



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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**Date:** January 27, 2023

**From:** Department of Public Works

**RE:** 22-0297: That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the replacement of trash bins due to rodent activity.

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The Department of Public Works has ordered Big Belly enclosed trash and recycling barrels to replace existing open-top barrels in Glenn Park, Florence Park, Lincoln Park, Perry Park, Lexington Park, the Community Path, and Corbett-McKenna Park. We anticipate delivery and deployment of the units this spring.

Additionally, we have scheduled a meeting late February with the representatives of Big Belly to plan for the next round of park and playground barrel replacement. We will work with Environmental Health Coordinator Colin Ziegler to identify the next priority parks and to estimate cost for expansion of the program.