



# CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



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## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR ***FY21 AWARD FOR FUNDING FOR CITY OF SOMERVILLE OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENTS STABILIZATION FUND, PUBLIC SPACE & URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION***

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Somerville Public Space and Urban Forestry Division is seeking seed funding for the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund.

### ELIGIBILITY

*Open space/recreation land:* This project would acquire and create new recreational land.

### RECOMMENDED FUNDING- PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

On November 18, 2020 by a vote of 9-0 the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating \$50,000 for this project from the open space and recreation land reserve, to the control of City of Somerville Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for the overall purposes summarized in this document.

### Project Budget

*Recommended funding amount:*

| Expenses   | Amount          |
|--|-----------------|
| Study  | \$0             |
| Soft costs   | TBD             |
| Open space acquisition                                 | \$50,000        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$50,000</b> |
| <b>Sources</b>   |                 |
| CPA open space/recreation land funds- <b>requested</b> | \$50,000        |
| Other sources  | TBD             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$50,000</b> |

### ALIGNMENT WITH FY21 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

The Community Preservation Plan prioritizes support for the acquisition of land for and creation of new publicly accessible open space and recreational land.

## **FUNDING CONDITIONS**

1. The City, as appropriate, agrees to post a sign stating that the open space acquired or created with these funds was funded through the City of Somerville's Community Preservation Act program.
2. A perpetual conservation restriction will be recorded on the property per the requirement of the CPA enabling legislation.

## **MEASURES OF SUCCESS**

The goal of the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund is to have funds at the ready for the purchase of open space land as it becomes available. Adding money to it will allow for this.

The success of the project will be measured by acres purchased and an increase of the total open space acreage in Somerville.

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