

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

December 13, 2023

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

Applicant Name: City of Malden, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD)

Co-Applicant: N/A

Applicant Address: Malden City Hall, 215 Pleasant St. Third Floor, Malden, MA 2148

Project: Malden River Works Construction

The City of Malden Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) is pleased to inform you that on November 29, 2023 the CPC voted 8-1 to recommend for approval to City Council that the City of Malden, OSPCD, be awarded \$983,000 to construct a new publicly open space along the river while incorporating climate resiliency measures to protect the adjacent DPW Yard. The Malden River Works project was discussed at a Public Hearing held on October 18, 2023.

In reaching their decision, the CPC found that the project meets eligibility requirements and aligns with the priorities stated in Malden’s Community Preservation Plan. The CPC recommends this project with the following conditions:

1. All construction costs funded with CPA Funds shall be spent on the open space portions of the project, and not on portions of the DPW rehabilitation.

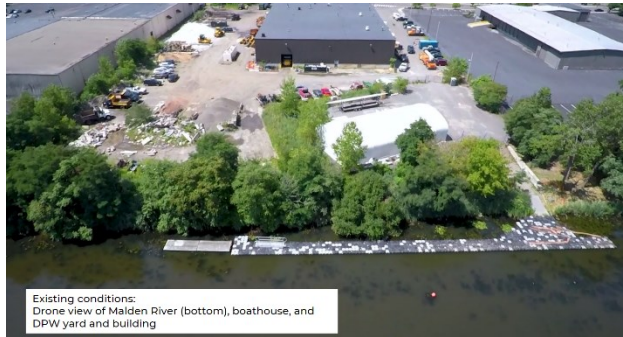
CPA Project Funding Recommendation: FY24 Application		
Category: CPA Fund Balance	Recommended Funding Source	Amount
Malden River Works	Fund Balance	\$983,000

The following project summary describes the project proposal recommended for CPA funding:

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Project Description



The goal of this project is to construct a vibrant, climate-resilient public riverfront park for all. This project will reduce climate vulnerability by introducing nature-based solutions to the area including green stormwater infrastructure to reduce surface flood risk, increased tree canopy to mitigate the urban heat island effect, restored riparian landscape, and an elevated greenway path to serve as a flood barrier from sea level rise.

The project also exemplifies a new model for community-led design in Malden that centers the leadership of communities of color through the MRW Steering Committee. To date, the MRW project has engaged over 1,000 community members, through 7 public meetings that have been attended by nearly 400 residents, 700 survey responses, and on-site activities that have reached over 100 people.

The entire project to date has been funded through private, state, and local grants including two Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grants, an Accelerating Climate Resiliency Grant, the MIT Leventhal City Prize, and a FY22 Malden CPA award for \$200,000 for design. To date, the applicant has already completed a 90% design plan. This specific recommendation for CPA funding will construct the park according to the design plan. An award of CPC funds may meet the local match requirement of other grants that the City received.

Project Funding Sources

Malden River Works Construction Funding Sources				
Total Project Cost	\$13,000,000	CPA Funds Requested	Cost Share Amount	Cost Share Percent
		\$983,000.00	\$12,170,000	92%
Cost Share Funding Sources		Secured Y/N	Amount	Type
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program		Y	\$2,998,049	Cash
FY23 Legislative Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant		Y	\$1,334,610	Cash
National Park Service's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)		Y	\$654,187.20	Cash
Anonymous Donor		Y	\$600,000	Cash
Mass Gaming Commission		Y	\$542,442.13	Cash

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Massachusetts Department of Conservation Services' Parkland Acquisition and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant	Y	\$500,000	Cash
Commonwealth One Stop for Growth's Housing Choice Grant program (OneStop)	Y	\$300,000	Cash
State ARPA Funds II	Y	\$151,953	Cash

Proposed Project Schedule

- Dec. 31, 2023 100% Design and Construction Plans and Permitting Completed
- Feb. 2024 Construction Bid
- May 1, 2025 Construction Complete

Additional Information

The Full Application may be found at:
<https://www.cityofmalden.org/DocumentCenter/View/7239/CPA-FY24-FINAL-SUBMISSION>

The full Application Packet with attachments may be found at:
<https://www.cityofmalden.org/DocumentCenter/Index/738>



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