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**Gary Christenson, Mayor**

June 24, 2021

Malden City Council  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

**RE: Patchell Park**

Dear Members of the City Council:

I write to ask for the City Council's support to fund the attached project to create a Master Plan for Patchell Park 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 June 9, 2021.

Patchell Park is situated on Glen Rock Avenue in the Oak Grove area and consists of a playground, basketball half-court and picnic area. The project seeks to engage the community in the development of a Master Plan that addresses the much-needed upgrades to this park. The plan will include, among other items, an assessment of the playground for code compliance as well as address surfacing requirements and concerns.

This request 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." This proposal is in line with that goal while also providing all the benefits that come from a neighborhood park, such as encouraging physical health, improving psychological well-being, and fostering a sense of community.

Again, I fully support this request and believe that this project will result in a recreational asset that we can all be proud of. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**GARY CHRISTENSON**  
Mayor, City of Malden