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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY17 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR *LAND ACQUISITION STUDY FUND, CITY OF SOMERVILLE PARKS & OPEN SPACE*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Somerville Land Acquisition Study Fund will make funds available for the City to explore the feasibility of acquiring parcels for acquisition for open space and recreation land. The fund will support appraisals, environmental studies, surveys, and other preliminary studies necessary to determine if a parcel is a good candidate for acquisition and gather the necessary information to prepare a full proposal for submission to the Community Preservation Committee for CPA funding or directly to the Board of Aldermen for funding through non-CPA sources.

ELIGIBILITY

Open space/recreation land: The Land Acquisition Study Fund would support the preliminary work necessary to acquire open space and recreation land.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING- PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

On October 26, 2016 by a vote of 5-0 the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating \$40,000 for this project from the open space and recreation land reserve budget to the control of the City of Somerville for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

Project Budget

Expenses	Amount
Study	\$40,000
Soft costs	\$0
Construction	\$0
Total	\$40,000
Sources	
CPA open space/recreation land funds- requested	\$40,000
Total	\$40,000

ALIGNMENT WITH FY17 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

This project will help the City of Somerville make progress towards the SomerVision goal of creating 125 new acres of open space in Somerville. The FY17 Plan supports acquiring land to achieve this goal.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- # of parcels studied
- % of parcels studied that go forward with the acquisition process
- Number of acres of new open space acquired

The full proposal for the originally submitted land acquisition fund is available at:

http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/3%20Open%20Space%20Acquisition%20Fund_small.pdf