



# CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



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## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY17 GRANT EXTENSION RECOMMENDATION FOR *BUTTERFLY GARDEN POCKET PARK, CITY OF SOMERVILLE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DIVISION AND GREEN AND OPEN SOMERVILLE*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Somerville and Green and Open Somerville will convert the planting beds on the Summer Street side of the Morse Kelly Park into a pocket park that will support our local pollinators with native plants.

### ELIGIBILITY

*Open space/recreation land:* This project will rehabilitate recreation land by converting barren planting beds into a pollinator pocket park that can be used for passive recreation.

### RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On July 22, 2020, by a vote of 8-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended extending the contract for the Green and Open Somerville, and City’s Department of Public Space and Urban Forestry (PSUF), for the development of the Butterfly Pollinator Garden at the Morse Kelley Playground’s FY17 Community Preservation Act grant for an additional three years for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

### Project Budget

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Study	\$0
Soft costs	\$3,000
Construction	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b>Sources</b>	
CPA open space/recreation land funds- <b>requested</b>	\$13,000
Other sources	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>

### ALIGNMENT WITH FY17 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

This project will rehabilitate existing recreation land.

## **FUNDING CONDITIONS**

1. Upon commencement of the Project and as appropriate, the City of Somerville agrees to post a sign stating that the Project was funded through the City of Somerville's Community Preservation Act program.
2. Interpretive signage is included in the park.
3. A maintenance plan will be developed for the pocket park.
4. The Conservation Commission will be kept informed of progress and provide an advisory role on the project.

## **MEASURES OF SUCCESS**

The goals of this project are to:

- Transform underused City space into a native plantings place where pollinators can live, eat, and reproduce.
- Create a passive recreational area where residents can reconnect with nature and receive the benefits nature gives.
- Create a space of learning about ecosystems and the importance and pride of being a land steward.

Success will be measured by:

- Number of volunteers who help on this project
- The park attracts a diversity of pollinators
- New plantings are sustained over two growing seasons
- Use by members of the community

**The full proposal is available at:** <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/community-preservation-act/2017-cpa-projects> .