

PROPOSAL FOR A PUBLIC WALKING LABYRINTH IN WARREN

Project overview: www.blueskiesri.org/planning-a-walking-meditative-labyrinth-for-warren-ri

2 parts:

- **Steering Committee** - The steering committee will set the agenda, framework and timing for public conversations.
- **Public Conversations** - The public conversations are where ideas and information will be generated and gathered for how a walking meditative labyrinth in Warren will help address community behavioral health needs.

Steering Committee Participation Expectations

Meet monthly (1-hour)

- in person, hybrid or virtual?
- asynchronous options (e.g. email)?
- steering committee members are NOT required to be part of the public conversations

Working Agenda for Steering Committee

Establish community conversation goals and general timeline

- Project phasing:
 - Phase 1 - Proposal (2024)
 - Phase 2 - Fundraising (2024)
 - Phase 3 - Installation (2025)
 - Phase 4 - Site Enhancements (2026?)
- No tax-payer dollars for design, permitting and construction

Select and prioritize topics and venue for public conversations

Identify experts for specific conversations

Review/approve synopsis of conversations for posting on BlueSkiesRI website

Integrate findings from public conversations into a proposal for a walking meditative labyrinth

Prospective Activities for Public Conversations

Tours for interested parties

- Existing labyrinths in other communities
- Potential sites for labyrinth(s) within Warren

Public conversations (including experts) - preliminary list of prospective topics

- Identify essential elements of an effective labyrinth
- Explore design and fabrication options and costs
- Survey maintenance costs and approaches
- Consider site requirements, options, and opportunities
- Scan for fiscal sponsorship opportunities
- Discuss engineering and regulatory approvals (Town/DEM/CRMC)