

Playground FAQ

Why is the current playground being replaced?

While the current playground has served us for close to 40 years, it's time for a space that offers the latest in safety, innovation and accessibility; one that will serve and engage the multigenerational population of Saltaire, children of all ages, parents, grandparents, and caregivers. The space overall will serve as a gathering space and a center of play and friendship for years to come.

How much will this cost?

The cost for equipment is budgeted for 250K. Installation has also been slated to cost 250K. The beautiful, Saltaire-feeling, accessible wooden platform with a covered gazebo and seating, as well as trees and plantings is estimated to be around 180K.

How much is the SCA trying to raise to pay for the new Saltaire Playground?

The SCA's goal is to raise 250K. We are also aiming for 100% community participation in our fundraising efforts. As a result of meeting that goal, the space will be inclusive of all, the shade generous and everyone can have a sense of ownership in our new playground!

How much is the Village contributing?

The Village of Saltaire is contributing a significant amount. The exact amount will be included in a resolution to be discussed by the Board of Trustees at its next meeting.

How much shade will be provided?

We have enhanced the design to include numerous man-made and natural shading opportunities, including a covered gazebo. Our hope is that community funding engagement will be used to purchase more mature trees and landscaping to further enhance the space and shade efforts.

What are the benefits of the new design?

The new design expands the playground area by approximately 2400 sq ft and reflects the natural beauty of Saltaire using native plantings, trees and vegetation. The equipment selection and design were spearheaded by the SCA Design Committee who reached out to you, the community, the VOS officials, content experts. The final design includes:

- Increase in quality, quantity and age-ranges of playground equipment
- Increase in seating for both children and adults in a multigenerational space
- Shaded areas provided by new plantings of native Fire Island plants
- Integrated art shed porch and surrounding area into the playground environment
- Improved safety and accessibility
- Use of natural and sustainable materials that will age well with time and weather

What materials are being used?

The playground design company, APE Studio, utilizes primarily natural wood and sustainable materials. Please check out their website for more detailed information:

<https://www.apeoriginal.com/materials>

How can I donate?

There are two options:

- **Via the Village (tax deductible):**
 - **Check:** You can write a check to the Village of Saltaire, with “Saltaire Playground Fund” in the memo line and give it to Mario or Donna.

- **SCA Platforms:** If tax deductibility is not a necessity, the SCA offers a number of ways to donate:
 - [The Website](#)
 - Venmo (@SaltaireCitizens)
 - [Paypal](#)
 - Check delivered to an SCA board member