



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislation Text

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Agenda Summary

Requesting approval to dedicate for recreational use, in perpetuity, the parcel of land known as Henry Hansen Park.

Official Text

To the Honorable City Council:

I respectfully submit for your approval a request to dedicate for recreational use, in perpetuity, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3, the parcel of land known as Henry Hansen Park, located at 487 Medford Street, at the corner of Medford Street and Partridge Avenue. The parcel is .06 acres.

The dedication of this park land in perpetuity is a condition of a PARC Grant awarded to the City of Somerville by the Massachusetts Office of Energy Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) through its Division of Conservation Services (DCS).

In a previous vote, in item 29043 in its regular meeting of July 14, 2022, the Council authorized the submission of the grant and appropriated 100% of the total project cost.

A boundary map is attached that delineates the property. My staff will be available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration of this item

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Respectfully Submitted,
Katjana Ballantyne, Mayor

A RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE HENRY HANSEN PARK FOR RECREATIONAL USE IN PERPETUITY

- Whereas:** Henry Hansen Park, located at 487 Medford Street, is a community-wide asset and preservation and improvements to City open space are a City priority as evidenced in the most recent Open Space and Recreation Plan ("Plan"); and
- Whereas:** Renovation of Henry Hansen Park has long been a priority to be implemented as fiscal resources became available; and
- Whereas:** The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) has awarded the City of Somerville a reimbursable grant of \$375,224 to support the renovation of Henry Hansen Park through the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant program (301 CMR 5.00); and
- Whereas:** As a condition of acceptance of a PARC grant the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs requires that all properties renovated using PARC funds become

protected parkland under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dedicated to recreation use in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 45.

Whereas: Henry Hansen Park is not yet dedicated to park and recreation purposes under M.G.L. Chapter 45.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this City Council approves dedication of Henry Hansen Park to park and recreation purposes in perpetuity under M.G.L. Chapter 45 s.3; and
2. That this resolution shall take effect upon passage.