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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR Brown Schoolyard FY24 Construction

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Somerville Public Space and Urban Forestry Division (PSUF) is seeking additional funding for construction for the renovation of the Brown Schoolyard. This project will expand the budget available to construct the improvements envisioned in a design funded through a previous CPA grant. The CPA funds will cover the cost of unforeseen subsurface issues identified during the construction of the Brown Schoolyard. A renovated schoolyard will provide safe and accessible open space and recreational environments for the Brown School and the Community.

ELIGIBILITY

OpenSpace/Recreational Land: This project would rehabilitate recreational land and provide new amenities. CPA funds will not be used for site preparation or installation of artificial turf.

RECOMMENDATION

On July 26, 2023 by a vote of 7-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended approval to City Council that PSUF be awarded \$97,000 of Community Preservation Act funds for construction of the improvements to the Brown Schoolyard, as described in their application from the following account:

| Category: Open Space/Recreation | Recommended Funding Source | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Henry Hansen Park FY24 Construction | Open Space Reserve | \$97,000 |
| | Total | \$97,000 |

FUNDING CONDITIONS

1. The CPA-funded portion of the project must be initiated within three years unless extension is granted by the CPC.
2. CPA funds will be used only for CPA eligible expenses.
3. The City of Somerville will install a permanent sign noting CPA funding at the completion of the project and a temporary sign during construction.
4. Unspent contingency funds will be returned to the CPA fund.

DOCUMENTATION

- [FY24 Application and Off-Cycle Funding Request](#)