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MEMORANDUM

To: Somerville City Council

From: Director Luisa Oliveira, Public Space Urban Forestry

Date: September 28, 2022

Re: City Council Order 21-3071 by City Councilor Strezo

That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development provide an update on the status of work and finances of the Community Preservation Act grants of 2018 for the Brown School and West Somerville Neighborhood School playground designs and the continuing plans for the projects.

The Community Preservation Committee granted \$140,000 in 2018 for the designs of the Benjamin Brown and West Somerville Neighborhood Schoolyards.

The Brown Schoolyard will be rehabilitated in the summer of 2023 due to a request from the school administration to begin the work when students are on break to minimize disruptions. To date, \$25,443.75 of CPA funds have been expended on its design.

The West Somerville Neighborhood Schoolyard has been designed, bid on and contracts are actively being executed with the construction company. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall and to date, \$54,830.00 of CPA funds have been expended on its design.

Please let me know if there are any additional questions.

Thank you,

Luisa Oliveira

