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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR Junction Park Expansion Design Services

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Somerville Public Space and Urban Forestry Division (PSUF) is seeking seed funding for design and engineering services for the expansion of Somerville Junction Park, combining an existing 0.6 acre passive park with an adjacent 0.83 acre city-owned lot that had been used for parking to create new park amenities adjacent to the MBTA Somerville Community Path.

ELIGIBILITY

Open space/recreation land: This project would create new recreational land and provide new amenities.

RECOMMENDATION

On November 17, 2021 by a vote of 8-0-0 the Community Preservation Committee recommended that PSUF be awarded \$100,000 of Community Preservation Act funds for design and engineering services for the expansion of Junction Park, as described in their application presented in October, 2021, from the following accounts:

Category: Open Space and Recreation	Recommended Funding Source	Amount
Junction Park Expansion Design Services	Open Space/Recreation Reserve	\$100,000

FUNDING CONDITIONS

- ADA and MAAB regulations must be considered in all construction plans.

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY NEEDS

The project will address Somerville’s Climate Forward Plan by expanding the tree canopy and improving stormwater drainage. It is also consistent with priorities expressed in the Open Space and Recreation Plan and Community Preservation Plan, including improving accessibility for all members of the community, increasing community access to water play, fitness equipment, and community garden space, engaging the artist community, incorporating sustainable practices, and leveraging state grant funding.

PROJECT BUDGET AND SCOPE

FY22 CPA Expenses	Amount
Design Services, Permitting, other soft costs	\$100,000
Construction	\$0
Total	\$100,000
Sources	
FY22 CPA funds	\$100,000
PARC Grant	\$400,000
Other City funding (TBD: CPA, Bond Authorization)	\$562,000
Total	\$1,062,000

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The goals of this project are to:

- Increase quantity of open space in Somerville
- Increase community access to community garden space
- Engage Somerville artist community with project’s design
- Increase community access to water play
- Increase community access to fitness equipment
- Improve accessibility in Somerville Junction Park
- Incorporate the use of sustainable materials and practices

The full original proposal is available at:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/ifa.somervillema.gov/documents/cpa/fy22-somerville-junction-full-app.pdf>