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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR Glen Park Community Garden Expansion

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Somerville Public Space and Urban Forestry Division (PSUF) is seeking construction funding for the expansion of the community garden at Glen Park. The proposed improvements include abandoning Palmer Avenue, installing a new accessible parking and garden utility area, new accessible raised beds, a seating area, and doubling the amount of existing garden area.

ELIGIBILITY

Open Space and Recreation: The project will create open space and recreational amenities.

RECOMMENDATION

On November 17, 2021 by a vote of 8-0-0 the Community Preservation Committee recommended that PSUF be awarded \$210,200 of Community Preservation Act funds for construction to expand the community garden at Glen Park, as described in their application presented in October, 2021 from the following accounts:

Category: Open Space and Recreation	Recommended Funding Source	Amount
Glen Park Community Garden Expansion	Open Space Reserve	\$210,200

FUNDING CONDITIONS

- ADA and MAAB regulations must be considered in all construction plans.
- Any associated parking will not be located on the project site.
- Community meetings will be held to consider alternative uses for the site, including active and passive recreation.
- Upon commencement of the Project and as appropriate, the City will post a sign stating that the Project was funded through the City of Somerville's Community Preservation Act program.

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY NEEDS

The City's Open Space and Recreation Plan highlights the high demand for community gardens across the city. The Glen Park Community Garden is the only garden serving the East Somerville community and the existing plots are currently oversubscribed. This expansion will help relieve the demand for community garden space in this area of the city.

PROJECT BUDGET AND SCOPE

CPA Expenses	Amount
Design costs	\$10,000
Construction costs	\$154,000
Soft costs	\$46,200
Total	\$210,200
Sources	
CPA funds	\$210,200
Other sources	\$0
Total	\$210,200

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The goals of this project are to:

- Increase community access to community garden space
- Engage Somerville artist community with project's design
- Increase quantity of open space in Somerville
- Improve accessibility in Glen Park Community Garden
- 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-glen-park-community-garden-full-app10-13-21.pdf>