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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR 217 Somerville Ave FY23 Park Design

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Somerville Public Space and Urban Forestry Division (PSUF) is seeking seed funding for the design of a new park at 215 Somerville Ave, a 0.2 acre parcel in East Union Square the City purchased in 2018. This project will implement a previous CPA-funded design phase. The goal is to create a pocket park which adds green space to a neighborhood that currently lacks tree canopy and walkable access to open space.

ELIGIBILITY

OpenSpace/Recreational Land: This project would create new open space and recreational amenities.

RECOMMENDATION

On January 25, 2023 by a vote of 6-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended approval to City Council that PSUF be awarded \$100,000 of Community Preservation Act funds for design of a new park at 217 Somerville Ave, as described in their application from the following account:

Category: Historic Preservation	Recommended Funding Source	Amount
217 Somerville Ave FY23 Park Design	Open Space Reserve	\$100,000
	Total	\$100,000

FUNDING CONDITIONS

- The CPA-funded portion of the project must be initiated within one year unless extension is granted by the CPC.
- CPA funds will be used only for CPA eligible expenses.
- The CPA grant will be acknowledged in signage and public outreach for the design process.

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY NEEDS

In accordance with the Community Preservation Plan, Somervision 2040, Somerville’s Urban Forestry Master Plan, and the Somerville Open Space Creation Task Force Memo, this project will expand Somerville’s total open space, work to ensure safe, attractive and accessible public lands, and increase tree canopy in one of the neighborhoods that is most lacking.

PROJECT BUDGET AND SCOPE

CPA Expenses	Amount
Design	\$100,000
Total	\$100,000
Sources	
CPA funds	\$100,000
Est. Total	\$100,000

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The goals of this project are to:

- Launch a robust community process
- Engage a professional landscape architecture team
- Prepare a landscape design and biddable construction document set

The full original proposal is available at: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/10l4lGeQ2cli-6Racgr8N4rS1yO-ItC-Y/view?usp=share link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10l4lGeQ2cli-6Racgr8N4rS1yO-ItC-Y/view?usp=share_link)