

Plans for a Better South Plainfield

Revitalizing Our Parks and Open Space – Parks and open space are an investment in the future. That’s why Rob and Matt want to continue to revitalize our parks. Their plan includes low-budget improvements to all our parks, just like the investment they made in Cotton Street Park last year. Before that, Cotton Street Park flooded regularly and was overridden with dead and dying trees. Rob and Matt were able to get new topsoil donated and added new sewer lines. They also had our public works department

Open Space is also a priority. Remember in 2007 when Democrats Scrudato and Petronko sold our open space on Harvard Ave? To make sure this never happens again, Rob Bengivenga last year sponsored a resolution to permanently preserve our land so it cannot be sold to developers again.

In addition, Rob sponsored a resolution last year asking the County Open Space Trust Fund to preserve Adams Farm, a ten-acre tract near the Dismal Swamp slated for large-scale development. The property is now one of the largest open-space parcels in the area. When elected Rob and Matt will continue to seek out funding like this.

Focusing on Low-Budget, Big-Results Projects – We also need to focus on low-cost, big-results projects that benefit families and neighborhoods. For example, last year Matt Anesh developed the “*Safe Streets, Safe Kids*” project, which helps to control speeding by our homes and schools. Matt and Rob also paved South Plainfield Avenue, Tompkins Avenue, and Linden Avenue. Rob and Matt pledge to expand this program to other areas that have speeding problems.

Rob and Matt also gave us the first new traffic route in decades. By paving the Metuchen Road extension, cars can now bypass Oak Tree Road to get to Edison. The route was inexpensive and takes hundreds of cars a day off Oak Tree Road.

They also brought back the curb restoration program and added countless handicap ramps around town. All of these projects were done while reducing borrowing by two-thirds.

Restoring Independence – Residents should be able to trust council members to do what’s best for the town. Matt and Rob have a proven track record of being independent and not always voting along party lines, unlike the democrats, who always vote with their party.