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Gary Christenson, Mayor

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Malden City Council
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

**RE: CPA Funding Submission
Crescent Slope Restoration and Enhancement**

Dear Members of the City Council:

I write to ask for the City Council's support to fund the attached project to restore and enhance a city owned lot in Ward 6 known as Crescent Slope which has been submitted to me by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). In reaching their recommendation, the CPC found that the project meets eligibility requirements and aligns with the priorities stated in Malden's Community Preservation Plan. This project was also the subject of a Public Hearing of the CPC held on December 8, 2021.

This wooded parcel consists of 11,868 sq.ft. of sloping land with a flatter area at the top. The proposal is to improve this neglected site by preserving its natural state and creating a walking trail with a bench for seating at street level. The requested funding of \$5,000 will provide consulting services to guide the ecological restoration of the site with the aim of protecting existing native plants and improving the wildlife habitat. The project comports with the community vision identified in our Open Space and Recreation Plan which calls for a "network of well-maintained open spaces that are available and accessible to all ages and interests." The proposed plan is in line with that goal while also providing all the benefits that come from such an amenity, such as encouraging physical health, improving psychological well-being, and fostering an appreciation of nature.

Again, I fully support this request and believe that it will lead to Crescent Slope becoming a more utilized recreational asset that we can all be proud of. I am attaching the CPC's Funding Recommendation and please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GARY CHRISTENSON
Mayor, City of Malden