

## What is The Roger C. Cook Greenway?



Hightstown's Greenway has a long history. In 1987, the idea for a greenway first appeared as a way to link the town's natural and historic features; by 1997 the Greenway Plan was moving forward as a tool for preserving important aspects of Hightstown for future generations.

The Greenway Plan incorporates three different types of greenway: **Riparian Greenway** - protects environmentally sensitive areas that include stream corridors, floodplains, wetlands, and habitats for State-listed threatened species; **Greenway Linkage** - connecting public open spaces and the four Borough parks through a green travel corridor; **Heritage Trail** - protects historic landmarks like those associated with the Camden and Amboy Railroad Corridor including the Ely House, the stone arch bridge, the dam, and areas that display the original stone "sleepers" (used before wooden railroad ties).

Additionally, another important goal of a greenway is to link communities together. The current greenway intends to link with East Windsor so that our residents and visitors can enjoy exploring more of the region's natural beauty and areas of historic interest by foot or on bicycle. On a larger scale, creating a greenway in our community complements the state's efforts to expand the amount of green acres and open space in New Jersey.

In 2006 Phase I of the greenway was completed and dedicated to long-term supporter of the greenway, Roger Cook. Phase II is currently underway and will soon be completed. Thanks to the hard work of Mr. Cook and numerous other volunteers, this green corridor that comes together in the Borough's center and extends out into its four corners and beyond will benefit the community and environment well into the future.



## Who is Roger C. Cook?



Born in Cranbury, NJ in 1926, Roger Cook has spent a lifetime improving the lives of others, while serving our local community with devotion and an extraordinary range of passions and expertise. A beloved husband, father, stepfather, and grandfather, he has earned the highest regard as a true statesman of our local community.

Roger served on the Hightstown Board of Health for 13 years, 10 years as chair, where he was instrumental in establishing the Borough's Well Baby Program. He has also served Hightstown as chair of the Water-Sewer Committee, as well as the Borough Council from 1992–1994.

Through his work on the Hightstown Environmental Commission, Roger pursued a vision of developing a greenway around Hightstown, and worked diligently for 16 years to achieve that goal. In 2006, Mayor Robert Patten formally dedicated the Roger Cook Greenway, and the Hightstown Borough Council issued a formal proclamation recognizing Roger's multitude of contributions to the local community. In addition to commending Roger for his tireless advocacy of the Greenway project, the council added,

*"His knowledge, expertise, professionalism, enthusiasm, and selfless dedication to his community have significantly and permanently enhanced our quality of life in the Borough of Hightstown."*

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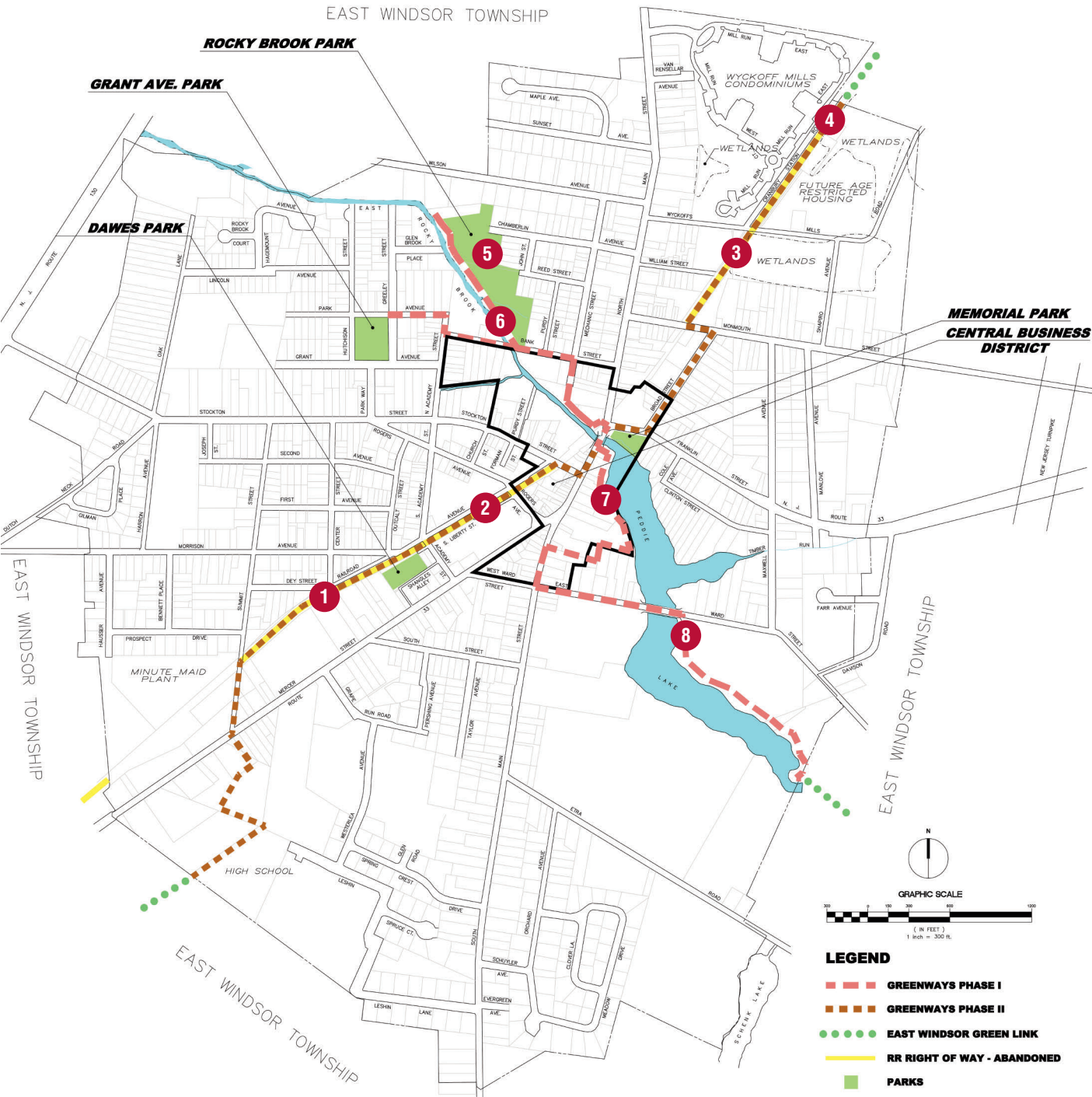


## A Walking and Biking Path Linking Hightstown's Green Spaces





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**1** Near Dawes Park



**2** Adjacent to Railroad Ave.



3 Adjacent to Cranbury Station Rd.



#### 4 Wetlands near the Enchantment Community



**5** Wetlands in the Rocky Brook Environmental Area



**6** Adjacent to the Rocky Brook



**7** Adjacent to Peddie Lake



**8** Woods entrance  
near Peddie Lake