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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR Henry Hansen Park FY23 Construction

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Somerville Public Space and Urban Forestry Division (PSUF) in partnership with the Veterans Services Office is seeking seed funding for construction for the renovation of Henry Hansen Park, a small park established in 2004 to honor and memorialize a Somerville war veteran. This project will implement a previous CPA-funded design phase. The project will improve a park which is currently in poor condition, providing greater street access, handicapped accessibility, new seating, green spaces and plantings, a water bottle filler, and a historic memorial plaza space that incorporates educational elements.

ELIGIBILITY

OpenSpace/Recreational Land: This project would rehabilitate recreational land and provide new 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 \$350,000 of Community Preservation Act funds for construction of the improvements to Henry Hansen Park, as described in their application from the following account:

Category: Historic Preservation	Recommended Funding Source	Amount
Henry Hansen Park FY23 Construction	Open Space Reserve	\$350,000
	Total	\$350,000

FUNDING CONDITIONS

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

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY NEEDS

Neighborhood residents participated in the CPA-funded process to design the improvements to the park. The project will improve ADA access for persons with disabilities, strengthen environmental sustainability and connections to nature through native pollinator plantings, permeable surfacing and quality materials, offer residents a calm respite for passive enjoyment, and will honor Somerville veterans and their families.

PROJECT BUDGET AND SCOPE

CPA Expenses	Amount
Construction	\$350,000
Total	\$350,000
Sources	
CPA funds	\$350,000
PARC Grant	\$375,224
Est. Total	\$725,224

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The goals of this project are to:

- Renovate the existing park
- Provide new amenities including seating, landscaping, and drinking water
- Incorporate educational elements

The full original proposal is available at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PDs-tsBPN4SmEKKcdZ_C1mRnTwNYufXm/view?usp=share_link