. The project team is working closely with the BCDA and Blairsville Borough to convert the lot to a public space where generations of community members can come together and enjoy downtown Blairsville. The team has established detailed plans for development of a park; the central focal point, a fountain surrounded by benches. The park will incorporate native plantings, trees, and seating areas which will be inviting for both residents and visitors to downtown businesses.

The BCDA have agreed that once the park has been developed, the property will be deeded to the Borough of Blairsville to be maintained as a park. The Murphy Lot has been designated a Park in Perpetuity under the Donated or Dedicated Property Act under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania laws. **This assures that the park will be here to stay, and we can look forward to enjoying the park for many years to come! We are also excited to see the progress on the park development, which started in April 2024! Our aim is to have the grand opening of the park in Spring 2025 (Blairsville's Bicentennial year)!**

While we appreciate the funds that we have received so far, we are still seeking donations to complete and maintain the park. This informational packet provides an overview of park elements that can be sponsored as well as other contribution options. Please consider supporting this project through a tax-deductible donation and in turn supporting the Blairsville community. For more details on the Murphy Lot Visioning Project please contact the committee at murphylotproject@gmail.com. Please follow the Murphy Lot on Facebook @BvilleMurphyLot for updates.

See visualizations of the park on the following page. See a 3D rendering video of the space provided by EarthCraft Landscaping here: tinyurl.com/xre9kx3r

Sincerely,

The Murphy Lot Visioning Project Team

murphylotproject.org

Visualizations provided by EarthCraft Landscaping.

View more at murphylotproject.org



View of southern portion of park, including pergola, play area, & garden.



View from S. Stewart St. entrance

How you can Contribute

Park Amenity Contributions

Each amenity (excluding bricks) includes a dedication plaque, if desired.

Engraved Brick Paver

\$150

Honor your family and loved ones with a custom-engraved 4x8-inch brick, which will be nestled into the walkway of the park. Up to 3 lines of text, 18 characters per line (including letters and spaces).

Engraved Square Brick Paver

\$300

Honor your family and loved ones with a large custom-engraved 8x8-inch brick, which will be nestled into the walkway of the park. Up to 6 lines of text, 18 characters per line (including letters and spaces).

Garden

\$5,000

One garden will run along the length of the park, near the adjoining building. Another will be around the central fountain area. To be planted with native varieties of perennial plants under the guidance of a local master gardener.

Tree

\$700

Create a living dedication with a tree, which will grow for years to come and create beautiful scenery to enjoy throughout the seasons.

Four-foot Bench SOLD OUT!

A beautiful classic bench that has stood the test of time. Originally developed for the World's Fair in 1939, this bench emphasizes circular patterns in the park and provides a comfortable place to sit. Will surround the fountain.

Six-foot Bench SOLD OUT!

A slightly longer version of the four-foot bench. These benches will dot the walkways of the park. Made of iron and ipe wood, a wood that has the strength of steel and is weather-resistant.

Outdoor Table & Seating SOLD OUT!

Durable & weather-resistant 3-foot round concrete table & bench set to be placed near front of the park. Made in Pennsylvania.

Large Outdoor Table & Seating SOLD OUT!

Durable & weather-resistant 5-foot round concrete table & bench set to be placed under the pergolas.

Pergola SPONSORED

Two pergolas will stand at the southern end of the park.

Fountain SPONSORED

Fountain at the center of the park.

How you can Contribute

Gold Level Donor

\$5,000 or more

Silver Level Donor

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Bronze Level Donor

\$500 - \$2,499

Donors who make contributions at gold, silver, and bronze levels will receive special name recognition on a plaque at the park.

Annual Contributor

Set your own recurring donation.

One-time Contributor

Set your own one-time donation amount.

Please contact the committee at murphylotproject@gmail.com with questions or to notify us of your desired contribution. Please complete and return the donation form to the address below with your check. Read more about the project or make donations via PayPal at **murphylotproject.org**.

Murphy Lot Visioning Project
PO Box 3
Blairsville, PA 15717

***Make checks payable to:** Friends of the Blairsville Communities
Please include in the memo line: Murphy Lot

Please note that donations are **tax-deductible** and will be handled by Friends of the Blairsville Communities, a 501c3 Nonprofit Organization in collaboration with the Blairsville Community Development Authority.

You will be contacted by the committee to confirm engraving details.

Murphy Lot Visioning Project

Donation Form

Please use this form for non-brick donations. Use the brick form for brick donations.

Supporter Type

Donation Amount: _____

Item or General Contribution: _____

☐ I would like to meet and further discuss donation options.

☐ I give permission to be publicly thanked on social media.

Individual or Business Information

Name/Business Name

Text as you would like it to appear on plaque (if applicable)

Address

E-mail address

Phone number

Make checks payable to: Friends of the Blairsville Communities

Individual or representative name/title and signature

Date

MURPHY LOT VISIONING PROJECT ENGRAVED BRICKS ORDER FORM

Leave Your Mark in the Park - A Timeless Gift for the Holidays!

Celebrate a loved one, honor a memory, or showcase your family name with an engraved brick in Blairsville's new park. Your personalized brick will become a lasting tribute, paving the way for generations to enjoy this beautiful community space. Act now to secure your spot and give the gift of lasting impact this holiday season!

SMALL BRICK (4X8") \$150

Up to 3 lines of text, 18 characters per line (including letters & spaces).

LARGE BRICK (8X8") \$300

Up to 6 lines of text, 18 characters per line (including letters & spaces).

Complete your engraving details below:

If ordering a large brick, you have the option of 3 additional lines:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Date: _____ ☐ I give permission to be thanked on social media

Quantity of bricks: _____ (for additional bricks, include details on a separate page)

Mail this form with your donation to:

Murphy Lot Visioning Project. PO Box 3. Blairsville, PA 15717

Make checks payable to: Friends of the Blairsville Communities

Donations are tax-deductible. Donations can also be made at murphylotproject.org

Questions: contact murphylotproject@gmail.com