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The Laurel Group Donates Custom Paint Project to 1653 Foundation For Huntington's Alfred Walker Park Basketball Court

HUNTINGTON, New York, November 1, 2023 – The Laurel Group, a local premier landscape design and construction company, deployed its professional sport court painting services in partnership with the locally-based 1653 Foundation and officials from the Town of Huntington to revitalize the Alfred Walker Park in Huntington Station.

The Laurel Group used custom hues to reflect the spirit of the community and school colors, creating a visually striking and inviting playing surface for the basketball court surface.

"Alfred Walker Park will become a special place for the local Huntington residents. We wanted to give back to the community that has supported us for so many years," said Mark McAteer, owner and landscape designer at The Laurel Group. "We hope the park's new look will encourage more people to enjoy this wonderful space, build lasting memories, and strengthen the bonds that make our town so special."

"The Laurel Group is a wonderful example of local people and businesses giving back locally," said Robert Bontempi, Chair of the 1653 Foundation. "If the Town had to contract for this work, we estimate the project would cost at least \$13,000. This kind of public-private-government partnership is what 1653 was founded to create."

About <u>The Laurel Group</u>: The Laurel Group specializes in sophisticated residential and commercial landscape projects in storied locations such as Long Island's Gold Coast and the Hamptons.

About <u>1653 Foundation</u>: The mission of 1653 Foundation is to preserve, protect and restore the parklands and public spaces of the Town of Huntington through collaboration with Town government, private businesses, partner organizations and other influencers.

About the <u>Town of Huntington</u>: Originally settled in 1653, the Town of Huntington, on Long Island's North Shore, is home to over 200,000 residents who enjoy the charming villages, beautiful harbors, bustling downtown areas, thriving cultural scene, and easy access to New York City.

Photos of the Alfred Walker Park project available here: https://www.thelaurelgroup.net/media-resources